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### General Meeting

**Tuesday 01, September 2009 @1900**  
**Brevard Veteran's Center**  
**400 Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island**

### Monthly Event

The evening will start off at 1800, with the ever popular "Italian Night". Everyone brings their favorite Italian dish to share with others to this event. The cost is \$5 per person to offset expenses for beverages, utensils, paper & decorating products. The Coco-Nauts will also be having a fund raising silent auction. Mark your calendar for this event and don't forget your \$\$\$'s or checkbook to help the auxillary.

### Attention on Deck

Bring your camera" to Oktoberfest for a photo opportunity, "Dancing with Frauline El Frieda & Herr Gustaf!" Oompa Pa Band, Polka Dancing, Great German food and beer, and more!

Please get your hotel reservations made by 28 Aug. to avoid paying 11% tax. This will be a busy week-end, as Cocoa Beach is having an air-show.



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like to submit...

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# AT THE HELM

**Commander Lance H. VandeBerg, P**



Lt Joe Auchter, JN, has been storing one of the cardboard boats at his house and asked if anyone has room for it. He does not have room to keep it. A lot of work went into making this boat and we might want to use it next year for the race.

The finance committee met on July 23 for a midyear budget review and reduced the estimated budget by \$2500 for the year.

A planning meeting was held on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans center. We are still seeking donations for the fall conference of wine & spirits and door prizes. Remember to book your room prior to August 28<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the discount price.

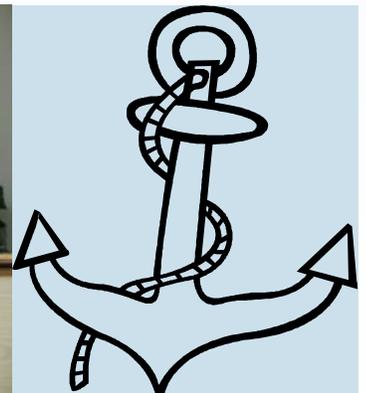
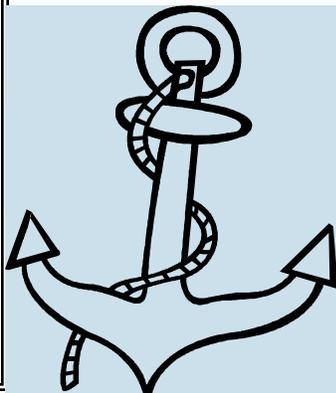
The squadron held a fundraising picnic at Lee Wenner Park on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the D23 district conference. I can't tell you how many attended or even if we had a good time because I'm writing this before the event.

The annual USPS Governing board meeting is being held in Kansas City on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> of September. There are 15 members attending from D23.

Another vessel safety inspection event has been scheduled for September 12 at Kelly Park and Lee Wenner Park. Anyone wanting to help should contact Kermit or Charlie.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer.

Guest speaker for our general meeting 08 Aug. '09, Steve Moon, Admiralty Attorney from BRSPS



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**P/C Kermit Forbes, P**



**Here we are in early September and we have been blessed with 8 months of good boating weather. The only activity for July, is associated with Vessel Safety Checks. We had a very successful 25 July, with 30+ vessel safety checks bringing us to a total of 154+ for the year. We are planning another VSC to be held September 12 from 0800-1200 at Lee Wenner and Kelly Parks. We need help, so please mark this date on your calendar and call Charlie Dodds or myself with your intent.**

## **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN**



**I hope you are all having a great summer with lots of boating activities wherever you are. I will only be back to Florida in the second half of August when I can renew my Squadron activities.**

**In the meantime, don't forget to highlight your calendars for our September Italian Night when I hope to see you all again.**

**Till then Happy and Safe Sailing**

## **Assistant SEO**

**P/C John F. Mulkey, P**



**Summer in Florida, snowbirds are gone and members are on vacation. Things slow down. The same has been true in the Education Department. We have been working on setting up a class for Advanced Piloting and there is also a new Weather Course we would like to do after the first of the year. Anyone interested in taking either or both of these courses should contact our SEO Paul Ragusa.**

**We will not be having a Fall Public Boating Course. These classes have been so small the last two years that it has hardly been worth it. The class has involved a lot of work from many people and we have signed up no new members for all the effort.**

**One program we would like to start is a Summer Boating Course for kids ages 9 to 17. Banana River has been doing this in cooperation with the Satellite Beach Recreation Dept. for some time. I was invited to attend their last class and I was very impressed by the attendance. I believe they had 55 kids at that class. It is a great service to the community and I am hopeful that we will be as successful. If anyone knows a contact with a recreation department in our area, please let me know.**

## Secretary

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Welcome back to those returning from your summer trips. Hope you all had a great summer whatever you did. Bob and I had a wonderful trip to New Brunswick, Canada. It was so cool up there, that we had to wear warm jackets on most days.

There will still be some of you who will be receiving “The Soundings” by mail, as you requested, or because you do not have an email address. If at anytime you do get an email address, please notify me ASAP so I can remove your name from the mailing list.

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## Common Sense PFDs --- Inflatables

By P/D/C Dick Leatherman, SN

In July 2009 representatives of Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and US Sailing attended a one day Boating Safety and Education Instructor Workshop hosted by the Division of Law Enforcement, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Although the seminar covered a multitude of topics, the main emphasis throughout the day was on the importance of wearing an inflatable PFD. It was acknowledged that in Florida’s tropical climate, most boaters find the old style non inflatable PFDs uncomfortable and, thus, neglect to wear them. However, there are several designs of inflatable PFDs now available which can be worn with a minimum of discomfort. Five different styles of these inflatable PFDs were “ignited” by the attendee-volunteers as a demonstration during the session.

Upon a review of accident reports regarding circumstances of death, the following facts became apparent:

The majority of deaths were UNEXPECTED OCCURRENCES, caused by DROWNING; most victims were age 36 to 50 and were EXPERIENCED boaters. The accidents occurred in GOOD WEATHER and in CALM WATER. The really sad result is that most of these deaths could have been avoided had the victim been wearing a PFD!

Common sense leads to the conclusion that all boaters should wear an inflatable PFD regardless of age, body of water size or weather.



## **Galaxy 23**

### **D/Lt/C J. David Hixenbaugh, JN**

#### **Treasurer**

At a recent public Safe Boating Class, each of the Squadron Bridge members were asked to say a few words about why they joined and remained as a member of the Power Squadron. You've heard the analogy before, but I likened the attraction of USPS to the three legs of a stool in which all legs play a strong role lest the stool topple over. The three legs are Civic Involvement (Vessel Inspections, Co-op Charting, Community Clean-ups, Public Boating Classes and Seminars etc.), Education (Advanced Classes, Seminars, Guest Speakers at General Meetings, Certification Programs etc.) and Social (Rendezvous on the water, Fishing Tournaments, Cookouts on land and sea, Monthly Dining Outs etc.). All three legs play an important part in attracting new members and retaining current ones. Not all people are attracted to all three legs and some are attracted much more to one than another. The key to success is that we must recognize the broad and diverse reasons that attract people to our group and ensure that all three legs remain sturdy and level through constant maintenance and attention.

That being said, my main mission this month is to thank all of you who have already renewed your membership in a timely manner! Your actions will help keep the stool on a solid footing and will give us the resources necessary to fund our Educational, Civic and Social endeavors. You don't have to be the Treasurer to realize that your tax-deductible dues is our primary source of revenue and without it we would cease to exist.

Let me spend a minute and discuss membership renewals in general. All of us who have been on the Bridge know the drill - look at the listing of those members who are late in renewing and assign someone to give them a call. This is great. USPS surveys have shown that the number one reason that people leave the organization is not that they are unhappy with the group or angry about something but because they forgot! So keep up the traditional method of friendly reminders - we are bombarded with mail and other forms of communication and a call will correct a large percentage of late renewals.

But the larger and more daunting challenge is how to get through to that part of the population who is no longer engaged in our organization. We must all step up our efforts to build personal relationships with all of our members. We need to get them to our meetings by having interesting programs and speakers. We need to send out letters to encourage them to take that next class. We need to ask them to be on that committee, to host that function, to teach that seminar, to supply that snack.

The survey I previously mentioned showed that if someone is a member of an active squadron or is on a committee or has attended the annual meeting or district conference will in all likelihood renew their membership without even being reminded. These people shouldn't just be "renewals", they should be our friends. We shouldn't be calling them once a year, we should be calling about joining us at the next class, meeting, party. To me, the United States Power Squadron is not a national organization - it's a group of my closest friends who all decided to wear the same outfit. Let's treat member retention that way - holding onto our friends.



## **Galaxy 23**

### **D/C Robert E. Becker, N**

### **Commander**

Summer is half over and before we know it, fall will be here. Fall is usually the time most squadrons start their Squadron Boating classes for the public as well as Advanced and Elective courses for the membership. Surveys through the years have indicated that most join the USPS for additional education. Let's insure that your squadron not only takes care of the public, but our own members as well. Now is the time to advertise the courses you have set up for the fall. Phone calls, emails and word of mouth will remind your members about the courses you will be offering. And of course advertising and public relations will hopefully get the public into the Boating course.

And speaking of the fall, it is also time to be promoting our D 23 Fall Conference to be held on 2-4 October and hosted by Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn on the beach. Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron has been going all out to make this an enjoyable and interesting conference. October finds the weather about the best here in Florida and with the hotel on the beach, well what a chance to bring the family and make it a mini vacation! And I have been told that while the conference theme is October Fest, you do not have to be German to attend!

We have arranged not to have breakout rooms on Saturday. Instead, what with the several major proposed USPS changes to be voted on at the September Governing Board, we plan to hold an "all hands" meeting from 0900-1000. A panel of USPS National & District officers will explain the changes voted on at the GB and answer questions. So be sure and have as many of your individual squadron officers, committee people and members attend the Saturday morning session. Following the panel meeting we will have at least two guest speakers speaking on maritime related subjects.

I have been informed that there will be at least 12 D 23 members attending the Fall Governing Board meeting in Kansas City. The meeting promises to be an interesting meeting due to the several proposed changes to be voted upon. The major issue will be the selling of USPS Educational course material to the public through bookstores. This has been discussed both at D 23 and squadron levels and I will vote on this issue as you have directed. Again, be sure to have as many of your squadron members & officers attend the D 23 Conference panel to hear about the changes voted on.

And last, but not least, hopefully you are keeping on top of your squadron's nominating committee for proposed nominees for your Change of Watch. Careful consideration should be given to nominees to insure a continued flow of leadership and management practices. While your squadron is still a voluntary organization it also must be remembered that it is in fact a business and you want the best running the organization.

Have a safe and sane remainder of the summer.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

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

### August

- 25 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 29 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

### September

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veterans Ctr. & Italian Night  
(dinner starting at 1800)
- 09 - Wednesday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Brown Bag Luncheon Meeting- Cocoa Beach Library
- 10 - 13 USPS Governing Board - Kansas City
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library
- 26 - Saturday, Boating Activity TBA

### October

- 2-4 D23 Fall Conference– Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn, Hosted by CBSPS
- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting– Brevard Veterans Center
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon Meeting, St. Davids by the Sea  
Episcopal Church, Cocoa Beach
- 24 - Boating Activity TBA
- 27 - Tuesday, 1830 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

### November

- 06 - Friday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Ctr.
- 11 - Wednesday, Coco-nauts Meeting/Luncheon - Merritt Island Moose Club

### **Note:**

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

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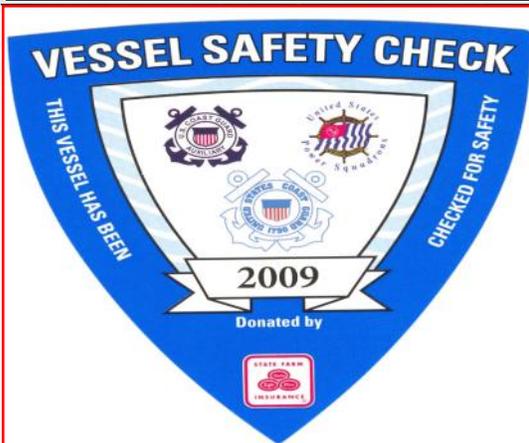
## **CBSPS Picnic 15 August '09 Lee Wenner Park - Cocoa, FL**



additional photos from this event may be found on pg. 14

### **BLOOD DONATION**

*The next blood donation will be on 14 October 0900 at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!*



# ***CBSPS ITALIAN NIGHT & COCO-NAUTS SILENT AUCTION***

*Prior to General Meeting 1 September 2009  
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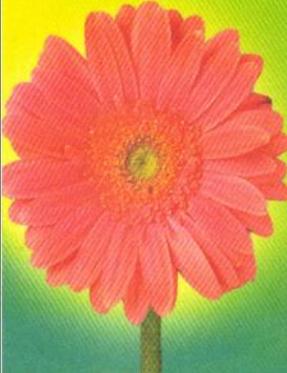
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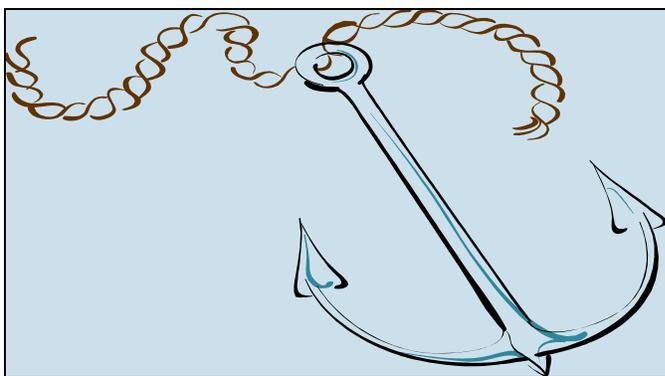


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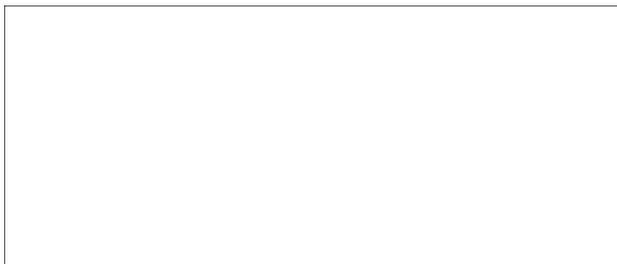
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