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Meeting . We extend a special invitation to new members. Place: Arlene Gage's Recreation Room 3060 North Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL (Remember to turn East at Wendy's on A1A) ***** **NEW ROSTER IS COMING OUT**

If any of the information in your current roster is not correct please inform Fred Adame at 635-9455 or fnav@earthlink.net

You Won't Want to Miss Our Guest Speaker, Merle L. Kuns, PhD. Feb 4th, 7:30 P.M.

The CBPS will be fortunate to have as our guest speaker Dr. Kuntz, a biologist, explorer, and experienced lecturer. His topic will be about South Georgia, a sub-Antarctic island in the South Atlantic, home of Tim and Pauline Carr, authors of "Antarctic Oasis"- a description of their adventures sailing the 28 ft cutter "Curlew" in the southern oceans.

Dr. Kuns was born in Carroll County in 1923, grew up on a small farm where he developed an abiding interest in birds and all things biological.

He served as a fighter pilot in World War II flying P-51 Mustangs in Europe where he was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in combat. He was awarded the Bachelor and Master of Science degree at Purdue University and the Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin. His career with the U.S. Public Health Service National Institute of Health led him to most of the countries in Latin America where he investigated epidemics of new and little known tropical diseases. He has lived in Panama, Bolivia, and Buenos Aires, Argentina during those years. He has lived in Cocoa Beach with his wife, Maxine, since 1972.

He has received many awards and his many interests include birding, computers and travel. CBPS is indeed fortunate to have so renowned a guest speaking to us.

The 36th Change of Watch Ceremony Will Take Place February 16 at 4:00 p.m.

The Change of Watch Installation and dinner will be at the Doubletree Hotel on Feb. 16 at 4:00 P.M.

The newly elected 2003-2004 Bridge will be officially in charge of leading the Squadron in all its activities and it is hoped that they will do honor to their positions as their predecessors have done.

Speaking for the membership, we extend our appreciation to the 2002-2003 Bridge Officers; Cdr Les Tribout, AP, and Ev Tribout, his charming wife, who helped him however she could, Lt/C Richard D. Fille, P, P/C Edward Bonnett, SN, Lt/C Marion A. (Bud) Miller, JN, Lt/C Michael A. Stone, P, 1/Lt Howard M. Bernbaum, SN, 1/Lt Agnes M. Bond, AP, and 1/ Lt Raymond C. Smith. Under their able direction the Squadron completed a successful year. Many thanks.

While thanking people we must not forget Lt Doris Valentine and Lt Pam Johnson, S, who have made all arrangements for the Change of Watch installation.

What's in store for you at this dinner? At 1600 to 1700 hours cocktails will be served at a cash bar. At 1700 hours the meeting will be called to order,

and Cdr Les Tribout will introduce our guests, D/C Dave Legg and his wife, Cdr Linda Trent, SN, from Ocala Squadron, Cdr Jerry Murphy, SN, from Titusville and his wife Linda (Jerry transferred to Titusville Squad from Hollywood, Fl. where he was Cdr in the 70's.(Welcome to D-23), and Cdr Earl (Buzz) Berry, P, and his wife, Linda, who hail from the Banana River Squadron, Commander George Hill and his wife, from the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 46.

After the introductions, Denise Stone, P, will present the invocation and then we dine. Award presentations and the installation of our 2003-2004 Bridge will follow.

The Change of Watch has always been a time to honor both the outgoing Bridge and the incoming Bridge, an honor which is much deserved. The outgoing bridge has devoted much time and dedication to CBPS and those who take up the mantle will do the same. The success of the Squadron depends on the work of the entire membership and we thank all those who have contributed their time and effort toward making the year of 2002 a year of accomplishment.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Cdr. Lester Tribout, AP

The Bridge

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2002 Activities in Review

The month of December was a busy one this year with Cruises to Nassau,GBI and Squadron 35th Anniversary / Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn, Cocoa Beach. If you didn't attend, you missed a good one!! Your Commander invited D/C Dave Legg, Sr.,SN and his mate, Cdr Linda Trent, SN, both from the Ocala Squad to join us. My wife, Evelyn, passed out gifts to the holder of the lucky number at each table. In a flash, Christmas was upon us and all

our family members descended. We had our house party for all Bridge Members and Chairmen and Committee Members. New Years came and went and Ev and I had to attend the USPS National meeting in Orlando on Jan. 3"d and 4h. I have one Board Meeting left before your newly elected Commander takes over at our General Meeting on Feb. 4, '03. The formal Change of Watch installation will be held on Feb. 16 '03.

Many of you remember how I came to the CBPS Bridge. In Dec. 2000, P/C Ed Kydd, SN was finishing up his year as Commander and the now P /C John Valentine, AP, was coming in. Chuck Seibert, P was supposed to be the Executive Officer in 2001. Well, Chuck became ill and we had to find someone to replace him quickly. We were all at our annual house party and word got out that I had been through the ranks to Administrative Officer before I went overseas in '75. John, Fred, Ed and some others got me in the corner with lights low, music playing and a drink in my hand and buttered me up a bit and I was ready to agree to take on the job. I thought about what Evelyn, my wife, might think about



my accepting this position so we talked about the pros and cons. Ev said ,"Are you sure you are ready to do this?"and I responded, "I think I'm ready."

The last time I waited to move up it took me 15 years. If we are going to do

this, it's now or never". Ev said, "If you want to be Commander next year, I'll back you up" and she did. She stood by me and helped me throughout the two hectic years in which I served as Executive Officer and then Commander.

What a busy two years it has been. We truly have enjoyed it and have met some wonderful members of the Squadron, District and USPS National Bridge Members.

This is my final article as Commander and I want to thank each and every one of you for supporting me and the Squadron this past year. We have completed a great number of actions, some that had been under consideration for several years. We have a new Web-Site, new modules and manuals from National ,as well as a revised Sounding newsletter. Our membership is on the rise, thanks to Membership Chairman Lt Doris Valentine, John Mulkey, P and the whole Team that made the BoatSmart Classes a resounding success.

As P/C, I will continue to serve the the Squadron as Asst. SEO, and on the Dist 23 Rules Committee and Dist 23 General Membership Rep to 2003 Governing Board Meetings in New Orleans, La. in May 2003 and in Reno, Nev. in early Sept. 2003.

Evelyn and I wish a successful year to the New Bridge. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the CBPS.

Cdr Les

New Smyrna Beach District 23 Conference Well Representerd

Several representatives from Cocoa Beach Squadron attended the January 11th District 23 Council Conference. P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, and Stf/C Carmine Adame, Lt Rhoda and 1/LtHoward Bernbaum, SN, Lt/C Richard Fille AP, P/C George Hess, SN, Lt PamelaJohnson P, P/CEd Kydd SN, Lt/C Robert Schaeffer S, P/D/Lt/C Franklin Sebree SN, P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN, P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN, and Cdr Lester Tribout, were all present at the Hospitality Suite of the Smyrna Yacht Club. After breakfast the group went to individual meetings for Commanders, for SEOS, for Administrative Executives, and for Secretary-Treasurers. The District Officers spoke and some handed out material which is useful for the attendees, especially those who represent the new Bridge. Lunch was served after those meetings and then a general meeting was held at which John Lynn received an award for having performed 70 vessel checks accepted by Cdr Les Tribout, Rhoda Bernbaum and co-editor Howard Bernbaum received an award for the Soundings Staff for publishing an outstanding newsletter.

When the Bernbaums arrived home, Howard got the mail, and opened a letter from Luhrs's Marine Group. It began, "Happy New Year from Hunter Marine. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being one of the winners in the Hunter Author Contest! There was a tie between you and another Hunter owner. Both stories will be published in the Spring edition of the Knotline". Included was a check for \$250.00. *Now that's what I call an award*!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT LT/C Richard D. Fille, AP

A New Year brings opportunity. I do not refer to the change from 12/31 to 1/1. The New Year that does bring opportunity is the Squadron's New Year that starts at February's General Meeting. We elect new officers to the Bridge. We select new committee chairs and we look for others to become more involved by volunteering for various activities that make the Squadron meaningful (hopefully) to its members.

You can help shape Squadron events by becoming active. I am not keen about the District 23 meetings that we have because I walk away with very little new or exciting information that can be applied to our Squadron. Therefore, when a new committee was formed to examine changing the D-23 meetings, I VOLUNTEERED to be a member of the committee. That way I can have a hand in shaping the meetings into a more meaningful format. You can do the same in the Squadron.

If you are not active because we have not appealed to you sufficiently to attend various functions or meetings, then you might consider becoming active by VOLUNTEERING for a committee. This is a good organization. It can become a great one in your eyes if you will take part and shape it to your needs and the needs of the members.

We have the schedule of events (boating, rendezvous, parties, classes and National and District 23 items) planned from March 1, 2003 to February 28, 2004. You can not only put these in your long range planning calendar, but you can also pick out events to help organize. If you come up with additional ideas for events that are creative they can always be added as special items. The calendar of events will be in the March Soundings.

We have some new programs (committees) that I will announce at the C.O.W. and our new Bridge Officers are already hard at work to make this New Year a fun one for you. We all look forward to your active participation.

Youth Activities Team of USPS is collating a screensaver featuring the "kids of USPS".

Want to be a part of this project? Please send photos featuring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors involved in a boating or Power Squadron Activity.

Send digital photos to: P/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, AP



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Adminisrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Robert Schaeffer, P

As my term of duty as Administrative Officer comes to an end I want to offer my thanks and gratitude to those of you who helped make this past year a success. Keeping you well fed were Lt Barbara Millner--Refreshment Chairperson and Lt Pam Johnson--Entertainment Chairperson. Being well fed you were able to donate blood at Lt Pat Clay's Blood Bank. Members were kept abreast of functions by Lt Doris Valentine--Membership Chairperson and P/C John Valentine--Membership Involvement. Lt Mark Anderson and Lt Michele Anderson did an equally excellent job of finding first class speakers at the Membership meeting each month. Without Lt Paul Phadenhauer's efforts we would sit on the floor. Paul got things organized every month for the meetings. P/D/C Fred Adame did his usual fine instruction at the Operation Training course. Boating Activities were organized by Lt Don Reece. Lt Marilyn Flannigan kept us abreast of events the the Auxiliary serving as Liaison Officer

Thanks to one and all. Now as incoming Executive Officer (if elected) I am putting out the call to any and all members who wish to participate on any of the Committees under this Rank

Under my command are the chairmen for: Membership Committee, Membership Involvement Committee, Entertainment Committee, Programs Committee, House Arrangements Committee, Boating Activities Committee, Blood Bank Committee, Operations Training Committee, and the Refreshment Committee

Give me a call at 784-9128 to share your interest. I will tell you about the work that is involved. You interest will be appreciated by one and all.

SAFETY ARTICLE – Updating Communication System

As promised, the Coast Guard's updating of its communication system is well underway. By this time next year, a boater in distress off the New Jersey coast will be able to press a radio button, and for the first time ever, the Coast Guard will know the boater's name and location instantly. That region will be the first to get the Coast Guard's new communication system called Rescue 21. The system speeds the Coast Guard from analog to digital technology. It features Digital Select Calling (DSC) which is an automatic tracking and ID system. The new system will fill most of the coverage gaps that have evolved with the old system. It will open six channels of communication. Now if two calls come in at the same time, often one is lost or garbled. The system will work with existing radios, but no doubt, many boaters will be getting new radios which include GPS in order to provide location info to the DSC transceiver. The system will use some 300 wireless communications towers on land, many of which are already in existence. Each of the Coast Guard's 275 land based communications offices will get new digital transceivers. About 2,200 Coast Guard vessels will get new radios and personnel on land will get 3,000 handheld radios. The system is scheduled to be installed throughout the country by 2006, which is good news for all boaters.

SEO REPORT : P/C Ed Bonnett Ed's Final Soundings Article (His wit and charm will be missed)

SEO Bonnett's FINAL SOUNDINGS ARTICLE

As announced at our January meeting, we have three new Pilots in the squadron. They were prepared for their exam through a mini-class review schedule led by P/D/C Fred Adame, SN. Congratulations to this month's Honor Roll. We also had eight students take the examination for Sail 102 on January 6th, a great start to CY 2003, made possible by new Sail Instructor Lt Jim O'Malley, P. Continuing this charge, the new Piloting class began on Thursday, January 9th, with P/D/C Fred Adame, SN at the helm. Then on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, new instructor, Lt Gene Millner, AP, began a class in Engine Maintenance (EM). We're very happy to welcome both Gene and Jim to our expanding stall of instructors. EM is a course that hasn't been taught for many moons and I can attest, having traveled with him on lengthy voyages, that Gene knows his power units.

As the coming adventures, provided by your new bridge, approach us, it's time to give our final report for the Education year of 2002/2003. Looking back at the worries we experienced early-on, particularly (wrt) instructor losses, one would hardly believe we ended up with such a great record. So what was accomplished during the year? To start, the ongoing Piloting class was completed. P/C Sue Kneeland, SN, instructed this class with her usual grace and good humor and even took the closed book examination with her class. No, I'll not tell – but you can ask her what her grade was.

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, taught Advance Piloting.

P/R/Cs Jane Schnoor, SN, and P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, teamed up to teach Seamanship. They also car-pooled to the classes.

New instructor Lt Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, taught Instructor Qualification, (IQ) and New Instructor Lt Rick Schoonmaker, SN, taught Weather.

P/C Al Pappas, SN again taught Cruise Planning and P/C Bill Hayes, SN, once again taught Junior Navigation. P/C George Hess, SN was again Celestial Site Checker for the 'N' courses. If you've been counting, you should have a total of four brand new instructors in our faculty. WOW!

And we put on three Boat Smart Courses for the public. The spring course was led by Lt/C Bob Schaefer, S, who then handed it over to Lt John Mulkey, P, Chairman of the Boating Board, for the final two courses. The two managed these operations in magnificent style, performing all duties with dedication and efficiency, and always remaining ahead of requirements. A super well-done job by all hands.

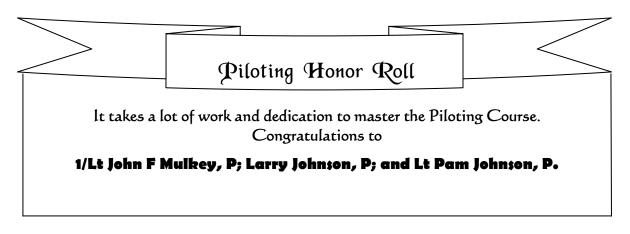
John and Bob were assisted by the following, who acknowledge with a generous portion of thanks: P/D/C Fred Adame, SN; 1/Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN; Lt Rhoda Bernbaum; Lt Carolyn Bonnett, P; Lt/C Dick Fille, AP; Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P; P/C Larry Hatfield, SN; P/C George Hess, SN; P/C Ed Kydd, SN; P/C George Link, JN; John Lynn, P; Lt Lloyd McGavin, SN; Bob Mittauer, AP; Lt Trent Milliken, P; Gary Pell, S; Lt Paul Pfadenhauer, P; Joan Sayyah, SN; Ray Sayyah, SN; Lt Sandy Schoonmaker, SN; P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN; P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN; P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN; Marian Sweigart, AP; Cdr Les Tribout, AP; Evelyn Tribout; and Lt Doris Valentine.

And to conclude, special thanks are due P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, Chairman of the Advanced Grades Board and P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN, Chairman of the Elective Courses Board – both of whom worked hard to help us get successfully through the year.

And I've saved to the end, the thanks we all owe to one man - 1/Lt Howard M. Bernbaum, SN, who has been wisely chosen as your next SEO. Howard did more to make this past Education-year a success than can be put into words. He was the power behind the throne – the real brains of the organization. He did most of the work in running the department under the added burden of dragging his SEO along with him. (You were never a burden, Ed)

Thanks also to you who took a course this past year and a special thanks to anyone that participated, but that I, in my amnesiac state, failed to thank in this article.

PIC Edward Bonnett, SN



He is worth much who has learned much. - Norwegian Proverb

Coco-Nauts Corner

A good way for the women of CBPS to get to know one another is to attend the monthly Coco-nauts luncheon meetings .

On February 5th the Coco-Nauts are having a Friendship Meeting and we are extending a special invitation to new members. Place: Arlene Gage's Recreation Room <u>3060 North Atlantic Avenue</u> Cocoa Beach, FL (Remember to turn East at Wendy's on A1A) Members will provide those great salads for which they are known far and wide Come see what we're all about!

Coco-Nauts, take notice of the slate of officers for the coming term :

President: Pam Johnson Vice President: Barbara Millner Secretary: Valerie Hachtel Treasurer: Doris Valentine Membership Chairperson: Marian Sweikert

Members At Large:

Carmen Milliken Jane Schnoor Marge Balkema

We doff our hats to the Coco- Nauts and the Squadron--A total of 48 gifts were delivered to two nursing homes during the holiday season

President Marcia McConkey

Ray and Joan Sayyah send their regards. They enjoy sailing, meeting new people and exploring new places.



An Exerpt From a Letter From Joanie

A letter from Joan Sayyah, SN, arrived at the end of December. Joan and Ray are the intrepid sailors who sold their home, bought a 41 ft. Morgan OutIslander and went cruising.

Her letter is delightful as she describes their journey. Because space doesn't allow reprinting it entirely, I am selecting excerpts to give you a flavor or their experience.

" I cannot tell you how different the south Bahamas is from the Abacos! It's like stepping back 20-30 years when life was simpler. Spanish Wells is a 2-mile island (about 1/2 mile) "connected" to the Royal Island (also 2-3 miles long) by a small bridge. The ferry takes people back and forth to Eleuthra, the main island Everyone lives in a neat well-kept house. No slums "hoods". Fishing is the main industry, and I understand that fisherman with big boats can make over \$100,000 a year (more than I ever made!). Like a small town everyone knows everyone and they consider cruisers their "guests". There is no need to lock up your boat, and if you need something the locals help you find it. My biggest experience has been with the email. I've been using the internet cafes and library on Green Turtle to send emails, but here on Spanish Wells, they are not up to snuff on computers and cell phones, so there are none. However the marina manager said he'd get me a connection, called a man who has internet and made an appointment for me to use the man's computer. They drove me to the man's home. His family greeted me like a long lost relative (including their dog who wanted to sit on my lap) and put me on the internet. Wouldn't take any money for the time and said, "Just give other cruisers the visitor guide he publishes." But there is more!

We left Marsh Harbor last Thursday after deciding to take the north Man of War cut into the ocean and sail the 70

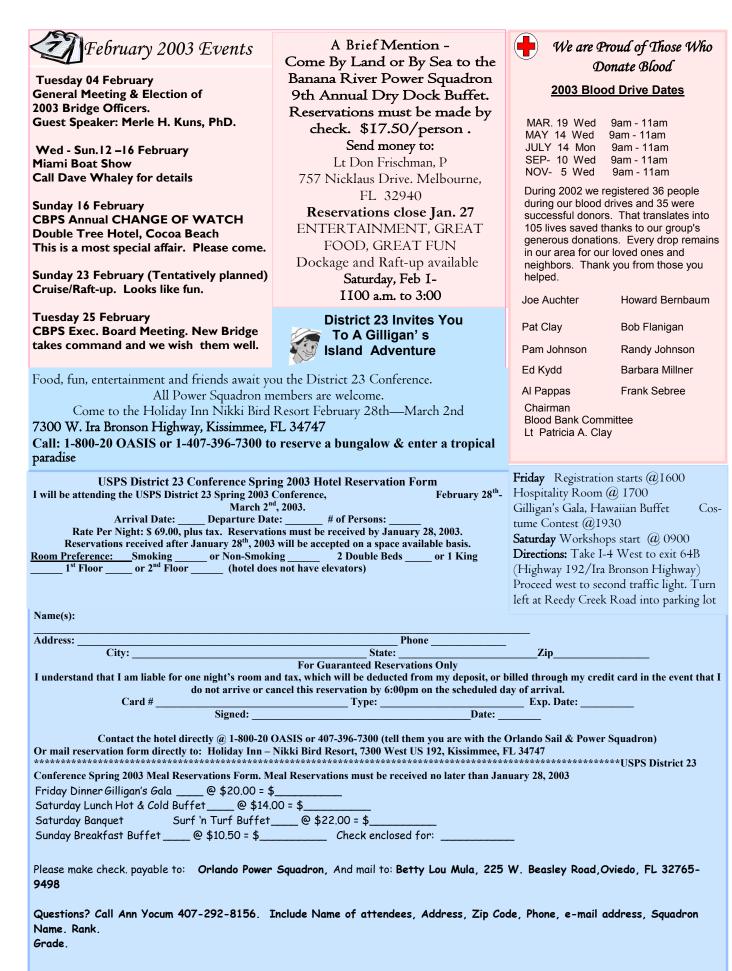
miles in the ocean at night to arrive at Egg Island cut at daylight. There are many reefs along the way so we were out about 5 miles. We had watched the weather reports all week. The Thursday weather report announced 2-4 foot seas and mild winds, , 10-15 knots, east / south east so we looked forward to an easy run of about 14 But it wasn't to be. The wind turned south so we had a head wind all the way and the seas kicked up during the night to about 10 or more feet with lots of swells. We rocked and rolled all night and into Friday. 10 miles away from Egg Island, the engine died, Ray got it running at a whopping 2.9 miles per hour, and I called the marina to tell them of our situation. There was a backup plan to send a ferry out to bring us in if the motor couldn't get started and the manager kept checking with us to be sure we were alright. Here we were another 21/2 hours before we could get out of the ocean and we had to go through a cut in the island in the dark. I couldn't bear the thought of rocking in the ocean another night and Ray was exhausted by then also. So we got out the charts and trusty GPS, and when we reached the waypoint to the cut we went through in the dark. On our side was a 3/4 moon that came out and allowed me to see land on both sides of the cut and we made it through. We needed a place to anchor for the night. We anchored off Royal Island and noticed that our dinghy was gone. We searched, but couldn't find it, went to the marina, and reported our missing dinghy. I asked to get in touch with the police and Leroy, the manager, said "Let's wait a day or two. I'll send out radio messages. Someone will find it for you". Well, Ray and I took a two hour walk around town.

When we got back , Leroy asked, "Where have you been? I went and got your dinghy. It's tied next to your boat." There it was, nicked, scratched up and had a slight motor problem, but it was floating and working. Apparently it drifted into an anchorage where a couple saw it, and knew that two cruisers had the same rig. They investigated, docked in the same marina we docked, and Leroy retrieved the dinghy and tied it to our boat..

Joan found the Islanders to be friendly, accommodating, and warm, and cruising to an unforgettable experience—the adventure of a lifetime.

From time to time more of Joan and Ray's experiences will appear in the Soundings. She and Ray are thoroughly enjoying the cruising life. Joan writes in such a fashion that I feel I'm right

along with them. Makes me almost want to take off with Howard—I did say a<u>lmost!</u>

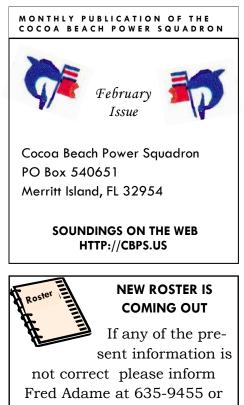


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