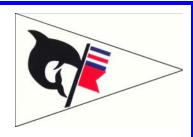
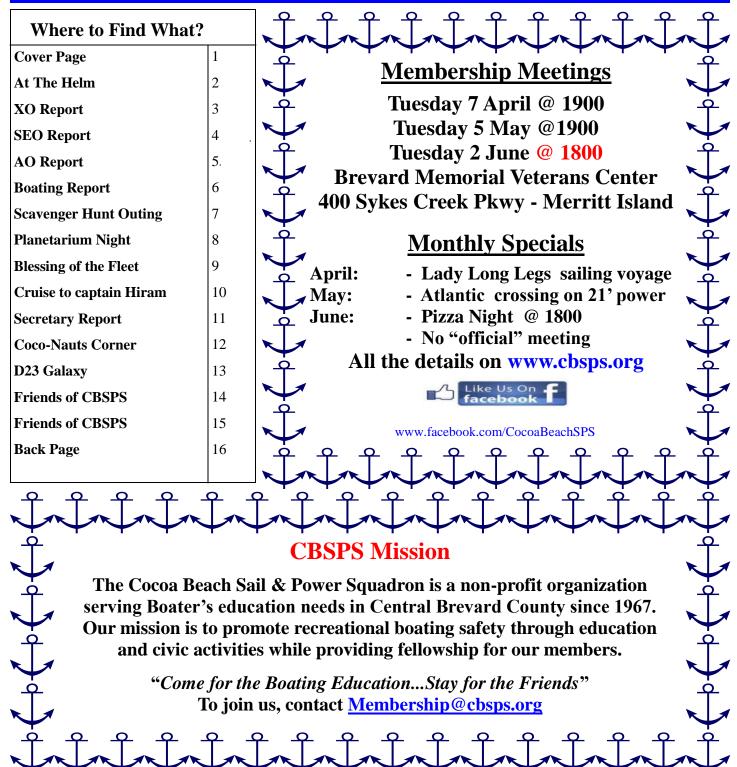


## The Soundings



Spring 2015 newsletter

Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron (www.cbsps.org)



## AT THE HELM

## Cdr Lou Harlow, JN



I take this opportunity to thank Past Commander Bob Rutigliano for his outstanding leadership and superb management of our squadron throughout the past year. Bob's perseverance and efforts to make us the best boating organization in Central Florida have been indeed laudatory. Recognition by National as the best recruiting and retention squadron speaks volumes in regard to Bob's abilities and determination. Thanks Bob for doing what you did so well.

Your new bridge is here to serve and we will make every effort to provide an event filled year both on the water and on the beach. We ask that you participate in as many get-togethers as possible. Please avail yourselves of the opportunities provided such as pertinent lectures, all around friendship, the sharing of invaluable boating information etc. I think I have learned something new at every meeting I have attended.

As the boating season approaches I ask that you think about safety on the water. Please start with a vessel safety check. There is no reason a member should not have a 2015 sticker on his or her boat. We have numerous qualified safety check personnel. Past Commander Bob Rutigliano is the person to see to have a safety check of your water craft. Bob's people make house calls. What could be easier and more responsible?

## And now for a bit of history:

On January 10, 1863, during the height of the American Civil War, the brig J.P. Ellicott was captured by the Rebel raider Retribution. Both Captain Devereaux and his mate carried their wives, and the wife of the latter was left on board the brig to cook for the prize crew. In true theatrical style she got the Southern master and mate drunk, and persuaded the crew to take them prisoners, providing hand cuffs for the job. Then she took command, navigating the brig to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, where she put her in the hands of John T. Edgar, Consul.

Taken form "Hen Frigates Wives of Merchant Captains Under Sail by Joan Druett"

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## Lt/C John FitzGerald, AP



#### **Scholarship:**

The Richard and Mary Jane Schnoor undergraduate scholarship at the Florida Institute of Technology in environmental science, meteorology, ocean engineering, or oceanography is in good shape. You can contribute to the Scholarship Fund; the XO is accepting all contributions. For more information go to <a href="https://www.cbsps.com/About CBSPS">www.cbsps.com/About CBSPS</a>.

#### **Vessel Safety Check & Safety Committees:**

P/C Robert Rutigliano, JN-IN has taken the lead of this department. It's been full steam ahead since he's taken over the position. He has several dates for vessel safety checks scheduled throughout the year. There have been over 45 inspections done and it's just the beginning of the year. If you have a boat and are a member of the squadron, have your boat inspected: it's FREE and we come to your boat. We have many vessel examiners who dedicate hours of their personal time to this program; all we are asking is one hour of your time. Please support this very important program. Great job Bob, keep up the good work.

#### **Boat Show Committee:**

Lt Mike Glynn, AP is the head of this important department. He started off the year doing a great job at NASA's Health and Safety Fair with D/Lt/C John F. Mulkey, AP-IN, Lt/C Tom Courtney and myself. Thank you very much for your commitment to the squadron. Throughout the year he will be asking for members help at upcoming boat/safety events. The events are fun; you meet people and get to talk to the public about the squadron and our role in the community. It makes the public aware of our organization and gives them an understanding of all the opportunities it has as well as our commitment to education and safety. If you have the time, volunteer a few hours of your time to man the booth.

#### **Facebook:**

Lt Winnifred Crawford, JN is the Facebook officer. She is doing an excellent job keeping the page up and running. Lt Crawford, JN has several interesting posts on the site. There are 49 people currently following us. Go to Facebook and search "Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron" LIKE us.

#### **Public Relations:**

Lt Paula Eastman is the head of this department. She has been working with the education department as well as the executive officers department. It's great to see a new member take a head role in the squadron.

#### **Liaison Committee:**

This committee is a very important one, P/C J. P. Longway III, P keeps us up to date on what's going in Brevard Co. P/C Longway was a great help to me last year and it's no different this year. Thanks for all you do, it's appreciated.

#### **Website Committee:**

P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN keeps our website up and running (<a href="www.cbsps.org">www.cbsps.org</a>), a very time consuming job. It's a great site and you can see how much he puts into his work. Check it out...

### **Radio Technical Officer:**

Lt /C George Shapow, S is the Radio Technical Officer as well as the squadron Treasurer. S. He's a very busy man. He will keep us up to date with any technical advances this the year.

### Let's have a safe/fun year and make this the best squadron in D-23

## Thanks to our 2015 Scholarship Fund Donors

## SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

## P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN



Have you checked out the 2015-16 Education Calendar on the website? If not, please do so today. <a href="www.cbsps.org">www.cbsps.org</a>

An exciting list of classes has been scheduled. As usual, the first three navigation classes will be taught in the correct order: Seamanship; Piloting; Advanced Piloting. The electives that are scheduled are: Marine Electrical Systems; Sail; Cruising and Cruise Planning. There will also be a JN class, not yet listed on the calendar, but beginning in September.

There are several ways to enroll in a class. The easiest is to enroll via the CBSPS website. This enrollment goes directly to the SEO. There is also a listing of classes on the national website: <a href="www.usps.org">www.usps.org</a> with an enrollment feature. In additions, the SEO sends an email notice to students who are eligible to take the classes, and a direct response to that email address also works. And last, but still the most popular, you may sign up at the monthly meeting when the SEO is there encouraging members to take the classes.

Every attempt is made to make it easy for students to enroll. And the system seems to work since, at this time, we have 12 students enrolled for the Marine Electrical Systems and 14 for the Seamanship class. The books have been ordered for each of these classes, but the SEO, being a kind person, can always order a few more if you belatedly sign up for the class by contacting her as <a href="mailto:seo@cbsps.org">seo@cbsps.org</a>.

A new instructor has been added to the line-up. Lt Winnie Crawford, JN is reluctantly stepping down as the Sail instructor. A new member to the squadron, Sean McCoy, has agreed to step into the void. A licensed captain with numerous endorsements, Sean also is an avid sailor of a wooden sailboat that he has restored. He will teach the class in September with the able assistance of Lt David Keane, JN. You may sign up for this until early August when books will be ordered.

A final note of thanks to Engine Maintenance instructors, 1/Lt Ron Sageser, JN and Lt. Garry Pepin, AP; and to the Weather instructors, Lt Winnie Crawford, JN and Lt George Guerrero, S. The positive response from the students indicates that the time spent preparing and presenting the classes was much appreciated.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

## Lt/C Tom Courtney, AP



Following Lt/C John Fitzgerald has made my transition to Administrative Officer an easy one and I thank him for his friendship and guidance. He has left me with a lot of information and ideas on how to fulfill my duties.

2015 is shaping up to be another great year to be a Cocoa Beach Sail & Power member. With the dedication and hard work of the following committees we plan to continue many fun social and boating activities from the past and have added new events this year. I thank them for their service to our squadron.

**Boating Committee:** Chair P/C Duane Balkema, AP, Lt Doug Bisset, P, Lt/C John FitzGerald, AP

Entertainment Committee: Chair Lt Doris Valentine, P/C Jay Longway, P, P/C Lance

Vandeberg, AP, Lt Sandy Hazlett, Lt Tracy Hazlett, Lt/C John Fitzgerald, AP **Membership Committee:** Chair 1/Lt Bob Brown, AP, Lt Ron Raphael, S

Meetings & Program Committee: Lt David Keane, JN-IN Operations Training Committee: P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

Aux. Liaison Officer / Cookies & Coffee Coordinator: P/Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P

## Be sure to check out these upcoming events in the calendar on our website www.cbsps.org

Friday/Sunday, 27/29 March: Spring District 23 Conference- Lake Mary

Tuesday: 7 April: General meeting

Saturday 18 April: Boat Scavenger Hunt (back by popular demand)

Tuesday, 5 May: General meeting Wednesday, 6 May: Planetarium trip

Saturday, 9 May: District Picnic- Titusville

Tuesday, 2 June: Pizza night (in lieu of general meeting)

Saturday, 6 June: Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, 20 June: Cruise to Captain Hirams

IF YOU DON'T OWN A BOAT AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US ON ONE OF OUR BOATING ACTIVITIES PLEASE CONTACT DUANE BULKEMA OR TOM COURTNEY TO SEE IF WE CAN ARRANGE PASSAGE ON ONE OF THE ATTENDING BOATS

Photos of all of our events can be found on our website and/or linked to Nancy Garwood's (Squadron Photographer) website:

http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/V4zv63LQ/1/6714067

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

#### **PAST QUARTER EVENTS**

January 17, 2015, "Cruise to Bird Island on Banana River" had excellent participation with 10 boats and 28 people. See the pictures at <a href="https://www.cbsps.org">www.cbsps.org</a> of folks having fun on a cool sunny day.

February 28, 2015 "CRUISE TO SUNSET CAFÉ" started with a weather report of steady rain and wind. A daring boater, Tom Hoffmann, and his crew, Patrick Lusk, came by boat, an open TEE top boat. Kudos.... A total of 35 squadron members attended and had fun and fellowship.

March 21, 2015, Saturday, "CRUISE TO SAMSONS ISLAND" has not happened yet as I write this. It is a dock located on Grand Canal, east and south of Pineda Causeway, and we always have good attendance and lots of fun.

### **APRIL, MAY, JUNE BOATING EVENTS**

- 1. Our **BOAT SCAVENGER HUNT is April 18, Saturday**, on Banana River and the Canals of Cocoa Beach. The event starts at 1000 LCL at Kelly Park.. You are hunting clues from out on the water. Prizes, Entry Fee, Great fun. (see page 7)
- 2. Our largest Boating Event slipped its May date into June. Our **BLESSING OF THE FLEET is Saturday, June 6, out of Lee Wenner Park in Cocoa at 1100**, but you want to be there in the water, lining up at **1030**. This is a big deal and from olden times, may help you keep your boat running all year around. (see page 9)
- 3. We **Cruise to CAPTAIN HIRAMS**, **Saturday**, **June 20** with planned arrival around 1600 at the dock. This is a nice long trip and many will overnight after enjoying an evening meal together. Others may elect to return home or sleep on the boat. (see page 10)

For more details of each of these events, see the flyers on the next pages. Call 321-452-5892 with boat and crew details so we have an idea of participation. In this way, if we had to cancel the event we would call you to advise.

**Some Boating Activities** beyond these scheduled events are as follows: Two members are planning extensive voyages, one to do the **Little Loop** in 2015, and the other the **Great Loop** in 2016. Both will take the coast up to Canada, the Little Looper to Ottawa then back down Lake Chaplain and South, the Great Looper across thru the Great lakes and down the Great Rivers.

Thoughts continue toward **organizing a trip to the Keys**. I know I am ready to do it again. Sailors, anyone going to the Islands this year? Bob Brown is making some sailboat repairs; Gerard just completed repairs by cleverly removing one of the large outboard motors from his 40' power catamaran at his dock. Garry Pepin continues to dazzle his Engine Maintenance class with his shop setup with marine engine displays. Everyone, have a Safe Boating Spring and Summer.



# Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron's Boat Scavenger Hunt





When: April 18, 2015

Where: Launch or meet up at Kelly Park

on the Banana River at 1000.

Follow direction to destinations using GPS and or charts to retrieve Flags.

Meet at last destination to determine winner and eat lunch at 1230.

Bring your lunch and drinks and chairs

## Eastern Florida State College Planetarium & Observatory





When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015 @ 1800 Hrs.

Where: Eastern Florida State College Planetarium & Observatory

1519 Clearlake Rd Cocoa, FL 321-433-7373 Price: \$ 12.00 P.P. - \$ 10.00 under 12

**Payments to Doris Valentine** 

## \*\*\*CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL LOVE THIS EVENT\*\*\*

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**Planetarium Show:** Dinosaurs

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Contact Doris Valentine @ 321 452-1835 with any questions.









## **2015 Space Coast Blessing Of The Fleet**

<u>Location:</u> In Water off Riverfront Park, Cocoa, FL. <u>Date:</u> June 6, 2015 @ 1100 Hrs. (arrive at 1030 Hrs.)

The 2015 Blessing of the Fleet will be a three-squadron blessing consisting of the Banana River, Cocoa Beach and Titusville's Sail and Power Squadrons.

All boaters may participate in this event.

Come and have your boat blessed for a trouble free boating season!!

At 10:30 AM, boats will circle up on Indian River just south of the HWY 520 Bridge, tune VHF radios to Channel 71 and wait for instructions. There will be a lead boat for us to follow to the Blessing. Maintain Spacing of 50 to 150 feet between boats. Do not stop anywhere along the Route. As you pass the Pastor give your vessel name and crew over VHF 71. The Blessing will come via VHF 71. You proceed back out to River Center for a year of safe boating.

Squadron members are invited to cookout at the pavilion after blessing. Bring a side dish to share with others if you can.



Any questions please contact: XO@CBSPS.org



## Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron's Cruise to Captain Hiram's

1580 US Hwy 1 Sebastian, Florida 32598 772-338-8588





When: 20 June, 2015 Plan on arriving at 1600 Hrs.

Make your own arraignments at the Hotel/Dock,
Hotel rate is \$119 per night
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Dockage is \$1/foot overnight (\$10.00 extra if shore power is needed).
No charge for dockage if you are not staying over.
There are a variety of slips for boats from 16' to 50'.
The beam on slips is 15' and the draft is 4' of water.
Book early to get a slip for the night.

Details: Cocktail party beginning at 1600 hrs.

Eat together at Captains Hiram's Restaurant at 1900 Hrs.

Then party the night away at their Sandbar.

If you do not have a boat or the weather is bad, DRIVE !!!

It's rain or shine

**Contact Duane Balkema @ 321-452-5892 or Tom Courtney @ 407-276-6893** 

## SECRETARY Lt/C Theresa FitzGerald, AP



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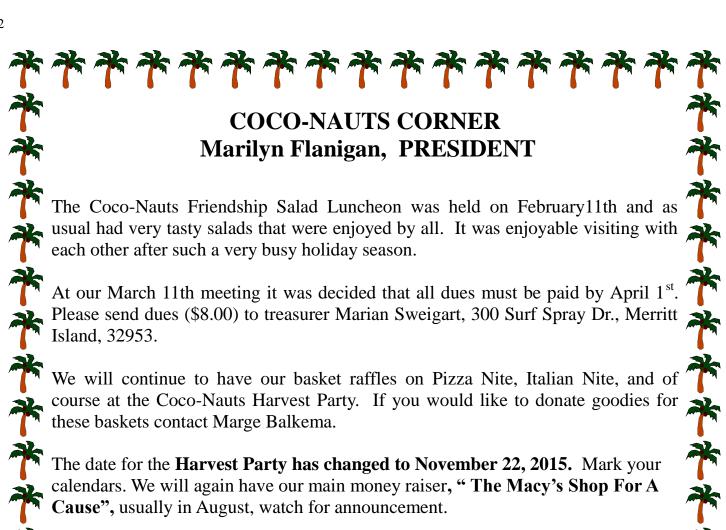
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If you have any changes to your e-mail, address, etc. please send them to me at: **Secretary@cbsps.org**. Thank you

Very successful Meet the Bridge event at Kiwanis Park on Saturday 7 March 2015. Well fed members are happy!!

Photo by Robin Courtney, AP





Our **April 2015** meeting will be announced by your president, as we are in the process of trying to get a speaker at that meeting. You will be notified by email in advance of date and place. WATCH FOR NOTICE.

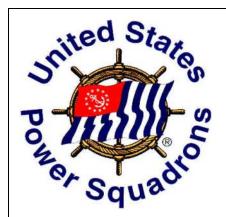
Happy Birthday to those who will have a Birthday this Spring.

April May June

10 Kathy Harlow
10 Ruth Finn
14 Sarah Hedegaard
20 Diane Schommer
22 Rhoda Bernbaum
25 Maryann Infusino

If you do not get your name listed on our Birthday List, perhaps I don't have it on file. Please call me (321-452-4602) & let me know.

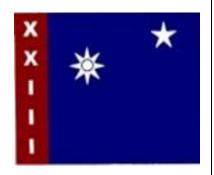
Watch you emails for all announcements on upcoming news!



## **GALAXY**

## **D23 Newsletter**

## D/C William J. Fehr, N D23 Commander



Our district is doing well and we have a great group of members that are working hard to change something's that the membership wanted changed. My biggest goal was to reformat the way our spring and fall conferences were run. A proposal has been put together and will be voted on at the spring conference. After everything is finalized we will publish the new conference guidelines. I believe that you will find that we will be making the conference less expensive, more informative and much more entertaining.

We keep hearing about dropping membership. Well, I am a firm believer that if we make USPS a fun and entertaining organization the membership will take care of itself. We already have the best boating educational programs around. If we just show the public what a great group of people we are and how much fun we have our numbers will grow.

I can hardly believe that in only three short months my turn at the district helm will be over. Being on the district bridge the last three years has been a real joy. I have had the opportunity to work with members from other squadron, to learn the ways that our squadrons work, to see squadron start to work together on social and civic events. This was the first year that we used the internet to teach and hold meetings to cut out travel time and cost. I have heard other Commanders say they can't wait until my term is up, but not me. This has truly been a great ride!

Hope to see you on the water soon! D/C Bill Fehr, N

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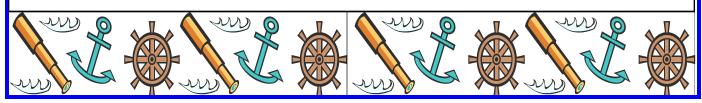
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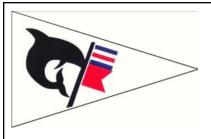
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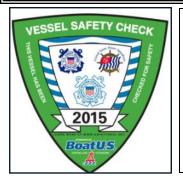
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