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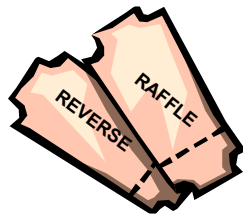
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## CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER MARY WARD FROM UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO BE 06 JULY GUEST SPEAKER

We will be privileged to have Chief Warrant Officer Mary Ward from the United States Coast Guard as our guest speaker for the 06 July meeting. The U.S. Coast Guard is one of five branches of the US Armed Forces, and falls under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard is the country's oldest continuous seagoing service with responsibilities including Search and Rescue (SAR), Maritime Law Enforcement (MLE), Aids to Navigation (ATON), Icebreaking, Environmental Protection, Port Security and Military Readiness. In order to accomplish these missions the Coast Guard's 38,000 active-duty men and women, 8,000 Reservists, and 35,000 Auxiliarists serve in a variety of job fields ranging from operation specialists and small-boat operators and maintenance specialists to electronic technicians and aviation mechanics.



## REVERSE RAFFLE CAN BE YOUR BIG CHANCE TO WIN BIG BUCKS

At the 01 June meeting, Lt. Johnny McCandless described the Reverse Raffle. A \$20.00 donation entitles a purchaser to a raffle ticket that will be entered into the drawing. The first ticket drawn and every 25<sup>th</sup> ticket thereafter will win \$100.00. The last ticket drawn will receive \$1,200.00. The squadron can make \$2,000.00 if all 200 tickets are sold.

All Squadron members are requested to get out and sell tickets to friends, relatives, neighbors and acquaintances. The success of this fundraiser depends on the cooperation of each member. If this endeavor is successful, the drawing will be held at the Fred Gay Pontiac, Buick Showroom on Rte 520, Cocoa, Saturday, 21 August at 1730 to 1930.

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. There will be additional door prizes for the tickets that do not receive money awards. Winners of the cash prizes do not have to

### Welcome Aboard!

Peggy and George Guerrero were sworn in at the 01 June general meeting. We look forward to your taking part in our activities!

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4 1777.

By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday. Most towns and cities usually have big firework displays for all to see and enjoy.

Each year the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron celebrates our nation's birth with a raft-up at Lee Wenner Park at 04 July at 1700.

*Come celebrate with us!*

## The Declaration of Independence

*We hold these truths to be self-evident,  
that all men are created equal,  
that they are endowed by their Creator  
with certain unalienable rights,  
that among these are life, liberty  
and the pursuit of happiness.*

*Happy Independence Day*

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**SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:  
THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.**

*We welcome your comments ,  
boating stories , and articles  
of interest you wish to submit.*



# At The Helm

Cdr Marion (Bud) A. Miller JN

Back in the 60's I can still remember an old Bob Dylan song named "The Times They Are A Changing". I bet many of you remember it also. Back then I considered myself to be a member of the "establishment", and saw no need for change. Boy was I wrong! Change was the name of the game back then and still is today. Without change, a nation or organization such as ours will not move forward. Just in case you might ask why I start out talking about change, we are about to see some soon.

The USPS has recognized that several of our courses have not kept up with the advancements in electronic navigational technology and is doing something about it. I recently read an article the USPS Educational Department publication, "Currents", about "The Latest on USPS Education" which previewed the new Seamanship, Piloting and Advance Piloting courses that will be taught in the near future. These courses are being upgraded to reflect current navigation techniques, the use of electronics, and to meet the needs of boaters. Beta testing of these courses has started. They have been modernized to include GPS, and Maptech Digital Chart training, using Power Point instructional media. It is intended that the quality and content of these three courses will be sufficient for a member to pass the exam for a US Coast Guard License! Now that sounds like some real change, and Cocoa Beach Power Squadron members will be the benefactors.

This is one of the many reasons to be a member of our Power Squadron. Other reasons include continuing your boating safety education, participating in some of our fun filled boating and social events, and receiving discounts on Dell Computers, Boat US Membership, and Maptech software. Check out the USPS web site Members section at [www.usps.org/](http://www.usps.org/) for more information on benefits. There also is a major intangible benefit which is being able to give something back to the community which has always been a high priority for myself. There are many ways to do this as we provide a service to the boating public. Members are encouraged to get involved in the many internal and external activities of the Squadron in order to be able to give something back.

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron has been selected to host the District 23 Fall Conference in October 2005. Planning for this event should start soon and volunteers are needed to serve as committee members and chairman. Banana River is hosting the conference this year. If you would like to serve on this committee please contact Lt/C John Mulkey or myself.

Starting on June 22, 2004, The monthly Executive Board meeting will be held at the Merritt Island Library instead of the VMC. This meeting will continue to be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

I hope all members will support the Reverse Raffle fund raiser scheduled for August 21 that will be held at Fred Gay's Pontiac in Cocoa. Believe me, based on experience this will be an exciting event in which to participate. Get your tickets soon as only 200 will be sold. Some of you will be glad you did, and the Squadron will benefit also. Lt. Johnny McCandless is heading up this event.

If you haven't renewed your membership for this year please do. We really need your support! Although we are a non-profit organization, there is a cost required to provide the services we offer and sustain the organization. Your Bridge is committed to managing financial aspects of the Squadron in a most businesslike manner. Needed funds are raised by several methods, however, a significant portion required comes from membership dues. We need you to help us move forward.

Finally, our Soundings Editor, Rhoda Bernbaum, is retiring from this function due to health reasons. I want to thank Rhoda for all of her hard work. Since being Editor, the Soundings has received the national excellence in journalism award each year. We will miss Rhoda and wish her the best. It's time for some much deserved rest and relaxation.

*Cdr. Bud Miller, JN*

## Executive Officer's Report

Lt /C John Mulkey , P

To date, Lt. Robert Flanigan,, SN reports that 86 vessel safety checks have been turned in to National. That's a good start. As we enter the Summer boating season all CBPS members should have their boats inspected. It is a service offered by the CBPS to the community and with the Vessel Safety Checkers thorough inspections the inspections are a tool for aiding the boaters in seeing that the boating requirements are maintained.

Pictured below: P/R/C Richard H. Schnoor, SN, Lt Randy Johnson,, P, and Lt/Pamela H. Johnson, P, are checking the Johnson Boat, "Lefty Larry."



We owe many members thanks for the Florida Today article about the "Blessing of the Fleet". Safety Committee Chairman P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN wrote a great article for the paper. Cdr Marion A. Miller, AP contacted Florida Today and got the reporter interested in doing the article. P/R/C Richard H. Schnoor, SN, found the reporter at the wrong location and made arrangements to get him to the event. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

Lt/C John Mulkey, P

## .Lt Bob Mittauer Appointed Property Officer By Cdr Bud Miller

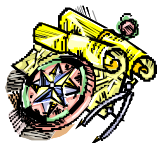
Because we do not have a permanent facility and equipment is stored in a storage locker, when equipment is loaned to students sometimes it is not returned.

Bud asked me to be the asset keeper for the USPS-Cocoa Beach.

"I am asking all members to bring in any items that belong to the power squadron to be identified, inventoried and tagged . These items include Sextants, computers, charts, dividers, overhead projectors, chart pointers, etc. They are used during various courses and are sorely missed.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated."

Bob Mittauer



## Secretary's Report:

Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

After 2 1/2 years, Lt. Rhoda Bernbaum has asked the squadron to find a replacement for her as editor of the Soundings. This is one request that we would like to deny since Rhoda has done a great job of keeping the members informed via the monthly newsletter. However, we are reluctantly putting out a request for anyone interested in becoming involved by producing the newsletter to please come forth.

The job of editor is challenging and rewarding. It can be done in the comfort of your own home. With the use of any desk top publishing program the editor compiles the articles submitted by the various Bridge members and committee chairpersons. Additional boating articles can be written by the editor or found in other publications. The layout for the current ads is on a disc and these remain consistent throughout the year. The editor does not sell the ads and is not involved in collecting the fees.

Once the paper is laid out, the editor prints a copy and takes it to Office Depot. The next group of squadron volunteers picks it up to prepare for mailing and then onto the post office. The on-line version of the newsletter is handled by the squadron Information Systems Officer who receives an email copy from the editor concurrent with the time the Soundings goes to the printer.

For anyone with some spare time who likes working on computers and enjoys working with words, this is the perfect opportunity to provide a valuable service to the squadron and explore your own literary aspirations. Please contact me if you would like more details.

*Lt/Com Sandy Schoonmaker, SN 453-8130*



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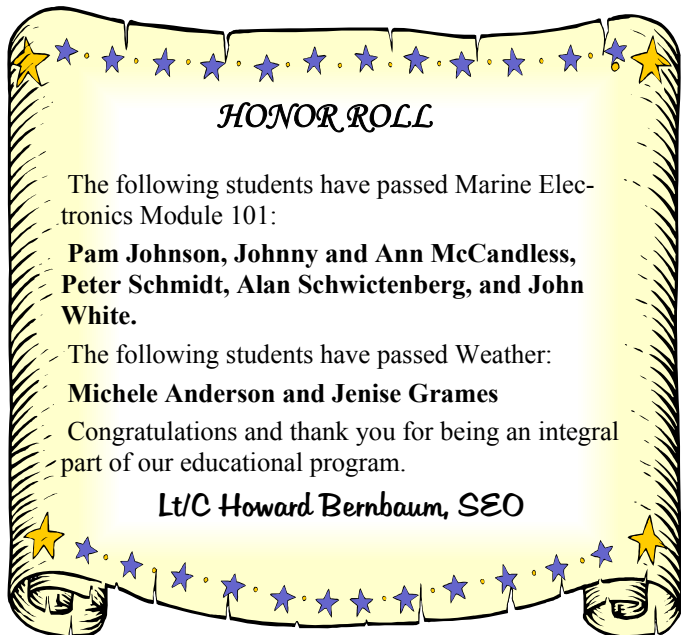
## SEO REPORT

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

Just about anyone who has joined an organization sooner or later comes to the realization that most of the organization's work is done by a relatively few people. This seems to hold true be it civic work, club work and even eleemosynary gatherings. The question often arises as to why these dedicated volunteers give so much of their time and efforts. The answer is, of course, the personal satisfaction in giving back some of that which we have received. An added bonus comes when you see some positive results of your efforts. This month my personal reward derives from the honor roll below. In particular, I am pleased that the entire Marine Electronics class passed the first module with Johnny McCandless and Peter Schmidt getting perfect 100 scores. Additionally I want to congratulate Michele Anderson and Jenise Grames on persisting and passing the Weather course. As those of you who have taken this course know, it is one of the more difficult we offer, and these two ladies deserve a round of applause.

Additionally, Garry Pell has taken the closed and open book exams for Advanced Piloting and we are waiting for the results. Fred Adame, ably assisted by Ed Kydd, continues with his JN class and we anticipate the final exam to be given in July. Good luck class. We might mention that Stan Hartman of the Titusville Squadron has joined Fred's class and we are glad to have him aboard. Stan has taken another of our classes in the past.

Kudos again to Pete Schmidt and his team. Pete organized a BoatSmart class for SeaRay employees and it went over superbly thanks to his efforts and the proficient lecturing by Fred Adame and John Mulkey. I even got into the act and graded the papers. They did very well with all 13 students scoring in the 90's and 3 perfect scores. SeaRay presented us each with a SeaRay hat and tee shirt. What a nice experience.



Experience is the hardest kind of teacher. It gives you the test first and the lesson afterward. \*

-- Anonymous

## EVERYTHING'S COMING UP CRUISES

Reported by P/C Duane Balkema, AP, Boating Chairman

### **Cruise to Ski Island . Saturday, 31 July 1200 (Noon )**

Bring what you want to eat and drink to the island, located at the east end of the Barge Canal, just NW of the Locks. We'll build a fire. Some will overnight on the hook or on the beach. Always a great time.

### **Cruise to Melbourne Harbor Saturday, 28 August.**

Dine at the elegant Chart House. Make your own dock reservations;. Power is good for air conditioning if you overnight. Maybe we can impose on the Commander to officiate another best Poker Hand Contest. If you overnight, breakfasting at one of the local restaurants is lots of fun. Say - coming by car is OK too...

### **Columbus Day Weekend, 8, 9, 10, 11, October**

**Cruise to Palm Coast** . Whether you stay on your boats or at available hotel rooms you're in for a great weekend. Call Dick Fille at 868-1883 or 868-1883 (Cell) for full details which he'll be happy to provide.

## CO-OP CHARTING REPORT

Lt Bob Schaefer, P

At the two co-op charting seminars we have held I have asked that each member/participant use the same password for sign in purposes. The suggested password is "cocoab". In this way I can check reports being filed by the various members. The password is only for co-op charting so it does not open any other programs on your computer. Being able to check work filed by members enables me to keep members from doing the same work that others have done. Recently the Schnoors and Vince Barber filed a nautical report possibly covering the same navigational markers that Bernbaum/Mulkey worked on but not having reported. It is a waste of energy and time for two or more members to do the same work. I will try to monitor reports keep members from doing the same markers or aids. This become more important as more members begin participating in co-op charting.

I am presently in Green Bay, Wisconsin, so I won't have any problem with others doing the same marks, etc until Dick Fille shows up to visit his son.

So far our Squadron has 5 members participating. We need six and a few more credits. We will attain that.

I certainly invite others to get aboard and sign up for co-op charting. Once at the page click into the practice site and enter the ID -A000000, then general user and use "test" as the password. That will get you in. Then sign up as a new observer. Remember to use the password "cocoab" as you fill out the new observer data. After you complete the new observer data sign off. THEN sign in using the HOME page, your membership ID, general user and the password-cocoab. Then go about your work. Page down to see reports, credits, etc. To the left of the page is info about co-op charting A lot of reading.

Our new motto for co-op charting—*Have you made a report today????*

# CBPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

## JULY 2004

**04 Sunday Raft-up Arrival**  
time 1700 at Lee Wenner  
Park. There'll be fireworks  
and fun Bring food  
to share.



**06 Tuesday 1900-2100**  
General Meeting  
Veteran's Memorial Center

**08 Thursday 1800-2100**  
BCC Planetarium Show  
Admission \$8.00 . Bring  
snacks



**22 Wednesday 0900-1100**  
Blood Bank  
Veterans' Memorial Center

**27 Tuesday 1900-2100**  
Executive Board Meeting  
Merritt Island Library

**31 Saturday 1100-1600**  
Ski Island raft-up picnic: Always  
fun for everyone!



## AUGUST 2004

**01 Sunday 1230-1330**  
Tailgate party Game time 1335  
Manatee Baseball Game,  
Viera Stadium \$5.00 per seat

**03 Tuesday 1900-2100**  
CBPS General Meet-  
ing  
Join us for Italian night



**21 Saturday**  
Reverse raffle  
See first page for details

**24 Tuesday 1900-2100**  
Executive Board Meeting  
Merritt Island Library

**28 Saturday**  
Meet 1200  
Melbourne Har-  
bor



Rendezvous and  
overnight raft-up



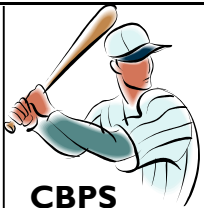
**See you Sunday at  
Lee Wenner Park at 1700 for  
the spectacular 4th of July  
fireworks raft-up and display.  
Bring snacks to share.**



**THURSDAY, 08 JULY**  
1800 TO 2100 6PM  
TO 9PM

CBPS Members in-  
vited to attend the  
BCC Planetarium Show  
Always interesting-  
Always enjoyable.

Admission \$8.00 per person  
Bring snacks to share.



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

**CBPS** Sunday, August 1, promises to be fun as the  
members go to Manatee Baseball Game at Vi-  
era Stadium.

There'll be a pre-game tailgate party from 1230 to 1330.  
Tickets are available for \$5.00 per seat.  
Interested? Call Lt Ann McCandless: 253-6243

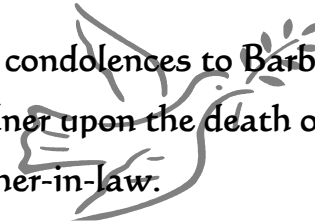
## Why Not Join Us?

Each Wednesday at 1130 a friendly group of CBPS members  
meet at local eateries for talking and camara-  
derie. If you'd like to lunch with them, call  
Marian Sweigart at 452-3682 or  
P/C Dick Fille, AP, at 868-1883



The group will meet at the Cozy Corner Café  
2445 N. Courtenay Parkway

Our condolences to Barbara  
Millner upon the death of her  
brother-in-law.



Thursday, 03 August is  
General Meeting Night at  
the Veteran's Center



Share your  
favorite Italian recipe  
and visit with your  
Squadron friends.

Looking forward to seeing  
you there!

# A VERY SPECIAL CBPS FUND RAISER



**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE!!**

**\$20.00 DONATION TO THE CBPS GETS YOU A CHANCE TO WIN  
ALL 200 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD  
\$1,200. GRAND PRIZE  
(OR BE ONE OF THE EIGHT \$100.00 winners.)**

The winners will be named on 21 August  
(winners Need NOT be present to win.)  
For Information, CONTACT Lt. Johnny McCandless, 253-6243



## USPS District 23 Fall Conference 1-3 October 2004



**Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort  
Melbourne, Florida  
Hotel Reservation Form**

*Note: If you are calling in your hotel reservation, please mention you are attending the USPS D-23 Fall Conference.*

**Special USPS D-23 Rate per night: \$75.00 plus tax**

Arvl date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dptr date: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Preference: Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Double Beds: \_\_\_\_\_ King Bed \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation received after 20 September will be on a space available basis only and may not be at the special D-23 Conference rate.

**For Guaranteed Reservations Only:**

I understand that I am liable for one night's room & tax, which will be deducted from my deposit or billed through my credit card in the event I do not arrive or cancel this reservation within 24 hours in advance.

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations not guaranteed will be held until 1600 only on the day of arrival.

Holiday Inn Ocean Front Phone Number: 321-777-4100; e-mail [www.holiday-inn.com/mlb-oceanfront](http://www.holiday-inn.com/mlb-oceanfront)

Mail your reservation request to: Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort 2605 North A1A, Melbourne, FL 32903

The special D-23 Fall Conference rate is available for pre or post conference dates should you desire to make this into a mini vacation. Please be sure to advise the reservationists of your attending the D 23 Fall Conference should you want to come prior to the long weekend.

Do not call the Holiday Inn world wide reservations number as they do not know of this special rate.

**St. Johns "N" Club**

On Sunday, 3 October, as a wrap-up to the D23 Fall Conference, the St. Johns "N" Club will hold a breakfast at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort featuring Warrant Officer Mary C. Ward, United States Coast Guard. WO Ward is the Commanding Officer of the Port Canaveral Coast Guard Station.

She will address current topics relating to Port Security; Ocean Surveillance of refugees from Cuba and Haiti along with other important maritime topics. Be sure to sign up for the St. Johns "N" Club breakfast on Sunday morning. All USPS members and their spouses are invited to attend!

## USPS District 23 FALL CONFERENCE FOOD MENU

**Friday 1 Oct-Sunday 3 Oct, 2004**

Friday evening: Dinner on your own. The Banana River Power Squadron sponsored Cocktail Party will be in the Penthouse Suite from 1930-2300 with snacks and finger food.

**Saturday Luncheon:**

Cook Out on the Deck .....\$14.00  
Southern style potato salad, creamy cole slaw, potato chips, tomatoes, onions and hot dogs, pickle spears, assorted rolls and buns. shredded cheddar cheese, assorted cookies and brownies, and iced tea lemonade create a really delicious meal.

**Saturday Ladies Luncheon**

In the Penthouse Suite .....\$14

Exotic Fruit Salad or fresh fruit served with served with fruit yogurt, fresh baked rolls and butter or Pine-apple filled with Cashew Chicken Salad served with flat bread and butter. Either entrée come with fresh brewed coffee or iced tea and Chef's select. desert.

**Saturday Evening Dinner will be served in the Grand Ball Room**

**Saturday Evening Dinner**.....\$25.00 The entrees include

**Chicken Wellington:** a boneless, skinless breast of chicken seared in herbed butter sprinkled with Sherry, covered with Mushroom Dusselle & wrapped in baked pastry with duchess potatoes and fresh veggies.

**Sliced Roast Sirloin :** Tender slice of choice sirloin accentuated with a rich Bordelaise red wine sauce. Served with Potatoes Dauphine and fresh veggies.

**Caribbean Grouper:** Fresh grouper baked to a moist perfection accented with a colorful & mild kiwi mango salsa, served with apple brandy, glazed carrots, and island fried rice

In order to accommodate new members who are unable to get to our monthly meetings, an Installation Tea was held at my home on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Flanigan, Membership Chairman, installed Betty Craven, Alice Gourley-Benton, Linda Granger, Judy Miller, Maribeth Mittauer, Barbara Norris, Cheryl Quinn, Denise Stone, and Kay Wurst. We welcome our newest Coco-Nauts!

Our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge. As always, our ladies outdid themselves with the variety of salads they brought to share. We were both surprised and pleased to see such a large turnout at the June meeting, as we know many of our members are away at this time. The food drive for the Sharing Center was a big success—thanks to everyone for their generous donations. The food items and a check will be delivered in the near future. Our busy membership chairman, Marilyn Flanigan, installed JoAnn Monai. Welcome, JoAnn!

The bear project, directed by Valerie Hachtel, is set for 10:00 AM on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3665 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island. We're planning to have it as a brown bag luncheon. I'll provide the drinks and Ann McCandless will bring a dessert. We hope to get a LOT of bears finished and can use YOUR help. At this time we have thirteen members signed up to work.

Be sure to write September 25<sup>th</sup> (7:00 PM) on your calendars for our Coco-Naut catered dinner at the Stonewood Condo Rec Room. Since many husbands felt "left out" when we gals took our boat trip in March, we're inviting them to spend this fun evening with us. We're going Hawaiian for this party, so start thinking about something to wear. It's an opportunity to get out those old grass skirts! (Or are we now more into muu-muus?)

Coco-Naut Birthdays in July:



July 3 Susan Kneeland , July 15 Marilyn Schmidt , July 19 Amgie Vilardebo,  
 July 20 Sandy Schoonmaker, July 22 Marian Sweigert, July 22 Merri Mulkey,  
 July 27 Doris Valentine, July 30 Carmen Adame

**And now it's time to play COCO-NAUT TRIVIA! (Don't cheat and look at the answers first).**

**In the first paragraph of this article, you'll find the names of the nine ladies who were just installed as new members. Below are facts about each of them. Try to match the names with the facts. Answers are to be found on lower right hand corner of page 11 of the Soundings**

1. Who practiced pediatrics full time until 2000? She was also a soprano soloist in the Methodist Church since the age of 7, adored Sail & Motor yachting on the Chesapeake Bay since 1970, and finally became a grandmother to 22-month-old Julia. (We hear that Julia has her grandmother wrapped around her little finger).
2. Who works as Operations Manager at the Product Development & Engineering Division of Sea Ray Boats (since 1988), and enjoys testing prototype boats and yard work on weekends? She and her husband had their yard featured in the 2004 Sears outdoor lawn equipment brochures in stores nationwide. She might be the first daughter of a Coco-Naut to be installed as a member.
3. Who will be retiring on June 21st to spend more time with her 81 year old mother and her 12 grandchildren who all live in Brevard County? She was originally from Chicago but had too much sand in her shoes to stay there. This Coco-Naut was raised in a military family and then married a military man. She lived in England, France and Italy for nine years.
4. Who recently located from the Midwest to the Cocoa area? This active Coco-Naut has plenty to keep her busy, as she enjoys movies, dancing, bingo, tennis, playing cards and music!
5. Which new Coco-Naut, at the age of 19, was a surfer gal in Hawaii and met her hubby there? She loves tent camping high up in the mountains out west. She's soon to be a bionic woman with total knee replacements, and she's had carpal tunnel surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.
6. Who moved here from Maryland after visiting our area and falling in love with it? This Coco-Naut has seven grandchildren (six boys and one princess). She and her hubby have done the Intracoastal Waterway five times. This talented lady was a couture dressmaker and sold designer fabrics. She was in real estate for 15 years and had her brokers license. She has taught school and raised four children (one deceased and one is a special child).
7. Which Coco-Naut grew up in Virginia, New England and Florida? Her husband was in the military for 23 years, and they lived in Savannah, Japan, Cape Cod, and Ohio. Her grandson just graduated from high school in May. She was a widow and remarried four years ago. She likes to keep in touch with family and friends by sending cards.
8. Who grew up in San Diego and met her husband in the San Francisco Bay Area? She's a registered dietitian and is responsible for the Child Care Food Program where every year over 2 million meals have been served. She has two sons, and enjoys shopping (and more shopping), gourmet cooking, decorating and traveling.
9. This Coco-Naut grew up in New Jersey. She and her husband moved here 7 years ago from Miramar, Florida. After being sailors for many years, they now have a 22' Wellcraft cabin cruiser named after their daughter. Their sailing was done mostly on Biscayne Bay, and they raced in the 40-year-old Columbus Day Regatta. She has been an elementary school teacher for over 30 years and presently teaches in Titusville



## Who Among Us Can Match Ed's Blood Donation Record?

Blood Bank Report, Lt Barbara Millner, S

Here's a special blood bank report about an outstanding Power Squadron member, a Past Commander, Past SEO, great teacher, great all-round person, all this and a blood donor without compare - our own Ed Kydd! The following is Ed's account.

According to my donor cards, my first donation was to the Canadian Red Cross Society (La Societe Canadienne de la Croix-Rouge) in Montreal, just over 60 years ago, on December 12, 1944. They took 450 cc's. In French, the record of donations was headed *Registre des Prelevements Sanguins*, which I thought translated as something like Record of Blood Unloading.

At that time there was always a doctor present when they drew blood, and before he signed the record, he warned us to avoid any strenuous exercise. I remember driving home afterwards and having to shovel about a foot of snow to get my 1930 Model A Ford Coupe from the street up the lane and into the garage.

After another donation or two, Helen and I moved to Toronto and a couple of years later to Arnprior, Ontario, a small town a few miles west of Ontario.

In 1946, my mother had an operation for intestinal cancer and needed several transfusions. My brother and I helped out. These were direct transfusions and not credited as donations to a blood program.

I took the train to Montreal in order to do-

nate, and on the way home, while waiting in Windsor Station for the train, I decided to get a haircut. In those days everyone wore suits. When I took my jacket off, the barber saw blood on the sleeve and on my arm and was most concerned. He asked me how I got hurt. I told him I had given a transfusion to my mother. He told me what a good son I was and made a big fuss over cleaning me up. After I returned home to Arnprior, we sent the jacket to the cleaners. The next thing we knew, an Ontario Provincial Police officer appeared at the door and asked Helen if I had been shot and was anyone else involved. He did not appear to believe her when she told him how it happened and waited until I came home to check out her story himself.

A few years later, we moved to Connecticut, and two years later in 1953 bought a home in Darien, where the Red Cross Chapter was very active. Each time they held a Blood Drive they had over 200 donors. They had a telephone committee of which Helen was a member. They called just about everyone and set appointments. If you were

five minutes late, you received another call, and were asked if you needed a ride.

We moved again, first to Shelton, Connecticut and then to Cheshire where they also had chapters. By now they had drained a total of 9 gallons, but I was still alive. There was no active blood program in Edenton, NC, our next hometown, but the sailing was great!

When Cocoa Beach Power Squadron found out that I still had blood, they conned me into giving again, and increased the total drain to 87 pints, just a pint short of 11 gallons—and they're still draining me.

One word of advice for you men, the nurses or aides who take our blood are very attractive. (Don't tell Helen, but sometimes they hold our hands). You might enjoy it. Another word for their mates, you should come to keep an eye on your men.



We had the following members coming out for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive: Carol K. Hayes, Pam Johnson, Scott Kee, Ed Kydd (there's no stopping him), John Lynn, Duane McConkey, Barbara Millner, Gene Millner, and Paul Pfadenhauer.

Special thanks to Patsy Galloway, Ron Galloway, and John H. Kaufman (non-members) for contributing blood. Their participation enables us to meet the minimum number of donations required to have blood drawn at the Veteran's Center blood-mobile unit. We welcome all able-bodied members and non-members to join us in this endeavor. Not only do Power Squadron members receive credits toward receiving blood they might need, but the community benefits as well. Surplus donations are used in the community where needed. I can't think of a more beneficial community undertaking than this one.

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**Lt. Paul Whitney, AP, the Supply Officer, announced items available for sale and stated that any embroidered shirts, sweatshirts or other items can be individually ordered with prepayment from the members..**

**Items now available: Mugs, burgees, caps, sweatshirts (very useful while boating)), a belt, license plates, various insignias & jewelry. We also have 3 copies of Chapman's (1992 ed.) & several commemorative issues of the Squadron's 25th anniversary in 1992.**

**Merchandise from the Squadron may be ordered at any meeting, with payment for the order being made at that time. Samples of items will be available at the meetings.**



## A Letter From the Editor

I have had several minor health problems which require medical treatment. Regretfully I offer my resignation as editor of the Soundings. It has been an enjoyable experience (most of the time) and I shall help the new editor while he or she learns some of the details of the position. The Secretary's Report on page 3 offers excellent information about what this position entails. If you are interested, please call Lt/Cdr Sandy Schumaker, SN, at 453-8130.

*Lt Rhoda Bernbaum*

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## Blessing of the Fleet

Reported by Boating Chairman, P/C Duane Balkema, AP

On May 22, 2004, we were blessed with great weather as approximately 70 friends and family members attended the fellowship following the blessing of the boats. Father Carroll Travis from Saint David's by the Sea Episcopal Church of Cocoa Beach officiated with Cdr Bud Miller, JN, from Lt Duane & Marcia McConkey's Conch Key II, a 39' Carver. Also aboard were Florida Today Journalist, James Dean and a photographer who gave us good local coverage of the event. Our photographer, Lt Trent S. Milliken, P took photos of each boat passing Father Travis offering his Blessing and Recognition was given by Commander Miller.

Approximately 20 sharp looking boats with crews passed by and were blessed. Some special requests by captains were requested of Father Travis. There was a mad scramble for dock space and after the boats were docked the fun part began with a friendly picnic at the Lee Wenner Park Pavilion. People, food, and even a dog or two were taxied, from anchored boats away from the dock - a huge undertaking. Thanks go to new member, Richard Herrick and his wife, who used their large pontoon boat to make many runs to transport people. After the event he even towed one boat home. What a guy-but would you expect any less of a retired Navy Submariner? It was a very special event. Our thanks to Trent for taking pictures and Florida Today for covering the event and to all participants and all who helped to make this a memorable day.

### Here's what JAMES DEAN of Florida Today had to say about this annual event.

COCOA -- In a lifetime of boating, Capt. Vince Barber has had his share of close calls. About five years ago, a South Florida storm changed course overnight and tore his boat off its Indian River mooring, dropping its bow onto Rockledge Drive. Since then he's joined an annual procession to have his boat the "Love It!" blessed before the arrival of hurricane season in June. "It has a spiritual effect on you, you hope," Barber said.

Nearly 20 pleasure boats joined the procession Saturday off the docks of Lee Wenner Park for the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony. Sponsored by the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, the event coincides with the start of National Safe Boating Week, when volunteers from area squadrons conduct free safety checks on boats and inspect buoys. A similar ceremony was held by the Banana River Squadron in the lagoon.

"May your journey be safe and the waters be calm," Father Carroll Travis, rector at St. David's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Cocoa Beach, intoned through a walkie-talkie to a passing pleasure boat. "May you always be blessed by the Lord whose voice is on the waters."

Flicking his wrist, he tossed water toward the boats from an "aspergillum" -- a narrow tube resembling a long salt shaker that was filled with spring water.

Travis said such ceremonies dated back centuries to Mediterranean fishing villages, and fell during a period known by Christians as Rogation Days -- a time to ask for blessings, traditionally as new crops were planted.

"It recognizes our need for the sea, our interdependence," he said. "We think we've tamed the sea and we really haven't. We have a place of responsibility."



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FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

Paul E. Reichert, AP, Treasurer

The Squadron Treasurer is generally the quietest member of the bridge. A treasurer's report is given at the general and executive meetings, money is deposited in the bank, bills paid immediately and the department runs smoothly. Members rarely ask questions but the treasurer needs to be alert to expenditures keeping each department aware of their expenses and the budget that the Squadron has voted to live within.

Headquarters has mailed your dues notices in May and they were to be paid to your Squadron Treasurer. The Treasurer has the responsibility of keeping track of those who have paid and sending the appropriate funds to National with a deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>. National has dropped the \$2.00 late fee but we would hope that the renewal process does not drag on all summer. The District Treasurer requests the newly complied membership list from National and District bills are then sent to the Squadron Treasurer in September.

It is extremely important to personally contact all members who have not paid to encourage them to do so. Sometimes, people simply forget or could be on the bubble as to whether they continue their affiliation. It also is important for future retention purposes to know why memberships have been dropped. Many times there are good reasons, but if there is anything we can do to improve retention, we want to know about it. Your treasurer should be there to work with membership and the executive board to retain memberships.

It would seem that a treasurer's article would go into newsletters when membership renewals are processing. June not July something to look into for next year !! I am sending this article now as I will not be here most of June.

Paul E. Reichert, AP Treasurer

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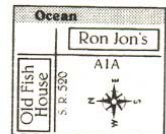
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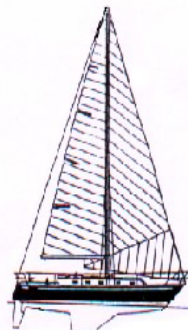
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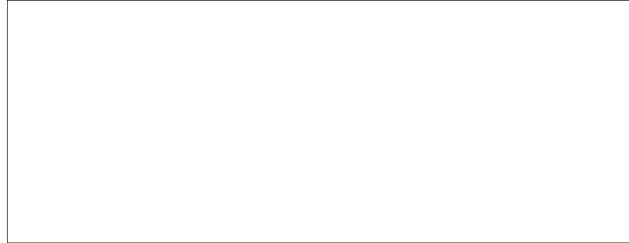
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