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Highlights

Be sure to come to the Tuesday, o1 General meeting.



Bob Lay, Director of Emergency Management for Brevard County, our guest speaker will talk about

disaster plans in the event of major emergencieshurricanes, terrorism. This knowledge could save lives.



Like to be a kid again? Then save Friday, 25 October for the Halloween party at the Cocoa Beach Recreation Complex-Time: 1800-2200. \$5/person. Bring appetizer or dessert Beverages provided.

All Who Attended Agreed the Italian Dinner & Silent Auction Were **Great Fun**

The 03 September Italian Dinner, Auction, and General meeting was a great success. Social Events Chairman, Lt Pamela Johnson S, coordinated the dinner, The Coco-Nauts sponsored the silent auction, and Cdr Lester Tribout AP, conducted a very brief meeting.

Members contributed their favorite Italian recipes and the variety of delicious foods provided a repast better than that of any fine Italian restaurant.

Lt Carolyn Bonnett, SN and her co-workers, Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P Lt Doris Valentine, collected, stored, and culled through the donated items, and set the items up the night of the auction. Marian Sweigert AP helped with the setup and was the cashier for the evening. These ladies and Marge Balkema assembled a beautiful wine and cheese basket which was raffled off and won by the lucky Barbara (who provides refreshments at each meeting)and Gene Millner.

As members looked at items to be bid on and ate delicious food, the conversation and relaxed





Pictured Above: Eating and Enjoying! Below: Checking out auction items.





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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE Cdr. Lester Tribout, AP

It was not by accident or sheer dumb luck that the CBPS had highly qualified Bridge officers, chairmen, and appointees working for the Squadron. It was the result of a hard working nominating committee who selected capable, responsible people who worked together deciding issues and accomplishing Squadron projects.

There was an excellent line of communication and flow of correspondence which kept all of us informed and able to function efficiently throughout the year. We set-up/taught classes, researched new equipment to enhance our classrooms and meeting presentations, and we are presently in the process of purchasing a new projector, lap top computer, screen, programs, Software, etc. Once we have that equipment, we can set up a pilot program to use teaching classes and meeting presentations. It will give us the capability of moving about to different locations should the need arise.

The Bridge Officers embarked on upgrading Squadron equipment because of the new changes taking place at the National level in the Educational area; new software, programs, manuals, grading systems, etc. We soon realized this was the time to move and go "Hi-Tech". because of National changes in educational material. By upgrading our equipment we will gradually work them into our educational offerings.



Out thanks to our "hi-tech" members who work with and know how to implement the new <u>Power Point</u> programming that will meet our needs. We are fortunate to have this type of

talent in the Squadron.

We are in the process of putting the Soundings and Squadron schedules and events on our new web site for our members to access. Be sure to visit the web.

http://cbps.us

I have tried to demonstrate the importance of the job the nominating committee has in setting up a slate of officers and appointees for this next year. This year's Administration is only here for one year and it is very important that each newly elected Bridge officer, chairman, and committee person continues to carry on the work this Bridge has started.

When you are contacted by our nominating committee and asked to serve, please cooperate. It is important that you contribute your knowledge and talents to run the CBPS this coming year.

We are the leaders in D-23 in all categories and we want to retain our leadership.

Cdr Les

Executive Officer's Report

It is not officially in the domain of the Executive Officer to be involved in teaching materials and equipment for the Education Department. However, I am involved with a team of people to advance our tech capabilities in the course materials/teaching area.

In the current Boat Smart Course, P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN utilized his notebook computer attached to a projector and a Boat Smart CD developed by P/C Ken Guscott, JN of the Anna Maria Island Power Squadron. He felt comfortable with it and his presentation went smoothly. The graphics were excellent. P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, who will be teaching the third segment of Boat Smart felt that it is a good tool and is anxious to use it. Course Coordinator, Lt. John Mulkey, S feels that it is a viable teaching tool.

Armed with a solid approval from those involved in the course, I ordered an InFocus 530 projection unit and a Dell Notebook computer. We had received membership approval for this purchase, but I held off until we had

Lt/C Richard D. Fille, AP

favorable experience using the teaching materials in a computerized environment. We should receive our computer and projector around the 20th of September.

I've had conversations with members from other squadrons who utilize the computer/projection devices and find that many of them have several computers in their education department. They had success with one and have found it desirable to acquire more.

This means more money. Most of the squadrons have managed to do this through matching grants from local organizations. Lt. Gene Millner, AP has been searching avenues to approach potential grant providers in our area.

If any of you hear about education money available in your company or in local municipalities or organizations, call Gene and provide him with any information you have. Gene has been pursuing state and national groups such as Boat US.



ROSTER CHANGE: Richard (Rick)SN and Sandy Schoonmaker SN 235 Crockett Blvd. #10

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SEO REPORT

P/C Edward Bonnett SN

Well, it's September at last. Across the entire U.S. of A, people are returning to school. There's kindergarten, grade school, the high schools, colleges, adult education classes and our own USPS University of Advanced Nautical Studies. They're all aglow with these activities.

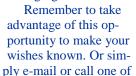
Here in CBPS, we have a wonderful course in weather knowledge nearing completion. We have a course in thought organization and speaker development (ID) about to start and we are organizing courses in both Seamanship and Sail, both of which teach a great deal about small boat handling in a safe and courteous fashion. Earlier this year we completed Piloting and Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation Courses.

With all this good news, one would think your Education Department would be satisfied to sit back and rest on its laurels. But we are never satisfied.

We look at the list of great courses that have not been taught recently. They are Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, and Navigation.

At each meeting, we have signup sheets asking for your interest, so that we can construct an education program that meets the desires of our membership. This information guides us in

selecting schedules and arranging instructors.



our officers and tell him/her what you'd like. We will then do our best to provide an appropriate opportunity.

Use the roster

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON MY WAY TO MY COMPUTER

My apologies to those whose reports may not have appeared in this month's Soundings. My computer crashed—not once-but twice- and I lost some e-mail. I managed to retrieve some of the messages.

This article was to have been the Bob Flanigan SN Report—a substitute for Lt Robert Schaefer S-but the e-mail didn't save. Sorry, Bobs.

Y our editor, R hoda

Social Events Report

Lt Pamela Johnson, S These are a few of the events being planned.

Halloween Party Saturday, 26 October from 1900-2200 at the Cocoa Beach Recreation Center. Costumes optional.

Harvest Party, Sunday November 17th at the Veteran's Center.

Christmas Party / 35 Anniversary of the Squadron being planned.

Coconauts Corner:

Lt Carolyn Bonnett, P

A big thanks to all who made contributions to our silent auction on September 3rd. Thanks especially to Marilyn Flanigan, Marion Sweigart, Doris Valentine and to Marge Balkema who put together the beautiful wine and cheese basket, Gene and Barbara Millner were the lucky winners.

Getting everything together took a little work, but it was well worth the effort as everyone seemed to have a great evening.

17 Coconauts met at the Lobster Shanty for the September 11th meeting. The October meeting place has not yet been decided upon.

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron has mourned the loss of two members in August 2002. We extend our condolence to Jenise Grames and family and Connie Cole and family.

Lt H. "Jack" Grames passed away on 26 August due to respiratory complications and pneumonia. Jack was a Charter Member, when Chief Commander Hugh Hutchings N issued the Charter on 6 November, 1967. Jack was an active member who earned 10 merit marks.

P/C David L. Cole SN passed away on 29 August 2002. David and wife Connie were members of the Rochester, NY Squadron, but were Merritt Island, Fl. residents. most of the time. While in Florida, David and Connie attended our social functions. David taught our Sail Classes for a number of years.

They will be missed by all of us.

Cdr Les

SAFETY REPORT

P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN

Many of us trailer our boats from time to time. The August 2002 issue of *GO BOATING* offers the following tips. In order to avoid a breakdown at the wrong time, it is imperative that the trailer has some regular maintenance. Make it a point to always check your trailer for rust. Damaged areas should be repaired immediately. Sand off and prime any rust spots you find to prevent further damage.

If you boat in salt water, as most of us do, the trailer should be flushed with fresh water after immersion. Special care should be taken around brakes, winches, tongue jacks and couplers, to slow corrosion and to fight salt buildup. Bearings should be lubricated with quality boat trailer bearing grease and re-packed before storage.

If water is present when adding grease to your bearings, shorten the interval between applications. Couplers should be lubricated and checked for snug fit around the hitch ball. To help the boat drain, store it with the trailer tongue slightly elevated and the drain plug removed.

Some of us keep our boats in the water and store our trailers for an occasional use. For this long-term storage, clean the trailer well with soap and water. Relax the winch and tie-down straps, and jack up and block the frame to relax the load on the tires and suspension.

One last point, do not forget to check the tires regularly for wear spots and for proper inflation pressure. Remember most trailer tires are small and must rotate many more times than your vehicle tires while on the road. Maintain a safe speed when trailering or you may find yourself on the side of the road with a flat tire. Also be sure you have a spare trailer tire and the appropriate jack with you just in case. As Tony Hamilton, AP is fond of saying to the Boating class, "People spend thousands of dollars to buy a boat and then look for a used trailer which may very well have been abused." Protect your investment with a quality trailer and keep it in good shape.



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Looking forward to activities In the months of Oct. and Nov.

Tuesday, 01 October

General Meeting Time: 1900@VMC **Veterans Memorial Center**

Speaker: Bob Lay, Director of **Emergency Management** Wednesday,02 October

Boat Smart Exam Time: 1900 Cape Canaveral

Monday, 07 October

Sail Course Time: 1900 **Veterans Memorial Center** Thursday, 10 October

Seamanship Time: 1900 @VMC

Saturday, 26 October

Halloween Party Time: 1800—2200 Cocoa Beach Recreation Center Costumes Optional \$5.00 / person

Monday, 04 November

Save that evening for the CBPS Auction. More details to come

Tuesday, 05 November

No Meeting. Election day Meeting postponed - Tues., 12v.

Wednesday, 06 November

Bloodmobile

Time: 900 to 1100 hours **Veterans Memorial Center**

Tuesday, 12 November

General meeting Time: 1900 Veterans Memorial Center

Sunday, 17 November

Harvest Party Time: 1200-1400 Veterans Memorial Center

SEAMANSHIP

Seamanship is the first of 11 courses leading to a full certificate. This is one of the first courses a new member should take as it provides a general background of knowledge for all the other courses. In addition it provides a good overview of what boating is all about. The novice boater sometimes finds himself in situations for which he not prepared. While a course in Seamanship may not provide hands on experience, it does discuss many of the situations encountered on the water and points out the best manner in which to cope with them.

The student will learn a little marlinspike and become adept at tying the most common knots used in small boat handling. The course covers types of boats and propulsion systems, hull design and construction, equipment, and regulations appertaining. Boat handling in normal and adverse conditions, docking, and trailering are discussed. Basic piloting and the lateral buoyage system are covered. Other topics include Anchors and anchoring, stranding, towing, damage control, and rescue. The course additionally covers, fire prevention and control, lay-up, fitting out, and repairs. The subjects of flags and pennants as well as uniforms are discussed and last but not least, the course teaches the fundamentals of Rules of the Road. If you have not taken the course, now is the time. Seamanship begins on October 10 so please sign up now. For more information contact Ed Bonnett, SN

784-9366 or Howard Bernbaum, SN

452-0320.

Bob Lay, Director of Emergency Management for Brevard County, Guest Speaker

Our October guest speaker will be Bob Lay who is the director of Emergency Management for Brevard County. He will discuss just what to do in the event of a terrorist strike or a hurricane disaster. Of course we already know the hurricane drill (don't we?), but before we get too complacent a refresher wouldn't hurt and can alleviate some of these fears through education (knowing what to do) and supporting local government efforts to help protect us.

What to do about terrorist strikes is something else. We can all use information to help us through that disaster. Unfortunately it could happen.

Mr. Lay 's topic is timely and important. Please attend.

Lt. Mark Anderson, AP

Seven to Attend District Fall Conference

Cdr Lester R. Tribout AP Has submitted the following names to the District 23 Secretary as delegates representing the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron at the O4-O6 October District Fall Conference in Daytona Beach.

> P/C Ed Kydd,SN P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree, SN P/C Larry Hatfield.SN P/C Ed Bonnett.SN Lt/C Dick Fille.AP 1/Lt Howard Bernbuam, SN P/D/C Fred Adame.SN

Saturday, 26 October

Halloween Party Time: 1800—2200

Cocoa Beach Recreation Center

Costumes Optional \$5.00 / person Beer, wine soft drinks included. Please bring appetizers or dessert.

Y'all come. It should be fun.



SAIL

The Sail Course is taught in two modules, Sail 101 BASIC SAIL and Sail 102 ADVANCED **SAIL**

In ADVANCED SAIL topics include wind forces, stability, balance, sail shape, tuning the rig, steering and helmsmanship, spinnaker handling, heavy weather sailing, storm conditions, sailing safety, sailboat racing and race management, and lastly, a very thorough coverage of Navigation Rules II.

We have found that everybody who has taken the Sail course has not only learned a great deal but has thoroughly enjoyed the course. Most power boaters who have taken Sail come out with a better understanding of their sailing cousins and a better appreciation of their own boats.

The Sail Class will start October 7, Monday 1900 to 2100 hours at the Vet Center. Call Ed Bonnett, SN 784-9366 or Howard Bernbaum, SN 452-0320.

THE COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON AUCTION IS BEING PLANNED

04 NOVEMBER IS THE DAY, COMFORT INN THE PLACE

The auction is the Squadron's only fund raiser. The proceeds will be used for the CBPS Boating and Safety Education Programs.

The auction requires many willing hands to help gather items to be auctioned, to organize the items, and to handle the many different tasks necessary

to accomplish the success of this major undertaking.

P/D/Lt/C Frank Sebree SN, chairman, welcomes your help, articles for donation or answering any questions you may have. Please call him at 452-8375.

Thank you so much

Many people will walk in and out of your life but there are those special people who really give of themselves. They donate their blood benefiting the Squadron and the community. Those special people deserve recognition for their deeds.

A CBPS salute to:

David Whaley, Paul Pfadenhauer, George Link, Barbara Milllner, Pam Johnson, Larry R. Johnson, Pat Clay, John Lynn, Frank Sebree, Bob Flanigan, Joe Auchter, Howard Bernbaum, and Ed Kydd.

The Bloodmobile will be at the VMC - 06 November, 0900-1100

How about becoming a donor?

Battle of the Bilge - Boat Maintenance

The first half of this article appeared in last month's Soundings. This is the continuation.

Limber Holes:

Limber holes are found in the ribs or partitions in the bilge which allow water to pass through them and flow to the lowest bilge points usually where the bilge pump is located. This allows the water to be pumped out either automatically or manually. You should keep these holes clear of residue to prevent blocking the water flow. Many boats will have a light chain running through the limber holes which allows you to pull it back and forth to dislodge any foreign matter.

Engine Oil:

Most newer model boats have drip pans installed under the engines to prevent oil from dripping directly into the bilge. Whether you have drip pans or not it is a good idea to put absorbent pads under the engines. They not only absorb the oil that could drip but provide a quick way to find leaks. Each time you do an engine check, which should be each time prior to starting, check the pad to see if any new oil spots have appeared. If so, try to track down the source immediately.

What to look for:

You should inspect the bilge and its surroundings with a flashlight at least once a month. Look for the following: Lift up the float switch on your electric bilge pump to make sure it turns on the pump automatically.

If you find unusual amounts of water, be sure to track down the source.

Check all through-hull openings and fittings.

Make sure that all fittings below the waterline have double hose clamps.

Check the seacocks to make sure that you can turn them off. You could sink your boat if a hose comes loose from a seacock and you can't stop the flow of water because the valve is corroded.

Look for corrosion and rust.

Check for unusual growth or mildew.

Check all pipes, hoses and clamps.

Check limber holes.

Don't Pollute:

Remember that it is illegal to pump oily discharge overboard. If you find oil in your bilge water, turn off the bilge pump and find an alternative way of disposing of the oily water. Don't think just because there is only a little bit of oil it is okay. The test for illegal pollution is simply a "visible sheen" on the water.

Related Articles:

Clean Boating - Do Your Part - Natural Cleaning Product Alternatives Boating Courses, Boating Tips, Boating Contest, Safety Links, Ship's Store, Contact BoatSafe.com

WHY CAN'T WOMEN BE MORE LIKE MEN?

While watching a recent rerun of My Fair Lady, Henry Higgins annoyed me with his song, "Why can¹t a woman be more like a man?" After all, who would want the beautiful Audry Hepburn to be more like a man? But that song reminded me of an occasion when I had a similar thought.

Helen and I had sailed across Lake Okeechobee in our 26 foot sailboat Happy and after running down the Caloosahatchee River, we had spent an interesting few days at the Municipal Marina in Fort Meyers, during which time we picked up our mail, visited the Ford and Edison winter homes and watched the Fort Meyers Parade of Lights which included several excellent High School marching bands. We had met some nice cruising couples and enjoyed visiting back and forth.

By now we had spent more than we could afford on marinas and it was time to move on. So after breakfast we cast off and were on our way. That afternoon we anchored off Cape Coral, stowed lines and sails properly, and were relaxing in the cockpit when one of the couples we had met in the Fort Meyers marina dropped anchor near by. It was nearing cocktail hour so I climbed into the dinghy and rowed to their boat and invited them to join us for drinks to help celebrate Helen¹s birthday. The skipper thought it was a

good idea and was all set but his mate said, "No". She couldn't come right away. She wouldn't be ready until five o'clock.

I wondered what was wrong with her. After all, drinks are drinks and what sailor, male or female, in his right mind is going to turn down an opportunity for a free one, regardless of the hour. However, it was Helen¹s birthday and I didn¹t want to disappoint her, so I reluctantly said "OK. Come when you are ready." and back I rowed to Happy muttering under my breath, "Why can¹t women be more like men?"

Back aboard, we busied ourselves doing some of the things that always need doing on a live aboard boat until we saw our friends get into their tender and head our way. I helped the skipper tie up along side us and after he helped his mate aboard he handed a brown bag to me. It contained a small, freshly made birthday cake, complete with a candle, which she had baked while I was mumbling and muttering about why women--well, never mind. You know, maybe it's a good thing. It was a nice birthday party and I decided then and there maybe women shouldn't be more like men.

P/C Edward M. Kydd, SN

A Reminder

USPS District 23 invites you to attend a picnic featuring a buffet for \$12.00. There'll be games, food, and fun. This will take place at Lake Beresford Yacht Club on October 19.

For reservations, cut and mail to: Lt/C Jim Chamberlin, 131 E. Highbanks Rd., DeBary, Fl 32713

Last Name		
Home PhoneAddress Zip	City _	State
Number attending times \$12.00 =	= Total	_
Check AmountUSPS DISTRICT 23/PICNIC		_ Make check payable to
Payment due by October 10, 200 Ck. Interested: Poker Run If you and guests plan to eat dinner.		
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The family of H. Jack Grames (Jenise, Jennifer and Andy) thank the entire Cocoa Beach Power Squadron for their support at the memorial service for Jack, and their continued sensitivities to our many needs. Such understanding and reliability are part of the bonds of the Power Squadron.

"Crossing the Bar" was made special by Ed Kydd.. Commander Les Tribout and his wife willingly took over coordination. Bob Peterson's advice to get involved with Coconauts will be heeded. Look for obit. in Dec. Ensign and save a copy for us. Andy needs a copy. Jenny wants to try to keep the Jendy, 26- Pearson Ariel. She will need your help. Everyone should have such a support group. Thanks!

Jenise

It was just learned that Paul Koontz, P died this past weekend. Paul had been in a nursing home for some time. His wife, Barbara, is a member of the Coco-Nauts. Arrangements are not complete at this time. Condolences may be directed to Barbara at 420 Monitor St., Merritt Island, FL 32952. The phone number is 452-4770.

D/23 Fall Conference Why not take a drive to Holiday Inn, Daytona Beach Shores and register with the USPS Squadron?

For meal arrangements contact P/C Linda Allen SN 2021 Waterford Est. Drive , New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 For details see August Soundings hard copy or on the web: http://cbps.us

DIRECTIONS TO LAKE BERESFORD YACHT CLUB

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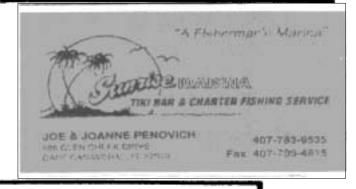
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