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## General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 5, 2005; 19:00

Cocoa Civic Center

430 Delanoy Avenue, Cocoa Village

Guest Speaker: Mr. Doug Jarin Sr.,

Owner of Banana River Marine

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THE 10TH OF EACH  
MONTH**

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

## *At The Helm*

Commander John Mulkey, P

I thought that at this stage of our lives Merri and I would be "taking it easy". Boy, was I wrong!

We missed the Blessing of the Fleet because our future daughter-in-law was graduating from medical school in Tallahassee. The following weekend we were in Boca Raton for Brian and Sarah's wedding. We then helped them get ready for their move to Little Rock, Arkansas where Dr. Sarah Mulkey will be doing her internship.

Because of last year's hurricanes my part-time job of rewriting homeowners insurance policies has become a full-time job. At my office alone there are hundreds of policies being cancelled. Let's hope the 2005 Hurricane Season treats us more gently.

CBPS is very fortunate to have such a strong bridge. All the departments and committees are doing outstanding jobs. Many thanks to all of you.

We are all looking forward to Italian Night. This is my "personal favorite!" I promise to keep the business meeting to a bare minimum.

The District 23 Fall Conference will be here in no time. P/C Bud Miller, JN and his committee have done an outstanding job of putting this together. I know everyone who attends will have a wonderful weekend. Be sure to get your reservations in early.

Finally, I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't remind those of you who have not sent in your dues yet to do so. You are an important part of a great organization!

Commander John Mulkey, P



## ***EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT***

***Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN***

With the on-set of summer many of our members are heading north to cooler weather. For those of us who "tough it out" this is great boating weather. What better way to cool off than to cruise along one of the many waterways available to us. To assure yourself that your boat is properly equipped give one of the Vessel Safety Inspectors a call and have a VSE conducted. The display of the VSE sticker will not prevent being boarded but it will assure you that your boat is operating with all the legal equipment aboard. Vessel Safety Examiners are listed in the Roster.

It is also time to begin preparing your boat for hurricane season. Unfortunately several members of the squadron lost boats last year due to the severity of the storms. Experience shows that boats that were hauled out of the water fared better than those left in the water. For those who have no choice, now is the time to purchase additional lines and chaffing supplies and to check your docking situation to assess and compensate for the apparent weaknesses. Anchoring out in the waterway had mixed results. Chaffing of the anchor rhode caused major problems for many boats. Others had the anchor break loose when the wind directions changed. Anchoring with chain and more than one anchor are some options that may be considered.

The Executive Department, with its interest in Safety, wishes you all a safe boating summer.

## ***SEO REPORT***

***P/D/C Fred Adame, SN***

We have five new Pilots in the squadron! All five members who took the exam passed. They are Peter Collett, Johnny McCandless, Ken Pell, Sylvia Smith and Jim Wonnell. Congratulations. This was the first Piloting course that incorporated GPS into the curriculum and it was an interesting one to teach. The course emphasized three steps: planning a cruise, maintaining the course via GPS, and verifying the course with GPS and bearings. Rest assured, most of the plotting principles of the old Piloting course were still included. Thanks are due to Howard Bernbaum, SN, and Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN, who worked as proctors and assistant instructors throughout the course. They helped make it run smoothly and are both well prepared to teach the next Piloting course. We hope to offer a Piloting course in the fall right after the Boat Smart course concludes in late October.

The Engine Maintenance course, ably taught by Lt Gene Millner, AP, wound up with its final exam on 8 June. A total of ten members enrolled in the course. This was a two module course and the students had already taken the first module exam. Consider enrolling next time it's offered. It will give you the basics to keep your outboard, inboard or diesel running smoothly.

Cruise Planning is booked to start on Thursday, 7 July, at Wuesthoff Hospital with Lt John Lynn, P, leading the class. Only a few sign-ups at present so I encourage you to take this course if you haven't already. It will give you lots of things to think about as you plan that dream cruise we all hope to make some day. The course is easy and interesting and John has had lots of blue water experience, in fact he's completed a cruise to Bermuda and is just back from the Bahamas. Call me at 635-9455.

Now, a word about one of the bargains in USPS. Instructor Development is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, 6 July, at the Cocoa Library with Lt/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN, as the instructor. So far we have six members signed up but there's room for a very few more. To sign up, call me at 635-9455. Oh, about the bargain: the text is FREE. Cost of the course is only \$15.00.

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## Administrative Officer's Report Lt./C Ann McCandless, S

The activities committees continue to excel in providing boating and social functions for the squadron. Lt Duane Balkema and the boating committee deserve special appreciation for jobs well done, as do Tuck Craven and all social event committee members!!

We are all looking forward to Italian night, thanks to Charlie and Angie Vilardebo. There will be a social time at Chowders, on Friday August 12. And back by popular demand is another trip to the Planetarium in October, being organized by Doris Valentine. I know that we can all look forward to that great time together studying the stars!

The first Monday of November is historically the date for the Squadron fundraiser. It will be this year also. So mark your calendar for Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have our Silent Auction, thanks to Marian Sweigart and her great organizational skills. And the squadron will again sponsor the reverse raffle that night, also.

Again, thank you, Larry Burleson for making the House Arrangements for the meetings. You are doing an outstanding job. And Cheryle and Bill Quinn really helped us by bringing the refreshments for the June and July meetings, also! Thank you!!

## Secretary's Report Lt/C J P Longway III, S

Once again, thanks to those Sounding's sponsors for their renewal. May I ask others to consider renewal if the indicator (\*\*) is applicable. Ask other members to consider providing a token donation in support of the efforts to communicate with you.

Lt. Larry D. Burleson, S has agreed to be the additional back-up to Lt. Paul Whitney, P and 1/Lt. Joan Montfort S when they need his assistance, or are not able to support/administer the Supply Officer responsibilities/activities.

As a reminder, please direct all changes/corrections to membership information to my email address, [jpl3x@yahoo.com](mailto:jpl3x@yahoo.com) or call me at 449-9037.

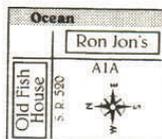
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**\*\*\*\*\* Reminder!!! \*\*\*\*\***

***Tuesday, 02 August  
is General Meeting Night  
at the Cocoa Civic Center.***

***Italian Night is back by popular demand.  
Share your favorite Italian recipe and visit with  
your Squadron friends.***

***The cost is only \$5.00 per person.  
Looking forward to seeing you there!***



***Italian Night, The Tradition Lives On***

***Bring your favorite Italian food, desserts, appetizers, and your favorite libation.  
Soft drinks, coffee, dinner settings, great company and bon appetit will be provided  
by CBPS. \$5.00 per person is due at the July or August meeting.  
Volunteers are needed and for setup and whatever else is required.***

***CONTACT ANGIE VILARDEBO at 433-0808  
to confirm your attendance or for any other information.***



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## ***CHOWDERS SOCIAL HOUR***

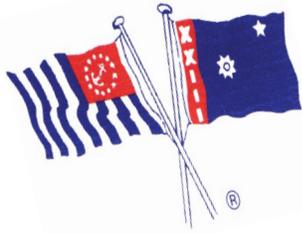
***Where:*** ***Chowders Seafood Grill***  
***6485 S Highway US 1, Rockledge***  
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***“On the Indian River”***

***When:*** ***Friday, August 12th***  
***Time:*** ***5:00 pm to 7:00 pm***

***Cost:*** ***\$8.00 per person***  
***Hot Hors d’oevres & Cash Bar***

***FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT ANN MCCANDLESS, 253-6243***





# **GALAXY 23**

## **FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE**

### **D/Lt/C Paul E. Reichert, AP**

### **D/23 Treasurer**

To all who have paid your 2005 dues: Thank You. How do you like our new system?

Nine of the eleven squadrons in our District are now on ANNIVERSARY billing. For current members the only change you will note is that your payment goes directly to USPS Headquarters and your new card also comes from there. You will continue to be billed in April each year. If you use your USPS Credit Card (other cards are accepted) you can pay on line, save postage and will also earn money for your squadron and D/23. You don't have a USPS Credit Card? Then contact your treasurer for an application.

When the funds are received at headquarters they will then send the squadron dues directly to each squadron's bank account and the D/23 dues to the District's bank account. When new members join, the month they join will become their ANNIVERSARY month and they will be billed each year just prior to the month in which they joined. There will be no more prorating (unless your squadron prorates their dues). The two squadrons still on ANNUAL billing will continue as usual. The option is open for those squadrons to change to ANNIVERSARY billing for 2006. Think about it! Your commander has received a password that allows him/her to access the "dues section" on the Headquarters files to get up to date information as to who has paid and who has not paid. With this information follow ups can be done as needed.

Your treasurer should get a form in January that lets National know how much to bill members in the coming year. On that form is a category named "other." A squadron can fill in under this title if they want National to take out for the Educational Fund. If this is done, National will send the funds directly to the Educational Fund for your squadron. Your treasurer will not have to write a squadron check. We are trying to make things easier to process dues, cutting down on the paper work is one step.

It is now possible for a new member joining to use their credit card – commanders have been sent a supply of the necessary forms. People generally carry their credit card, but not always their checkbook. Using a credit card, you can get them to sign up right after they pass the test – before they go home.

It takes awhile to adjust to changes, but this system seems to be have simplified the billing process. Should you have a problem or suggestions, please let me know.

If you haven't paid your dues it is not too late, remember there is no reinstatement fee.

***P/Lt/C Robert W Schaefer, P.  
Honorable Co-op Charting Chmn.***

## **PART II—CO-OP CHARTING - NAVIGATING “NAUTICAL CHART ITEMS”**

Last month we did basic work for mark recovery and logging in to the Co-Op Charting web page. I hope you saved the address! If not, the address is:

<http://www.usps.org/national/coch/site/top.html> Use your ID no., click general user and password cocoab.

This month we will look at doing nautical chart work. After logging in to the Home page and clicking the item for entering to create a new credit report you will be led to the Enter a New Report page. Fill in your ID no. and that of any other members doing the work and enter the percentage of work for each. Click on Step 2 and 3.

Next is the Enter/Edit a report page. First in the left column change the date of investigating and then in the right column get the right chart no. and edition and enter that data. Unless you have an up to date chart the edition is probably wrong, so get the right data from the NOAA link. At the top is a link to NOAA chart info. Banana River chart no. is 11476.

After that info is entered drop down to the area of Report Categories. Click on Nautical Chart items and add new a new item report. You will go to another page. Fill in all the data requested and save as you go along. If any questions the page has reference info to help. Again there is more information in the Guide on the first page of the Home Page.

As you complete the form you are directed to enter the miles and hours of work. This is used to calculate your credits points. Nautical Chart work no longer includes reporting the existence of markers, etc UNLESS you are engaged in doing Inspection Items work which involves team work on the water. Read about that in the Guide. (The Guide is under the Training heading on the log in page) Be sure to send the final report to the District Chmn for Credit.

If problems I am at [robert.schaefer@prodigy.net](mailto:robert.schaefer@prodigy.net)

Enjoy!!!

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

### JULY:

- 04 & 05—Monday/Tuesday, 1800-2100 Fourth of July Raft up off Lee Wenner Park
- 05-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center - Italian Night
- 21-Thursday; 0900; Blood Bank, Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- 26-Tuesday; 1900-2100, Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library, N. Courtenay Pkwy.

### AUGUST:

- 02-Tuesday; 1900; General Meeting, Cocoa Civic Center
- 12-Friday: 1700-1900 CBPS & BRPS Social Hour at Chowders Seafood Grill
- 23-Tuesday; 1900-2100 Exec. Board Mtg; Merritt Island Library, N. Courtenay Pkwy.
- 27-Saturday; St. John's River Cruise. More information to be announced.

**CBPS 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.**

**Members are also invited to meet for a casual get together at Murdock's in Cocoa Village on Friday afternoons.**

YES...IT'S COMING! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE!

THE CBPS HOLIDAY PARTY! FRIDAY 12-16 1800-2200 AT THE COCOA CIVIC CENTER

DETAILS TO FOLLOW. CONTACT BETTY CRAVEN FOR DETAILS!

### ***Blood Bank Report***

***Eddie Wonnell***

### ***Reduce Your Risk of Heart Attack and Cancer***

Donating blood just three times a year can dramatically reduce your chances of a heart attack and certain types of cancer. Medical evidence has shown that too much iron in the human body may lead to colon cancer and clogging of the arteries (a contributing factor for a heart attack). Because men store iron at a much higher level than do women, it is important for them to be able to continually reduce that level. Donating blood is a simple and easy way for men to accomplish this and reduce the associated risks.

Please come join us on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Veterans Center parking lot-and bring a friend. Remember there is no age limit (if you over 18) and you get a free check of your cholesterol, blood pressure, and iron levels every time you donate.

***Thanks to members and non-members who donated on May 26th:***

***Joe Auchter, Carol Hayes, Jay Longway, Barb Millner, Gene Millner, Paul Pfadenhauer, Frank Sebree,  
Les Tribout, Edie Wonnell, Jack Wurst, Pat Clay and John Kaufmann***

## *Coco-Nauts' Corner*

**Barbara Millner, President**

The Coco-Nauts enjoyed a salad luncheon at the Moose Lodge for their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and were given an informative presentation by Cindy Flachmeier and Cindy Mitchell who are with the Brevard Domestic Violence Program. They were given the personal items that we'd been collecting for the center. At our meeting we also held a book exchange with members bringing books that they'd already read and were willing to pass on. The books that were left were donated to the Women's Abuse Center. Marilyn Flanigan, our Membership Chairman, installed Ruth Finn, and we were delighted to have her with us. Welcome, Ruth! A list was passed around for ladies who were interested in working on our bear project. If you weren't at the meeting and are interested in helping, please give me a call (452-0500) so I can add your name to the list. We'll probably meet in early July.

This meeting was our last until the September meeting which will be held at the historical St. Luke's Church on N. Merritt Island. Directions will be given by your callers before the meeting.

Our September meeting will be close to the time of the District Conference. The Coco-Nauts will be involved in several areas of this event, and we hope you'll plan to be there. The Friday night party is always a lot of fun at the conferences. This year's theme of a Tail Gate party should be an easy one to dress for. On Saturday, Bob Mittauer has graciously accepted our invitation to demonstrate to the attendees his skills as a gourmet cook. Doris Valentine volunteered to be the chairman for our hospitality suite and will be looking for lots of good finger foods from the Coco-Nauts. We'll be discussing this big event in more detail at our September meeting, so do plan to be with us.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

### **Coco-Nauts with July birthdays:**

3<sup>rd</sup>—Susan Kneeland  
7<sup>th</sup>—Ann O'Malley  
13<sup>th</sup>—Debra Burleson  
13<sup>th</sup>—Helen Yagerhofer  
15<sup>th</sup>—Marilyn Schmidt  
15<sup>th</sup>—Angie Vilardebo  
20<sup>th</sup>—Sandy Schoonmaker  
22<sup>nd</sup>—Merri Mulkey  
22<sup>nd</sup>—Marian Sweigart  
27<sup>th</sup>—Doris Valentine  
30<sup>th</sup>—Carmen Adame

### **Coco-Nauts with August birthdays:**

5<sup>th</sup>—Janet Bryant  
6<sup>th</sup>—Yola Bercin  
7<sup>th</sup>—Genevieve Link  
8<sup>th</sup>—Peggy Guerrero  
8<sup>th</sup>—Jane Sebree  
11<sup>th</sup>—Marilyn Mutchler  
16<sup>th</sup>—Jenise Grames  
28<sup>th</sup>—Barbara Norris  
31<sup>st</sup>—Ann McCandless

*Enjoy your special day!*





# DISTRICT 23 FALL CONFERENCE

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the District 23 Fall Conference being hosted by the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron at the Holiday Inn Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort. The dates to set aside for this fun-packed weekend are September 30 - October 2, 2005. At \$79.99/night, double occupancy, these rates at a beachside hotel cannot be duplicated! Even better, the rates are good for three days prior to and three days after the Conference.

Although the main purpose of the weekend is to conduct the official business of District 23, there are several fun-filled events for all squadron members and their guests.

After a visit to the CBPS Hospitality Room, begin your weekend on Friday night at a "Tailgate Party" in the hotel's Manatee Room. Featuring a Beach Blanket BBQ, the dress of the evening is your favorite sports team's attire: professional, collegiate, football, baseball, NASCAR (a chance to name your game). The evening's entertainment will be compliments of the ever famous Jammin' Joe and Son.

While the District Meetings are being held on Saturday, two special events have been scheduled for non-participating members, spouses and guests. At 0930, the Blue Dolphin, a covered tour boat, will leave Port Canaveral for a one and a half hour cruise through the Canaveral Lock, onto the Banana River and into the Barge Canal viewing the abundant wildlife along the way. Reservations, with payment, are being taken in advance for this event. At 1330, Gourmet Chef, Robert Mittauer, will conduct a cooking demonstration. There is no charge but it is requested that reservations be made in advance to assure adequate seating.

Lunch is open to all attendees, reservations required. With a combination of salads, fruit, breads, cold meats, and dessert served in a casual buffet style, the meal will provide a relaxing interlude between meetings and special events.

As the planned activities wind down, attendees may relax poolside or take a walk along beautiful Cocoa Beach.

The CBPS Hospitality Room will be open prior to the Saturday evening's formal dinner featuring a choice of three entrees. Reservations are required. Drawings for door prizes and the raffle winners will be held at this time.

And just when you think your weekend is finished, the "N Club" is hosting a breakfast for all attendees on Sunday morning. Reservations to this event include a guest speaker and a hearty breakfast to sustain you on your journey home.

Remember, September 30-October 2, 2005...a weekend with something for everyone! Make your reservations early so you don't miss any of the excitement!

## ***Boating Activities – July and beyond***

### ***P/C Duane Balkema AP, Boating Chairman***

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** we plan a cruise to Cocoa to watch the “**City of Cocoa Fireworks**” anchored, nearly right under them. We hope you all will come out and join us in a raft-up. Just bring what you need and be there prior to dark. Schoonmakers on 453-8130 are the contact or you can contact me. Most will be in place by 5:00 PM, but later is fine. We want you there!

Our Schedule follows that with a “**St. Johns River Cruise**” on **August 27<sup>th</sup>** which works better for the trailer boaters. Still looking for interest before setting any plans. Following that is the **Palm Coast / Labor Day Cruise September 3,4,5** and the contact is Richard Fille on 868-1883. I doubt if there are any more dock spaces available at this point.

This time of year is slow and HOT, although June saw a lot of rain. Several of our members are up north. John Lynn has been sailing in the Caribbean which sounds great. I’m sure there are others out there cruising with great success.

And there are problems. Just so you will not think you are the only ones with troubles.. Three members that I know of are fighting electrical problems, although Cdr Mulkey has gotten his repaired. If you want to hear of real problems. Now, many of you know that I operate a 34’ Wellcraft Gran Sport. Well, I have jumped off the deep end with a 1984 Sea Ray Sedan Bridge boat project so as to get a flybridge boat again. I have pulled the 454 big block Chev Mercruisers and trashed them. In their place I am overhauling and installing 2 Mercruiser 4 cylinder 3 L engines. That saves over 1000 pounds. I pulled one of the 100 or so gallon fuel tanks, as I, don’t see them both needed. I didn’t like the Sea Ray flybridge design, so I am redesigning it and moving that helm to the right side. This boat had many options on it and all electronics are shot so they come off. Since I need one engine to counter-rotate like the old 454s, I have decided to do it with Velvet Drive Transmissions and bought one that takes input rotation and reverses it so the wake will be correct. There are many considerations, and I still may put Lehman 120hp diesels in it.

Another member that interestingly tows his boat back north to Chicago in summer, put it in the water for a test ride the other day and found the motor bad. Ron, I hope you got it fixed OK and are in Chicago. Gene Milner teaches an excellent class in boat engine maintenance and it can be of great value, when any problems occur. I believe a class was recently completed. Anyone, please keep me informed of your boating and boat repair activities. Our members operate some interesting boats/vessels. One is even electric!

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT/COORDINATOR</b>	<b>PHONE #</b>
Cruise to Titusville & Raft-up (Spoil Isl. South of Titusville Swing Bridge)	April 30/May 1	Jack & Kay Wurst	259-6431
Blessing of the Fleet off Lee Wenner Park in Cocoa 11am (picnic follows)	May 21	John Mulkey/Duane Balkema	452-5892
Poker Run on Banana River 12:30 at 520 Bridge - 4:30 PM	June 11	Duane Balkema	452-5892
Fourth of July Raft-up off Lee Wenner Park In Cocoa 6 - 9PM	July 4/5	Rick & Sandy Schoonmaker	453-8130
St. Johns River Cruise to Springs, starting from Astor	August 27	Need a volunteer w/Trailer Boat	452-5892
Palm Coast/Labor Day 3 day trip (Cruise on N following weekend)	September 3/4/5	Dick Fille	868-1883
Cruise to Melbourne Harbor for Weekend at Docks	September 17/18	John Lynn	537-8438
Halloween on Water Ski Island & Overnight if desired	October 29/30	Stan & Jan Greenwood	254-2449
Cruise to Marker 21 & Overnight (near Grant)	November 5/6	Need a volunteer	452-5892

## ***Boaters, Did You Know???***

(taken from our Fleet Roster by the Boating Chairman, Duane Balkema 452-5892)

**132 Boats** are owned and operated by Squadron Members.

**110 Boats** are named everything from TAZ to Utopia. Zsa-Zsa, Y-Knot, and there is even “One-Eyed Jack”, which I know to be a neat fishing rig. Sea Cow, Sand, Rumble, Mistress are there. What’s a “Lefty Larru” oh, I guess that’s the operator Randy...

The latest two Members to Join operate a 46’ Morgan and a 43’ West Sail yawl, some nice Boa--- Yachts! Sorry you folks missed the “Blessing of the Fleet.”

You know, with that many boats in the Squadron, we should have some huge events. Any suggestions on how to get us all out? And then there is next year. Some new Admin Officer, next year, will be calling around wanting a Boating Chairman. Help me develop some ideas, which will be in place for that lucky person. Call me if your boat names have changed... or give up and gone, and I will try to make the Fleet Roster as up to date as possible.

PS. If anyone feels left out and wants a boat, I have extras for sale!





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list our many generous  
sponsors for the Cocoa  
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2005 Auction.**

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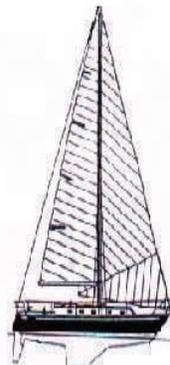
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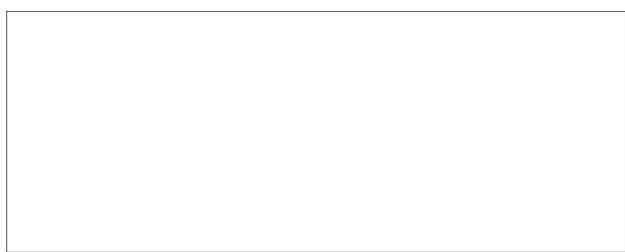
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