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When You Wish upon a Star!

Our speaker for the **Tuesday, 12 Nov.** meeting will be Mr. Chuck Greenwood from the BCC Planetarium.

He will speak about the stars and hopefully a little bit about Celestial Navigation.

Please join us for this interesting program

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SUBMIT

MERIT MARK INFORMATION

Many of you have worked hard to further the objectives of USPS, CBPS and boating. You deserve to receive a merit mark for your many hours of volunteering.

It is not too late to submit a summary of your activities to the Merit Mark Chairmen, Lea and Dave Collins. Their address is 102 Riverside Drive #502, Cocoa, FL 32922 or call them at

Highlights
The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron is looking forward to your attending the only major fund raising project of the year, the Annual Auction. The committee has worked long and hard to bring items that may be useful to you-marine and general items. Bring your friends, neighbors, and visiting relatives to make this auction the best ever.

Palm Coast Rendezvous
Sparkling Success

Four Boats, two motor homes and several cars converged on the Palm Coast Resort and Marina for a delightful, relaxing and fun-filled rendezvous that started as early as Thursday, October 10th and went through Monday the 14th. There were 26 members & guests along with 2 dogs Man and beast had a great time.

F. I. T. DAY CRUISE ADVENTURE

Once again Dr. George Maul, Chairman of the Dept. of Marine and Environmental Systems at the Florida Institute of Technology, has invited the members of the Cocoa Beach Squadron to join him and several of his graduate students aboard the 65' research vessel the R/V DELPHINUS. The trip off shore from Port Canaveral will leave from the New Port Marina (near the bridge) on Thursday, Oct. 31st at 9 am and will return around noon. The subject being studied this day will be Marine Meteorology including reading wind conditions, air temperature, relative humidity, clouds and water color. There are still a few openings, so if interested, call **P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN, at 783-8777 today.**

Awards Presented Daytona Beach District 23 Fall Conference

Elaine H. Reichert, P, and P/C Paul E. Reichert P, co-chaired a Conference that was interesting and fun. Many people worked to provide a great experience for those who attended the October 4,5,6 event.

Our Squadron received the **SHIP OVER AWARD** given to the Squadron in D -23 for having the highest percentage of membership renewals for year 2002.

An award for a Cooperative Charting Program or superior performance in providing information to the Chart Maintenance Program of the Office of Coast Survey for the year 2002.

Individuals contributing the most to the Cooperative Charting for year 2002 were:
P/C Albert J. Pappas ,SN , from CBPS who was 447th in the Nation, Per USPS National Headquarters and on the Honor Roll 4 years in a row.

Lt Robert F. Flanigan SN, from Cocoa Beach Power Squadron who was 609th in the Nation Per USPS National Headquarters and on the Honor Roll 2 yrs in a row. Cdr Les Tribout, AP, accepted these awards for them in their absence

These ranks are based upon a 60,000 USPS membership. .

We'll Always Remember

Congress passed a bill renaming the federal holiday Armistice Day to Veterans' Day. Beginning in 1954, the United States designated November 11 as Veterans Day to honor veterans of all U.S. wars. In 1971 President Nixon declared it a federal holiday on the second Monday in November

Americans remember those who gave their lives on Veterans' Day. At 1100, most Americans observe a moment of silence, remembering those who fought for peace. Families who have lost sons and daughters in wars turn their thoughts more toward peace and the avoidance of future wars, but can we now escape the agony of war?

The Bridge

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Cdr. Lester Tribout, AP

CBPS has recently lost some members who were dear friends. A heartfelt thanks to those members who took part in the Memorial Services.



On Sep.12 Ev and I flew to the National Fall Governing Board Meeting in Des Moines Iowa. We picked up some awards, gathered notes from 5 work shop meetings, and collected stacks of handouts. I plan to review, prioritize and report the above to the membership at our November general meeting. Ev and I split up in order to cover all the workshops.

While in Des Moines I obtained information about a high tech defibrillator and thought it might be a good idea to train our members in its use. The Squadron could have it available at meetings and outings., the cost is minimal, and we could potentially save someone's life. This will be on the agenda at our next XO meeting and will be reported to the membership.

From the Conference we went to Illinois for my 50th High School Reunion and won several awards. My favorite was an award for having the most original hair - amount and color. It was my first time back in 50 years and everyone's appearance had changed.. Thank goodness for name tags. We had a great time!

In my absence, the Bridge and committees carried on their work and Lt/C Dick Fille, AP, conducted the executive and general meetings, Thanks to you all..

The Squadron Annual Auction is nearly upon us. 'Lets all pitch in". There's still time to contribute items to the drop off point . Frank Sebree and his committee are readying them for our annual Fund Raiser We really need your help this year . The proceeds go a long way to meeting expenses.

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron membership is a source of friendship, education, and community service when you take an active part.

Ev and I wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season.

Cdr Les

Pictures Taken at the Saturday Evening District 23 Conference Dinner



Pictured to the left is Cdr Les Tribout, AP, and the Chief Commander's Representative, R/C Tom Dougherty, the keynote speaker.

Below, left, P/R/C/ Mary Jane Schnoor ,SN, happily receives her award for Co-op Charting from Tom Dougherty. P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN, received a Co-op Charting award also. They have done so much for CBPS and USPS.

Below center Cdr Les and P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN are showing the awards to photogra-

pher, Howard Bernbaum.

Seated below to the right are Dick and Jane having a relaxing buffet lunch at Holiday Inn .



Howard Bernbaum and Ted Edson also received awards for Co-op Charting. Howard accepted Ted's award in absentia .

When Ocala's Donnell Sullivan, AP, was awarded his 50 Year Pin and Certificate he received a big round of applause from those who attended. Space does not permit reporting the many other awards presented, but it is exciting to realize the efforts of so many members on behalf of the USPS.

Executive Officer's Report Lt/C Richard D. Fille, AP

It's Merit Mark time - the time when various committee and department heads look back at the year and ask themselves, "Who put in time on what squadron projects?" In order for you to get merit marks, the person in charge of that activity must have maintained excellent records or have the memory of a 10-year-old. Unfortunately, in this organization of volunteers, neither the records nor the memories are perfect and members who have contributed time may not receive their just credit.

One way to ensure that you get the proper credit is to maintain a record of your activities and let the various committee chairs and department heads know of your contributions. P/R/C Richard Schnoor, SN gave me a list of those involved in the VSC program and the hours involved by each person. Dick is an example of an outstanding record keeper. Some of the people had a few inspections, but not enough to qualify for a merit mark. Many of those people, however, contributed in other areas for the squadron. If the committee chairs in the other areas happen to omit the name of a particular member because the chair forgot about the member's participation, that member may not accumulate enough credit for a merit mark.

Although it is a little late, it's not too late to advise (remind) your committee chair or department head of your contributions for the year. Doing that may save embarrassment and ill feeling when the marks are awarded by National.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert W. Schaefer, S

"Can you hear me now?" is a popular marketing phrase of the wireless telephone people.

Our Squadron puts out the same message when promoting various activities of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. We have several upcoming events for which we hope our members will participate. They are arranged to get the members to get to know each other.

We have several new members and by participating in these activities they have the opportunity to meet our members and our members have the opportunity to meet and greet them as well as well.

Check the Soundings for the dates of all event, in particular, the Halloween party (reasonably priced) and the Christmas party which will be memorable. In the not so distant future, the Change of Watch will occur as the new Bridge is installed.

The Program chairman tries to provide interesting guests for the monthly meetings. Bridge meetings are business meetings and open to the members.

The annual auction is less than a month away. This is not only a nice social event but a money raiser for the Squadron, and an opportunity for you to pick up some badly needed nautical items for your boat, vessel or ship. So as a Commodore likes to say--"Heads Up" to these events. Or, sadly enough,

Membership Committee Report Lt Doris Valentine



Please add these names to the Roster

Johnny L. McCandress
906 Maplewood Court
Melbourne, FL. 32940
E/mail mcan@vol.com
Powerboat "Miss Ann" 24 ft.

Ann W. McCandress
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Hailing from Texas and Alabama they are genuine newcomers living in Fla. For only 3 months. They like to fish and cruise and keep their boat at Intra-coastal Marina in Melbourne. We are delighted to have them join our squadron. They want to go on cruise trips, overnight cruises, etc. and have filled out the membership questionnaire that they are willing to help out in social, boating, service and training capacities.

The following new members have received their certificate numbers:

Gordon deDeugd	E201290
Marie Elebash	E201293
Albert Elebash, Jr.	E201292
Robert E. Lawton	E201291

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SEO REPORT 1/Lt H. Bernbaum, SN, Asst. SEO "Chance favors only the prepared mind." Louis Pasteur

October turned out to be an active month for the education department. Seven students took their final exam in Weather. Instructor Development is in process and should complete the course this month. We started Sail and Seamanship classes with 10 students each. We also completed a Boat Smart class at Cape Canaveral Hospital with 25 students taking the exam. Some of these immediately joined the Squadron. Thanks to all the instructors, proctors, registrars and other helpers who assisted. Additionally, Lt John Mulkey, S, arranged for a Boat Smart presentation to the Sea Ray Boat Company at Sea Ray. There were 9 students with 7 taking the exam. We may even get a member or two out of this. Sea Ray has been very generous

to CBPS over the years and this course was presented gratis as a token of our appreciation. Frank Sebree, SN; Bob Schaefer, S; and Dick Fille, AP were the instructors. Thanks to all of them.

Now a few words on the down side. We attended the District 23 conference on the 4th, 5th, and 6th. There were many awards handed out but CBPS received none in education. Ocala walked away with almost everything, both in required and elective courses. Looking at the statistics, we were just behind them with one or two fewer students in each category. I hate being second and want to encourage all my fellow Squadron members to dust off their learning caps and start taking courses. Our offerings are great courses

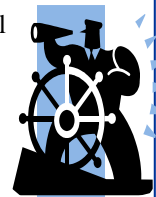
at bargain basement prices. By signing up you will enhance your boating knowledge, get to know more of your fellow Squadron members and get out of the house once a week.

Honor roll

We are delighted to recognize the following students for their achievement.

Lynne Scheffer has passed JN.
Gary Pell is now a Pilot.
Jim O'Malley passed Sail 101.

And George Hess is now a full certificate and can proudly display the initials SN after his name. Way to go,
P/C George Hess, SN



SAFETY NEWS REPORT

P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN

P/C Frank Murphy, AP, from the Titusville Squadron found the following information in the Navy League of the U.S., Aug. 2002 publication. Congress recently appropriated \$500 million to correct the problem the USCG has been having with communications with boaters. The program called National Distress and Response System Modernization project will replace today's single-channel analog radios, hand plotted status charts, and spotty coverage with "state-of-the-art" digital communications and computerized emergency locator.

A key weakness of the existing system is that CG radios can only handle one channel at a time. This means that, when a Coast Guard station uses the radio for other purposes, it can no longer monitor Channel 16 – the main emergency distress signal. The new system will automatically locate a vessel sending a distress call and provide a line of bearing, accurate within plus or minus 2 degrees from the receiving station to the vessel in distress. (This will narrow the search area to only 14 square miles at a range of 20 nautical miles.) If more than one station hears the distress message, the new system will provide multiple bearings and reduce the search area even more.

The new system will also be compatible with the newest maritime radios which are mandated to have DSC, Digital Selective Calling. DSC can provide an exact location through a link with a GPS system and broadcast

Contributing Members Important To Soundings

Our thanks to the following members who have generously contributed \$25 or more to cover some of the Soundings costs. May we include you among their ranks?

Ron and Agnes Bond, George and Genevieve Link, Dick and Penny Fille, Dick and Mary Jane Schnoor, Bob and Marilyn Flannigan, Frank and Jane Sebree, Ed and Helen Kydd, Marian Sweigert, and the members of the Silver Tridents.

CARE TO JOIN THEIR RANKS?
Send a check earmarked to the Soundings: Lt/C Michael Stone
155 Artemis Blvd. Merritt Island, FL 32953-3104.

SEA RAY OFFERS BOAT SMART CLASS TO EMPLOYEES

Lt. John Mulkey, S P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN, Lt/C Bob Schaefer, P and Lt/C Dick Fille, AP conducted a Boat Smart class for officers and employees of the Brunswick Boat Division at the Sykes Cove Plant of Sea Ray. There were 10 Sea Ray people involved, all of whom passed the course. Lt. Howard Bernbaum, SN assisted in grading the exams.

This class was the second in which we used our new teaching tools, a notebook computer, Microsoft Power Point and a LCD projector. All of the instructors like using the tools and the students found the presentation graphics to be outstanding.

After the class, the instructors, along with Lt. Trent Milliken, P, photographer, and Lt. Pat Andrews, S (public relations) toured the Sykes Creek plant. Lt John Mulkey, S, arranged to have the tour conducted at a later date for those members who have an interest in seeing the plant.



Lighthouse Trivia

Told by A Keeper

In the old days before lighthouses were built, signal fires were lighted on tops of hills so that the local mariners, could find their way home. The first great lighthouse was built at Alexandria, Egypt by the Ptolemaic kings in 280 B.C. It was 450 feet in height. This lighthouse was destroyed during an earthquake almost 1000 years later. The light was known as the Pharos lighthouse.

The first lighthouse in North America was built on Brewster Island in Boston Harbor in 1716. This lighthouse was destroyed by both Revolutionary and British forces during the Revolutionary War. This lighthouse which is called Boston Light was rebuilt in 1783.

The second lighthouse built in the United States was at the entrance to Nantucket Harbor in Massachusetts. It was a rather flimsy structure which was destroyed many times and was rebuilt many times by dedicated whalers and fishermen.

The third lighthouse in United States was Beavertail Light built in 1749. It was the entrance to Rhode Islands Narragansett Bay and like Boston Lighthouse, it was knocked out of operation during the Revolutionary War. In 1790 it was repaired and put back in Service.

The oldest lighthouse standing in the U.S. today is the Sandy Hook Lighthouse which was built in 1764 at the entrance to New York harbor. This lighthouse is located in New Jersey.

The United States has approximately 400 plus lighthouses—145 in the Northeast, 19 in the South, 82 in the West and approximately 183 on the Great Lakes. Michigan has the most lighthouses -119, plus whereas Vermont has only one.

A Keeper

Those who are members of The

Lighthouse Society are called Keepers. They assist in every way possible to aid in the restoration and preservation of America's lighthouses to continue researching the history of lighthouses, lightships, and related aids to navigation and to sustain a program whose purpose is to put concerned parties in touch with local restoration groups.

We Salute You!

In addition to the turkey, pumpkin pie and other delicious foods, they eat, many families write "gratitude journals." Each evening, you write down 5 things that you are grateful for that day. Thanksgiving day provides an opportunity to review these and share them with family and friends.

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more photographs
and creating more Squadron memories

----- CUT HERE ---- and give information to Lt Pam Johnson, S-----

The charge will be \$29.00 per person which PAM will collect. She will accept check/money at the Dec. 3rd general meeting or you can mail a check to Cocoa Beach Power Squadron to her home if you are unable to attend the meeting !!

Mail to Pam Johnson, 226 Bimini Road Cocoa Beach, FL Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Be prompt please - Pam needs a head count in order to finalize arrangements

Entrée choices: beef _____, Chicken _____, fish _____ See Menu, page

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YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR MATE'S NAME: _____

Coming Events

Monday, 04 November
CBPS AUCTION
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GREAT BARGAINS
 Comfort Inn: Cocoa Beach
 Time: 1900 'til



Tuesday, 05 November
 Meeting postponed. to 12th
 Election Day

Wednesday, 06 November
 Bloodmobile
 Time: 900 to 1100 hours
 Veterans Memorial Center

Tuesday, 12 November
 Veterans Memorial Center
 General Meeting Time: 1900—2100
 Speaker: Chuck Greenwood From
 BCC Planetarium

Tuesday, 26 November
 Executive Board Meeting
 Veterans Memorial Center 1900 hours

Sunday, 17 November
 Harvest Party Time: 1200—1400
 Veteran's Memorial Center

Tuesday, 03 December
 General Meeting Time: 1200-1400
 Veterans Memorial Center

05-08 DECEMBER
 Bahamas Cruise Aboard the Royal Caribbean Liner out of Port
 Canaveral,, Ed and Carolyn Bonnett
 have details
13 December
 Time: 1830 Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn
 35th Anniversary/holiday party

Tuesday, 24 December
 Executive Board Meeting
 Veterans Memorial Center 1900 hours

31 December
 USPS National New Year's Eve Party
 Rosen Center in Orlando (Same place as
 the USPS Annual Meeting)

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron

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04 November Is The Day

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1900 the time

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 call P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, Chairman, who will make
 arrangements for collection.



*You are cordially invited to the annual
 Power Squadron Harvest Party
 Sunday, November 17th
 at the Veterans Center 1200 to 1600 hours*

*The Power Squadron will provide the meat as it has in past years.
 Bring a dessert, casserole, or appetizer to share*



Menu for the Anniversary-Holiday Party

Tossed Salad with Ranch or Roasted Garlic Balsamic Dressing
 Choose One Plated Entree
 Roast Chicken Hunter's Style or
 10 oz New York Strip with Braised Wild Mushrooms or
 Grilled Salmon in a Potato Crust with Mushroom Cream Sauce Served on a
 bed of Sautéed Spinach
 Entree Appropriate Pasta, Rice or Potato
 Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
 Chef's Selection of Holiday Desserts

The First Thanksgiving in North America

The first formal celebration of Thanksgiving in North America was held by an English explorer, Martin Frobisher, who attempted to establish an English settlement on Baffin Island, after failing to discover a northern passage to the Orient in 1576. The Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock held their Thanksgiving in 1621 as a three day "thank you" celebration to the leaders of the Wampanoag Indian tribe and their families for teaching them the survival skills they needed to make it in the New World. It was their good fortune that the tradition of the Wampanoags was to treat visitors to their homes with a share of whatever food the family had, even if supplies were low. It was also an amazing stroke of luck that one of the Wampanoag, Tisquantum or Squanto, had become close friends with a British explorer, John Weymouth, and had learned the Pilgrims' language in his travels to England with Weymouth. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because it is universal to many cultures.

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An advertisement for Jon's Fine Jewelry. The ad is enclosed in a double-line blue border. At the top, there are four small blue icons: a windmill, a sailboat, a fish, and a seahorse. The main text reads "Jon's Fine Jewelry" in a large, elegant script font. Below this, it says "formerly T.A. Anderson GOLDSMITH" in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the address and phone number are listed: "215 Brevard Ave. Cocoa Village 631-0270". There are also two small blue icons at the bottom corners: a figure on the left and a figure on the right. At the very bottom, centered, is the name "JON C. MILLER, P" in a bold, sans-serif font.