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SOUNDINGS DEADLINE: THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit... E:Mail an <u>Attachment</u> to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

AT THE HELM

Cmdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P



Our speaker for the August general meeting was the current commanding officer for the Coast Guard Station at Port Canaveral, Charles Perry. He gave us an informative overview of his responsibilities and activities at the Port and the vessels under his command.

Our Italian night dinner on September 4th was a great success with lots of food and social interaction. We had about 55 people attending along with some of our new members and guests. Big thanks to Jay and Donna and Doris for their organizing this event.

This year's annual USPS Governing Board will be held in Detroit, Michigan on September 6th - 8th. Executive Officer for D23, Timothy Henke, JN will be attending this conference and representing our Squadrons.

At last months general meeting we had several new members stand up and be sworn in to our squadron by reciting the USPS pledge. We welcome all these new members and hope they will become actively involved in our squadron.

The next USPS District 23 fall conference will be in Daytona Beach on October $5^{\text{th}} - 7^{\text{th}}$. Reservation can be made at the Holiday Inn LPGA for those planning on attending this event.

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Merritt Island Library on Sept 27th.

Speaker for the October 2nd meeting will be Scott Jackson, a financial advisor with Edward Jones. Scott has spoke with us before and gives a good presentation on the state of the economy.



Chief Warrant Officer, Charles Perry, of the US Coast Card, left. Speaker at the August 2012 membership meeting.

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



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

The Public Relations Officer's Committee continues to pursue various publications and other means of communication, along with new enhancements to our Website, to provide timely CBSPS informational releases and related items of interest to the membership and the community. If any member has any suggestions/recommendations as to how we can be more efficient & effective in getting the 'WORD OUT" about the many activities, etc., that the Squadron offers to ensure safe boating throughout our community, please contact Lt Lou Harlow, AP.

The Squadron's Executive Board has approved the request to purchase a new booth to replace the existing broken and worn one, and in the process also added four chairs to compliment same. Lt George Guerrero, S has performed the research and identified a very economical, but more suitable and usable one. Thanks George. Upon receipt, I'm sure he will verify its quality state when using his "Q" checklist, as well as performing a set-up & breakdown demonstration while being blindfolded.

P/C Kermit Forbes, P continues with his team of 'certified examiners' to continuously look for and take advantage of opportunities to promote and provide the free services of performing Vessel Safety Check for any person(s). We all appreciate their efforts in providing this important safe boating initiative for the community at large. If you have an interest, and are looking for some way of assisting in one of the many Squadron initiatives, please contact Kermit and be available to attend the next VSC Certified Examiner course.

Now that summer is phasing into fall, we will be starting off with our annual Italian Nite, followed by D23 Conference, ABC Boating course, Halloween Party, Harvest Party, Coco-Nauts Fundraiser and Holiday Luncheon, and Holiday Dinner Dance. Please plan to attend all, or as many as you can. Support your squadron!

New members that were sworn In at the August 2012 meeting.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C Robert Rutigliano, P



At the July general membership meeting I presented the Burgee and Power Squadron Ensign display to the membership for use at Squadron events. It was brought to the Boards attention by a few of our members that the display was not correct. So after doing some research into the problem, the display was modified to meet the specs, in the Operations Manual. It will be in our storage unit for all future picnics and other events where we would display our colors.

The August 18th District 23 Victory Casino Cruise was enjoyable. 6 out of 9 Squadrons were represented with a total of 35 members attending. 8 members from our Squadron participated. Some members got a chance to meet the Captain and tour the bridge. To spite the rain, we all had a good time. Besides, a bad day on the water is always better then a good day at work.

Our August 11th cruise to Grills restaurant on the Indian river was a great time. 5 boats and 26 members and guests took part. Again the weather tried to put a damper on the fun but didn't succeed. It was a great turn out. We also got the opportunity to demonstrate C.B.S.P.S. willingness to help fellow boaters in distress. There was a boat taking on water at the dock and we jumped in and bailed it out while the owner was located. There is the story of the vanishing wrist watch but we can discuss that later. Operations Training class was held on September 8th at Cape Canaveral Hospital. Eight members took the class. Lunch was provided.

I have scheduled an Orientation class for all new members on Saturday, September 29th at P/C Kermit Forbes home. The address is 1710 Reef Court, M.I. Time is 1300 to 1500. All new members are urged to attend. If you missed the sign up sheet at Italian Nights, call me at 514-0753 to get your name on the list. Our next on the water event is the September 22nd raft up just west of the Sunset Café in the Banana River to watch the Air Show.

We are attempting to come up with a simple format for the member sign in sheet for the monthly meeting that will be easy to update and help the Secretary to get an accurate count for the quorum and the minutes as well as help the Member Involvement Committee to determine which members to call. At Italian Nights the new format was introduced. Members need only to locate their name on the list and initial to the left of their name.

There is a combined Squadron First Aid class at Wuesthoff Hospital on October 20th hosted by Titusville Squadron. This is a great opportunity for new members to gain some valuable information as well as old members to brush up on the latest techniques. There is no cost for this class. Those interested who have not signed up should call Lt/C Dave Haslam AP at 321-613-5126 to sign up. Dave is the Titusville Squadron Administrative Officer.

See you on the water.

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SEO Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN

"220 in 2020" Goal CBSPS has 10 new Members from our latest ABC3 class. We started with 12 students: 6 from Internet, 3 from Flyers, 2 from Tent Event. Those new Members have 4 boats and have requested a VSC. Thanks to Sandy and Rick Schoonmaker, SN, Susan Kneeland, SN, Fred Adame, SN, Marian Sweigart, AP & Bob Rutigliano, P for their direct help. Thanks to Lance Vande-Berg, P, Jay Longway, P & Bob Rutigliano, P for distributing the Flyers, to the PR guys for advertising & to John Mulkey for answering our many questions before and after his operation. We will try again for the October 13 & 20 class to make it as successful. Come and join us in this gratifying effort to build up to our goal of "220 in 2020".

Member classes:

N – 4 students passed the exam and their sight folders were sent for grading. Cruise Planning: 7 students passed the course. Congratulations! Weather starts Monday Sept 10 with Win Crawford, JN. 18 students registered. Seamanship starts Thursday Sept 13 with Adrienne Goldstein, JN. 8 students registered.

Education Proficiency Award:

The EXEC Board has passed a motion to recognize those CBSPS Members who achieve AP + 3 Electives. They will receive an Award at the COW.

The new CBSPS Brochures, approved by EXEC Board in June, has been printed.

SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

By now everyone should have had a chance to view the new Roster Membership List. If you have not taken the time to check it out, for any errors or changes that may need to be corrected in your information, I suggest you do it now. If you do have something that is incorrect and needs to be changed, <u>YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SECRETARY at 452-4602</u>. If she is not notified, it will not get corrected in DB2000 and you will miss all the updated events.

<u>For those of you who do not have a computer</u>, to print your own copy of the Roster, a one- time copy will be made for you that you can pick-up at the General Meeting. If you cannot attend a General Meeting for any reason, <u>please call me</u>, and one will be sent to you by U.S Mail. (For confidential reasons the roster is not on our website).

We try very hard to keep our membership informed of what is going on, but we do need <u>your help</u> to keep our records correct. That means addresses, if the Sounding is mailed to you, emails if you get info that the Soundings is online or other email reports from P/L/C Brian Grigsby, SN, online. If you do not attend the General Meetings, the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm, The Soundings/or email is the only way we have to let you know what is going on.

So, it's up to you. If you have changes or corrections, let me know.



GALAXY D23 NEWSLETTER September 2012

D/C Abe Cahill, SN

Soon after I started my second term as district commander, I had to participate in a somber event; the disbanding of the Ocala squadron. Although I once again enjoyed the company of many long-time friends, the thought that this would be the last official gathering of these members as a squadron, dampened the party spirit to some extent. There was still good food and games as well as the resurrection of the names of members of long ago, just for the occasion. After all the good times, when the colors were furled and cased for the last time, I could see that many were sporting damp eyelashes.

As I witnessed this event, I remembered that not long ago two other squadrons, Seminole and Orlando, merged to form the Central Florida squadron in an effort to preserve the membership of both. I wondered how two squadrons that I have been associated with through district functions for almost thirty years could wither and disappear. After searching my memory for clues, I took a look at the squadron rosters and the DB-2000. A possible for the demise jumped out at me; <u>burn-out</u>.

It seemed clear that the same names kept showing up over and over again. These members who are, or are soon to be, life members, were serving for the third, fourth, and fifth times as commander or other bridge positions. Others were filling multiple positions during the same year. As dedicated as these long time members may be, they can't keep filling these roles indefinitely. Is the fix going to be easy? No! It will require the stalwarts to continue to give their time and effort as they always have. They should take on a new member or sometimes involved member as a personal project and groom them for the bridge, committee chair, or any other position that may need to be filled. Many will say, "We are already doing this." Probably so, but there will now be a difference. You will be training your relief. This gives the trainer a point of focus and the trainee has someone with a dedicated interest in his or her accomplishments.

One of the projects coming up at the fall conference in October is the Teaching Aids Competition. All squadrons are encouraged to submit teaching aids for judging. The "Best of Show" will be going to the annual meeting where the best teaching aids in USPS will be selected.

Commanders are also reminded to refer to the D-23 Awards Manual and submit recommendations to P/R/C Mike Scallan SN by the due date.

Yours in safe boating

Abe



2012 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

September

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22 - Saturday, 1300 Cruise & Raft-up, Spoil Island, N of 528 bridge
27 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

<u>October</u>

- 02 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island, Fl
- ^{*} 05 7, Friday Sunday, D23 Conference, Daytona, FL
- 10 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts luncheon, Island Tiki Grill, Merritt Island
- 13 & 20 ABC3 class at Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 20 Saturday, 1200 Rendezvous at Sunset Café on Banana River
- 25 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- ²⁷ Saturday, 1800 Squadron Halloween party, Cocoa Village Marina

November

- 11 Sunday, 1400 Harvest Party Board of Realtors Association
- 13 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island
- ^{*} 14 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Meeting, TBD
- * 18 Saturday, 1300 Cruise to Samson Island Park on Grand Canal
- 29 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

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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Al Pappas "Blue Skies" at Grills



Bob Shapo's boat & Bob Rutigliano's







Raft-up at Dragon's Point Where is everyone?



Hey, It's a "Convoy" Duane follows Bob

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 19 September @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



BOATING REPORT, by P/C Duane L. Balkema AP (combined September/October)

Our next event on September 22, 2012 at 12 Noon, Saturday is to Cruise/Raft-up & Watch Cocoa Beach Airshow, south of Sunset Café (Just south of Highway 520 in Cocoa Beach). Call for details on 452-5892. The aircraft are noisy and low.

Our July 21st "Cruise to and Overnight at Dragon Point" went very well and was exciting with 4 overnight boats and a 5th for the afternoon. The Blank Check Captained by Bob Rutigliano & Ron Dunbar, Have Knots Captained by Cliff & Diane Shommer, Prime Time Captained by Duane & Marge Balkema, and Wave Dancer Captained by Bob & Mary Beth Mittauer all were anchored and rafted-up by 3:30 PM. Playing Hookey Captained by John & our daughter Jill rafted up with us for 3 hours and joined the activities including swimming in the cooling waters. They left, nightfall came, we all ate well, did some more socializing on the back of "Blank Check", and finally went to bed. When in bed, sleeping out in the open, Margie and I could reach over the gunnels and touch the river waters. The next morning we unhooked from the raft-up and left early as everyone was still sleeping. Margie and I headed south and east around Dragon Point, then back north through Mathers Bridge. No wind, it was as quiet as could be as we idled among the boats then powered north to Pineda Bridge. I slowed going under the bridge and then back up to 2000 RPM when I noticed a slight engine lag. I pushed the throttle up a bit as I scanned the gauges. Ugh, the Temperature is OK but Oil Pressure is gone. Quickly I shut it down, but the engine locked up. I opened the engine hatch and saw a broken power steering belt lying in a pool of engine oil. <<A weeks later with the engine out via my shade tree and hoist, we found the steel oil pan rusted thru>> Shutting the engine hatch I got out the cell phone and called Boat US Tow. They said, "Be there in one hour." It was 65 minutes and our hero arrived and got us under tow. "Have Knots" had a minor belt problem as well Bob told me. Aw, its just boats... Two weeks later, engine on the engine stand, I removed the Oil Pan then #1 Main Bearing first. It was froze to the crank via welded babbit of the bearing. #2 and #3 were the same. But with the bearing shells and babbit scraped out, then I could rotate the crankshaft. 12 hours of scraping and sanding, I was able to dress the crank back to smoothness. I installed standard bearings on the crank except for #1 which was most damaged, where I had to install .002 oversize bearing. But with this fixed and lots of shredded metal cleaned out, I bought and installed a new Aluminum Oil Pan, starter and belts. She cranked fine so Margie and I reinstalled the reassembled V8 engine back in the boat. I have about 2 hours on it and all is looking good. Time will tell if I holds and I didn't get the crankshaft too out of round. It is holding

Our August 11, 2012, "Cruise to Grills Restaurant on Indian River" had 5 Members arriving by Boat. Great, Great, two sailboats--Robert Brown on ALDEBARON II with 2 friends as crew and Al Pappas on BLUE SKIES. Powered boats--Robert & Bobbie Rutigliano on EASY LIVING, Kermit Forbes & Louis Harlow on LAZY SUSAN IV, George & Judy Shappo & Duane & Marge Balkema on George's Jet Boat. By car, Fred & Carmine Adame, Jay & Donna Longway, new members Tim & Linda Montoya, Gerard Meunier, Mary Jane Schnoor, Clifford & Diana Schommer, Richard & Sandra Schoonmaker. A good time was had by all under threatening skies that made it seem much cooler than your normal Saturday afternoon.

19# oil pressure at idle and 41# at 2,000 RPM. But then I spent \$250 vs \$8,000.

Note some pictures are on page 8.

CBSPS Photo Gallery Italian Night 09-04-12





















Please Join Us For a Harvest Party Celebration

Bring a Covered Dish or Dessert to Share with 6-8 Friends

When: Sunday, November 11, 2012

Time: 1400-1700

Cost: Free

When: Space Coast Association of Realtors

105 McLeod St.

Merritt Island

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

PLEASE BRING A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER!

For an accurate headcount, please sign up at the September meeting or contact: Debra Burleson @

321-454-3171





CBSPS HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

WHEN: SATURDAY, DEC. 8th, 2012 TIME: 1800

WHERE: CLARION HOTEL, MERRITT ISLAND

PRICE: \$25.00 P/P INCLUDING GRATUITY

DRESS: SEMI-FORMAL (CLASS A UNIFORM)

A Buffet Will be Provided including Standing Rib Roast

Music By: TBD

Cash Bar Available

Please Make Reservations and Pay at the September Meeting or Contact: Doris Valentine @ 452-1835



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