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		<b>Attention On Deck</b>	
Let's see who reads the newsletter? This message is for Lance, Jay, Bob R,			
Gerard, Marilyn, Doris, Donna, & Duane: I will be on a cruise from 08-04 thru 08-11, and will not be able to send you a reminder, for you to send in your			
articles/reports, so this is your notification now, to have them to me by 08-12-			
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> We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit...

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## AT THE HELM

Cmdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, and is able to spend some time on the water.

We have had some excellent speakers so far this year including discussions on manatees, historical Florida locations, Brevard County waterway management programs, and fishing research programs in our local area by the Florida Fish and Wildlife.

We held our Sykes Creek Parkway roadside cleanup on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Eleven members participated, and then had breakfast and Steak 'n Shake after we were finished. Thank-you to P/C Kermit Forbes, P, for organizing this public relations event.

We had a good turnout on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Old Florida Seafood Grill in Port St. John. I believe we had 5 boats arrive, and others arrived by car.

I would like to give a special thanks to our educational officer, Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN, for his dedication in continuing a strong educational program for boating courses, to both the membership, and the public.

Our next general meeting will be on August  $7^{th}$ , and the next executive board meeting will be on August  $23^{rd}$ .

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and be safe!



June 2012 speaker, Bob Atkins

July 2012 speaker, Ben Brotemarkle, Executive Director, Florida Historical Society

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER P/C J. P. Longway, III, P



First, once again, thanks to all those members who make time to put forth efforts that make the Squadron interesting and successful in achieving set goals and events.

As a result of various Vessel Safety Checks performed since May by our certified Examiners, we are now approaching 100 for year-to-date. If your vessel has not been examined, please contact P/C Kermit Forbes, P, or one of the Examiners for an appointment. In addition, if you have friends, neighbors or relatives with a vessel, please ask them if they would like to receive a "free" VSC that includes a certification decal and supporting documentation. Kermit and the Examiners will respond to a place of the requestor's choice. Kudos to all our Examiners for the time they spend in performing this important contribution they make for the Squadron and our community to ensure "Safe Boating".

On Saturday, June 30th, 11 of our Squadron members participated in our "Keep Brevard Beautiful" designated clean-up area, i.e., Sykes Creek Parkway from SR 520 to the entrance of the Veterans Memorial Center. The timing was set so as to spruce up the area prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. Thanks to the participants for the giving of their time and ensuring a pleasant sight leading to the VMC.

During the month of June a number of specific meetings were held with select Executive Staff members to discuss the Squadron's future focus and direction, seek opportunities to further promote our Public Relations initiatives, and identify enhancements to our Website that will provide more information and links that will benefit both members and non-members in searching and browsing same.

All members are requested to find time to volunteer, support and participate in the various Squadron Educational, Community & Fraternal activities, as a way of giving back for all the benefits received from being a member. In advance, thank you for any consideration given to assist others in the Squadron's operations.

### **CBSPS Squadron Members August Birthdays**

John Mulkey 08-04 Peggy Guerrero 08-08 Geri Roco 08-08 Leonard Senibaldi 08-11 Ed Hradesky 08-15 Kathy Harlow 08-20 David Keane 08-27 Marsha Kirkwood 08-27 Ed Bonnett 08-31 Ann McCandless 08-31

Information was furnished by USPS database (DB2000), hope everyone for August has been included, and has a happy birthday!!!

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** LT/C Robert Rutigliano, P



The June 5th. General membership meeting was event filled. We had a good speaker, Bob Atkins, who talked on the Manatee protection laws and their effect on the boating public. Very interesting.

We also had three guests who completed the April ABC class and were awarded their certificates for six month free membership into the CBSPS.

In addition, two guests were awarded Honorary Membership. The Rev. Jay Bergstresser from the Cocoa Beach Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Rev. Jay conducted the Blessing of the Fleet and is looking forward to joining the Squadron as a dues paying member in the near future. Also thanking, Greg O'Leary for his donation of the use of his boat, the Blank Check for the Blessing of the fleet for the second year in a row.

July 3rd. meeting speaker was Ben Brotemarkle. He is the Executive Director of the Florida Historical Society. His topic was "Beyond the Theme Parks".

The next executive board meeting will be July 26th. At the Merritt Island Library.

A CPR /First aid class was held at the Veterans Center on June 13th. A total of ten members and spouses attended. The two hour class covered the latest CPR techniques, Heart attack, strokes and choking. We all learned some valuable information on do's and don'ts and how to recognize heart attacks and strokes. This was well worth the time invested.

The Cruise and overnight raft up scheduled for June 23rd., was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Debby supplying us with 70% chances of rain over the weekend. I have rescheduled the cruise for July 21-22nd.

I have also invited Banana River S.P.S. members to join us for this event. Should be fun, if mother nature cooperates.

The cruise to Old Florida Sea Food Grill on July 7th. Was a big success. Five boats took part. We had a total turn out of 21 people. It was a very enjoyable day.

While attending the D-23 picnic on May 12th. I noticed several Squadrons displayed their Burgee's at their tables. The Board approved the building of such a display for our Squadron and it was presented to the membership at the July 3rd. General meeting.

Ron Dunbar who has been a guest at several meetings and Squadron events presented the Squadron with a hand crafted bean bag toss game complete with Burgee and USPS insignia. We no longer have to borrow this game for future events. Thank you goes out to Ron.

See you on the water.

#### **SEO**

## Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN

The Executive Board passed a motion to adopt the Slogan "220 in 2020" as a goal for the squadron. We were over 220 members 10 years ago; we can be 220 in 2020.

The Squadron Education Department has met and agreed on a course outline for the next 18 months, with at least 4 ABC3 classes per year, each followed by either a Seamanship or Piloting class to involve the new members who pass ABC3. We will also offer more Elective courses. This will require more Instructors but we have enough classrooms and projectors.

To help with our new goal, the Executive Board decided to accept outsiders to all our Electives, Seamanship and Piloting courses at member cost + membership cost, thereby making them new members. All CBSPS courses are now published on the USPS HQ800 system. This has already registered 4 students for the July ABC3 course and 2 students for the Weather course.

5 N exams have been taken and are now being graded. Cruise Planning started with 6 students. Weather will start 10 Sept with at least 12 students and Seamanship will start 13 Sept 2012. For the first half of 2013, we have planned AP starting 7 January, P starting 17 January, Engine Maintenance starting 1 April and S starting 25 April. To register please call me at 321-305-6599 or email <a href="Meeting-

Enjoy the Summer!!

## SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

On June 29, 2012, P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby, SN, sent to Squadron members, who have e-mails, the first half of the new electronic Roster, the CBSPS Year Book. The other half, a Membership List for both the Squadron and Auxiliary will be created from the DB2000 data base and sent out in the same manner.

P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, Roster Publication chairman, suggest that members should keep these documents on their computers for easy reference. They may also be printed. They will be updated periodically through e-mail. Corrections should be reported to the Squadron Secretary at <a href="mailto:bob-mar2215@bellsouth.net">bob-mar2215@bellsouth.net</a> or call 452-4602.

Those members who do not have computers, will be provided a copy of the complete Roster.

At the May 1, 2012 General Meeting, P/C Kermit Forbes, P, made a motion to accept the bylaw changes as presented. Motion seconded by Lt Gene Millner, AP. Motion carried.

CBSPS membership is hereby notified that the revised bylaws have been approved by the USPS National Committee on Rules and became effective as of June 12, 2012.

There is no requirement to provide members a copy of the bylaws (Section 17.3). However, if a member requests a copy, it will be provided. It should be noted that a copy is now available to view on the Squadron website at <a href="https://www.cbsps.com">www.cbsps.com</a>

## Coco-Nauts Corner President, Lt Doris Valentine

We had a great luncheon meeting this month with 19 attendees at the Tiki Grill on Merritt Island. Everyone seems to like this place..... the lunches are good and the venue very receptive to holding a meeting.

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Our focus right now is on our luncheon/game party fund raiser in October. Solicitation letters were distributed and I do want to emphasize on members asking certain venders where they shop or dine to help us out with gift certificates, etc. for door prizes.

Also, tickets for the occasion are held by our Treasurer, Marian Sweigert. We do expect all Coco-Nauts to be responsible for at least one ticket and hopefully, you will sell additionals. Remember, it's a FUN DAY for all and has always been successful for the Squaron!!!

After the June meeting, we will be on hold for the summer and that should give you the opportunity to get out there and do some selling!!! We will get all the results at our September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. I'll see you all then as I'll be absent from the June meeting ....Will be in Alaska thinking of all of you as the meeting is being conducted by my very competent Vice President, Debra Burleson.

#### **August Birthdays**

07 - Genevieve Link

08 - Geri Roca

08 - Peggy Guerrero

27 - Marsha Kirkwood





## **D23** Galaxy

## D/Lt/C John F. Mulkey, AP

#### Treasurer

At this time of the year we are focused on membership renewals. For those of you that have already paid your dues – THANK YOU. For those of you that have not – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Dues can be paid by check or on line by credit card.

The number one reason given by members for not paying their dues is that they forgot. That is why it is important that we have the Bridge or a committee call those who have not renewed their membership. What is sad is when no one knows the person that is to be called. That usually means that that member has not attended meetings, has not taken a class or attended social programs. Why do we allow this to happen? If a member misses two meetings in a row do we have someone who calls that member and invites them to the next meeting? When we have a course setup do we have someone call all the new members and explain what the course is about and encourage them to sign up? When we have a social event, do we have someone call the new members and personally invite them?

When you are at a membership meeting and you see someone new, do you introduce yourself and invite that new person to sit with you, or do you just sit with the members you already know?

If the only time a new member hears from us is when it is time to pay their dues it's unlikely they will stay members. USPS has great educational programs, our Squadrons have social programs, and we have civic programs like Vessel Safety Inspections. There is something for everyone and we need to make sure that we get our new members involved.

National has a program that offers students who pass the ABC3 Public Boating Course a free six month trial membership. This is a good way to bring in new members. Everyone in the Squadron should then make an effort to ensure our new members feel welcome.



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## **July**

26 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

#### **August**

- 07 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island, Fl
- 11 Saturday, 1230 Rendezvous at Grills on Indian River

## **September**

- . 04 Tuesday, 1800 General Meeting & Italian Night, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 06 09, Thu. Sun., USPS Governing Board, Detroit MI
- 10 Monday, 1900 Weather Course starts
- \$ 15 Saturday, Blue Dolphin Cruise (tentative)
- 22 Saturday, 1300 Cruise & Raft-up, Spoil Island, N of 528 bridge
- . 27 Thursday, 1800 Executive committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

## **October**

- 702 Tuesday, 1800 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island, Fl
- 605 Saturday, 1030 Coco-Nauts card/game party, Community Church, Cocoa Beach

CBSPS 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

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

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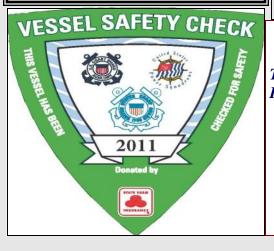
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## Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

Our "Cruise to Mathers Bridge Anchorage Area & Raft-up & Overnight" is now scheduled for Saturday, July 21, 2012, arriving around 3:00 PM. Call me at 452-5892 for info if coming. Saturday, August 11, 2012 scheduled is "Cruise to Grills on Indian River", 1:00 PM.

Saturday, July 7, 2012 we had a good turnout for "Cruise to Old Florida Seafood & Grill" on the mainland, on Highway US1, 3 miles north of Highway 528. Boats were: "Have Knots" with Cliff & Diane Schumer, "Cat House" with Gerard Meunier, "Easy Going" with Bob & Bobbie Rutigliano & Jay & Donna Longway, "Prime Time II" with Duane & Marge Balkema & Doris Valentine, "Lazy Susan VI" with Kermit & Susan Forbes & guests. Several others arrived by Land Yacht. Thanks to all for participating.

"Blessing of the Fleet". Many thanks to participants who made it in May. Boaters were Captain Bob Rutigliano on "Blank Check" with guests Jay & Donna Longway, Lance Vandeberg, Ron Dunbar, Fred Adame, D/Cdr Abe Cahill, & Pastor Jay Bergstresser, Captain Duane & Marge Balkema on "Prime Time" with guests, Charlie Dodds, Randy Johnson and Marcia McConkey, Bob Rutigliano's boat "Easy Going" with Captain Noel Remillard and Gregory O'Leary III, Captain Kermit & Susan Forbes on "Lazy Susan VI" with guest Debra Burleson, Captain Louis Harlow & wife Kathy & daughter Kristina on "Yankee Clipper", Harry & Arlene Bestow on "Yellow Bird", Coast Guard Aux on "Knot Home", Thomas Bousia on "Sea Fox", Captain Marc & Joan Montfort on "SeaJoan" with guests Doris Valentine & Marshia Kirkwood, Captain Cliff & Diania Schommer on "Have Knots", Captain Fortenay on Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat & Most Important, Petty Officer Chambers on Coast Guard 25 with 3 other Petty Officers. There was another smaller boat that we have no name for. Many thanks to Gregory O'Leary II for the use of Blank Check as the Blessing Boat. Many thanks also to Debra Burleson, Charlie Dodds, Donna Longway, & Gerard Meunier for the excellent pictures. It was a lovely day and our location shielded us well from the wind. Thanks Pastor Jay Bergstresser for blessing our boats and we hope everyone operates safely for another year. Thanks for District Support.



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Please pay at the July membership meeting or contact:

Doris Valentine







## CBSPS HALLOWEEN PARTY

When: Saturday, Oct. 27th, 2012

Time: 1800 (Costumes Required)

Where: Cocoa Village Marina, Cocoa

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BEVERAGES, PAPER PRODUCTS & UTENSILS WILL BE PROVIDED

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Cost: Free

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This is a Coco-Nauts sponsored event, therefore, the ham, turkey, paper products, utensils & beverages will be provided.

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