



The Soundings



Summer 2017 newsletter

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



Membership Meetings

Tuesday 5 September @1800 (6 PM)
Italian Night

Tuesday 3 October @ 1900 (7 PM)
Steve Zawadzki, Tugboat Captain

Tuesday 7 November @ 1900 (7 PM)
Scholarship Winner Presentation

Tuesday 5 December @ 1800 (6 PM)
Egg Nog Night

Brevard Memorial Veterans Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy - Merritt Island
All the details on www.cbsps.org



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The **Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron**, one of 300 nationwide, is a non-profit organization serving boaters' education needs in Central Brevard County since 1967.

The **United States Power Squadrons'** mission is to: promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.

"Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends"

To join us, contact Membership@cbsps.org

AT THE HELM

Commander Tom Courtney, AP-CN



Ahoy Shipmates,

The summer heat and afternoon storms are upon us. Be prepared as you venture out on our waterways. Keep hydrated, take sun protection and check the weather forecast for your time on the water before you head out.

BY THE NUMBERS:	Brevard-2016
Recreational vessels-	32,731
Reportable accidents-	27 (7th most in State of Florida)
Fatalities-	0
Injuries-	21

As you enjoy your time on the water I want to make you aware of a new Florida law that has gone into effect as of July 1 2017. (House bill 703) Below is a summary of the new law.

*The bill revises what constitutes **careless operation** of a vessel to only apply if a person is operating a vessel in an unreasonable or imprudent manner that endangers the life, limb, or property of another person **outside** of the vessel or endangers the life, limb, or property of another person due to vessel overloading or excessive speed.*

The bill requires the issuance of safety inspection decals by law enforcement officers to operators of vessels that have been found in compliance with the safety equipment carriage and use requirements. The bill prohibits law enforcement officers from stopping a vessel solely for the purpose of inspecting the safety equipment carriage and use requirements, if the vessel has a properly displayed valid safety inspection decal, unless there is reasonable suspicion that a violation of the safety equipment carriage and use requirements is occurring or has occurred. Essentially this law allows “bow riding”. Folks who fall off while riding on the bow of a vessel are very likely to be hit by the hull and or the prop of the vessel.

Be aware that this bill contradicts federal law and will only be enforced by state and local law enforcement agencies. Thus if you have folks bow riding and are stopped by federal law enforcement officers you will be subject to a ticket.

My opinion is regardless of the inconsistencies between the state and federal law it is prudent to operate your vessel safely.

The decal that FWC will issue upon a successful safety inspection is issued for life and is mounted 6” from the registration sticker on the side of the vessel.

Be safe, Have Fun

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Past Commander John FitzGerald, SN-CN



The Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron started this year off with our last class of celestial navigators from the previous year (6 in total) passing giving us 2 Senior Navigators and 4 Navigators. Congratulations to Jim Mannon & John FitzGerald for their SN achievement and to Theresa FitzGerald, Jim Green, Twila Nahama and George Shapow for their N achievement. P/C Lou Harlow, SN did an excellent job teaching this course with an assist from Lt/C George Shapow, N teaching the computer portion of the course.

One of our hardest courses, “Weather” was then taught by our own Lt. Winifred Crawford, JN. She has been teaching this course for several years and there is no denying that she knows this subject. Her reputation as a great instructor had two members of the Port Canaveral Yacht Club join the class and then join Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron. We had 9 students take this course and all passed. We had two get the grade of 100%. This is not an easy thing to do due to the complexity of this course. Winifred, you did an excellent job teaching this course and we are very thankful for your dedication to our squadron.

Lt./C George Shapow took the Weather and Cruise and Cruise Planning courses in order to get his Senior Navigator designation. This is the highest grade in the education department and we are all proud of him.

P/C Sandra Schoonmaker and D/Lt/C John Mulkey conducted three ABC classes. We had a total of 27 of 27 students passing in January, 2 of 2 students passing in March and 22 of 22 students passing in May. We had 9 new members join after the May class. Theresa and I went to the May class and were so impressed by our instructors. Some of us haven’t been to a class in a long time and forget how good CBSPS instructors are. I will tell you Sandy and John are two of the best in the district. They will be holding a fourth ABC class on November 4th at the Port Canaveral Yacht Club. Thank you for keeping our waterways safe for all of us to use.

Boating Education

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

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D/Lt/C John Mulkey and P/C Robert Rutigliano conducted a “Kids Clinic” at Cape View Elementary and Stevenson’s Elementary Summer Camp. There were over 60 children from 1st grade to 6th grade. John Mulkey educated the children about boat safety (lifejackets, basic boat safety etc.) and Robert Rutigliano brought a boat and let the children explore the boat. This put safety and boating education in the minds of our future boaters. Thank you for taking time to do this for us. It will reap rewards in the future for sure.

Upcoming courses will be Seamanship on 28 August, Electronic Navigation on 23 October and Cruise & Cruise Planning on 15 January 2018. Please contact P/C John FitzGerald, SN-CN to enroll in these courses. Space is limited.

As Squadron Education Officer, I’ve taken every course (except for Sail) and I’ve learned so much. Please consider taking as many courses as you can because I promise you, you will get valuable information from every course offered.

A boating education funny!

Late one foggy night two boaters collide head on while trying to navigate a narrow inlet channel. Both their boats were damaged, disabled and slowly sinking.

As they each watched their boats slowly slip away beneath them, the first boater said " You know, this is a sign that we should never take life for granted and that we should live it to the fullest".

"You are right," said the other boater as he opened a cooler and pulled out a bottle of bourbon whisky. Let's drink to living well for the rest of our lives.

The first boater took the bottle and, after a big swig, handed it back to the other boater who in turn quickly threw it into the river.

More than a little surprised the first boater exclaimed " You didn't take a drink!?"

"Naw", said the other boater "I think I'll just wait for the Coast Guard to show up.

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John FitzGerald

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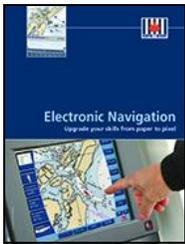
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The **Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron (CBSPS)** will offer the following 2 elective classes. **To register**, please go to www.cbsps.org/Education.html, find the class of interest under **Electives** and click on “Register Here”. No money required now.

Electronic Navigation, presented by Lt/C George Shapow, SN

Date: Monday, 23 October 2017 to Monday, 18 December 2017 Time: 1900 Hrs.
 Price: Members: \$ 69.00 Non-Members: \$ 124.00
 Location: Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza - Room D 701 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway
 (Rte. 520) Cocoa Beach, FL. 32931



Overwhelmed by all those functions on your GPS or chart plotter?
 Want to use your tablet or smart phone to help you navigate on your boat?
 Interested in using a desktop computer program to plan your cruise and then copy that information to your GPS?

This course covers the topics you need and want to know.

Cruising & Cruise Planning, presented by P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN

Date: Monday, 15 January 2018 to Monday 12 March 2018 Time: 1900 Hrs.
 Price: Members: \$ 63.00 Non-Members: \$ 115.00
 Location: Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza - Room D 701 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway
 (Rte. 520) Cocoa Beach, FL. 32931

There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so, marina/anchorage hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The Cruising and Cruise Planning course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe, enjoyable, extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters. Designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered). Indispensable for the Great Loop.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander George Shapow, SN



I believe that the first half of our fiscal year has really been productive and all of our events have been well attended. From the comments I have received everyone has enjoyed them and we are looking forward to the next half.

I would be greatly remiss if I didn't mention the fact that Charlie and Pat Dinkey have left for the UK (good luck driving on the wrong side of the street). We will miss them both personally and for the incredible amount of effort they each invested in CBSPS. **Lt Deb Henry, AP** has agreed to take over for Charlie as **Membership Chair** and we are working on filling some of his other shoes as well. Deb is already fully into the job and I would like to thank her for stepping up. She has also agreed to take over the newsletter from Gerard (although that's not in my department). She is including a list of new members since the Spring newsletter. Welcome aboard!

The mentoring program is going very well. Everyone needing a mentor has one assigned. 1st LT Judy Shapow, S picked up that responsibility from P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN when he went on vacation and has done an exemplary job. She's also relieved now that Gerard is back.

We have many **boating events** coming up. They are as follows:

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| August 19 | Poker Run with dinner at Squid Lips |
| September 16 | Cruise to Bird Island in the Banana River and Cook Out |
| October 21 | Raft-up at NASA Causeway Bridge |
| November 18 | Cruise to Marker 21 |
| December 9 | Cocoa Beach Boat Parade |

Upcoming **entertainment events**:

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 14 October | CBSPS 50th Anniversary |
| 10 December | Holiday Party |



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

Welcome to our 2017 new members since the Spring newsletter

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Home Base	Boat Name	Boat Type	Mentor
Daniel J.	Rogers	04/14/2017	Merritt Island			
Valerie	Bondy	04/26/2017	Satellite Beach			Bob Rutigliano
John A.	Colleran	04/26/2017	Satellite Beach			Bob Rutigliano
Michael K.	Hayden	05/08/2017	Cocoa Beach	Taz Angel	29' Power	away till Sep/Oct
Alice F.	Hayden	05/08/2017	Cocoa Beach			away till Sep/Oct
Thomas J.	Kunz	05/08/2017	Cocoa Beach		21' Power	Bob Mittauer
Emily M.	Kunz	05/08/2017	Cocoa Beach			Bob Mittauer
Annette E.	Kunz	05/08/2017	Cocoa Beach Cape			Bob Mittauer Sandy
Janice B.	Moore	05/08/2017	Canaveral Cape	Ridgerunner	39' Sail	Schoonmaker Sandy
James D.	Moore Jr.	05/08/2017	Canaveral			Schoonmaker Tom & Julie
Frank B.	Rogers-Witte	05/08/2017	Cocoa	Jubilee	29' Power	Hoffman Tom & Julie
Ann C.	Rogers-Witte	05/08/2017	Cocoa			Hoffman
Thomas	O'Shea	05/25/2017	Merritt Island	Southern Comfort	36' Sail	Bob Brown
Mary Ann	O'Shea	05/25/2017	Merritt Island			Bob Brown
Cindy	DeWitt	06/09/2017	Merritt Island			No info
Carol R.	Aumack	07/14/2017	Melbourne			Not assigned yet
Bryant D.	Aumack	07/14/2017	Melbourne			Not assigned yet

Boating Report

Past Commander Duane L. Balkema, AP

RECENT EVENTS:

P/C Bob Rutigliano, SN-IN was our organizer for the "Cruise to Goodrich Restaurant" in Oak Hill in July. We had 3 boats make the trip. Some disappointment over the shallow water but a good time was had by all. Thirty-three members ordered meals and the food I thought was good.

NEW EVENTS:

Saturday 19 August, 2017: We will host our "**Poker Run**" ending up at Squid Lips on the Indian River. \$5.00 per person in your boat and you are in the game. Best Hand wins in a straight count of the cards, Jacks = 11, etc. Pick up the card in sealed envelopes at several docks around the area. Bring them sealed to Judge Lt. Pam Johnson, P at Squid Lips by 4:30 PM and she will announce the winners. All moneys collected is paid back out in prizes. This should be an exciting event arranged by P/C John Fitzgerald, SN-CN.

Saturday 16 September: "**Cruise to Bird Island**" on the Banana River. Plan on launching your boat such that you will **arrive around 12 noon**. A grill will be provided for anyone wanting to cook something. Bring lawn chairs if you want to be comfortable. Boats usually nose up on the sand or anchor out. There will be a large turn-out for this one. Invite your friends. See next page.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN is building a boat and will have to give us a full report on his ideas and how it is coming along. Anyone else who is doing something special boat-wise, do keep us informed as we all listen and learn.



A 26' tritoon planned with 2 outboards and a comfortable cabin. A wedding tent to protect this work-in-progress gave up the ghost just after our 3 1/2 months grand tour in Europe. Presently urgently installing the roof to avoid issues.





CRUISE TO BIRD ISLAND



When: Saturday, September 16 @ 1100 Hrs.
Where: Bird Island Lat..N 28 16 518 Lon. W 080 39 164
Details: Cruise to Bird Island for a raft up.
 Meet at Kelly Park at 1100 when we will cruise to Bird Island.
 We'll raft up and go ashore for a barbeque (weather permitting)
 or picnic on the boats. A barbeque will be provided.

**If you would like to come and don't have a boat,
 contact us and we'll try to arrange a ride for you.**

This is a "bring your own food and drinks" event.



Contact P/C Duane Balkema at 321-452-5892 for any questions



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

CRUISE TO NASA CAUSEWAY

- When - October 21, 2017**
- Where - On the Lee side of NASA Causeway
on the Indian River, near Titusville**
- Start - 1000 (10:00am) Meet at west end of Barge Canal**
End - 1600 (4:00pm)

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH, DRINKS AND CHAIRS

Contact Duane Balkema (321) 452-5892



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CRUISE TO MARKER 21

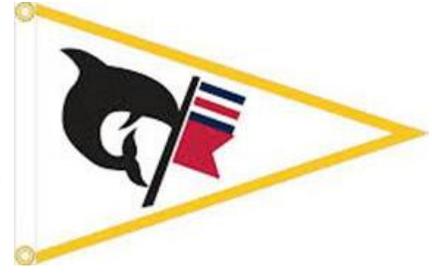
When - November 18, 2017
Where - Marker 21 on Indian River,
East of Malabar/Valkaria
Latitude N 027.991180
Longitude W 080.539781

Start - 1000 (10:00am) Meet near Dragon Point north of
Eau Gallie Causeway (Lat N 28.13698, Lon W 080.61447)
End - 1600 (4:00pm)

Navigate using GPS/Nautical Charts to arrive at meeting point near Dragon Point by 1000. We will cruise together to Marker 21 and anchor/beach west of Marker 21 at an existing spoil island (BC37) for a day of fun and friendship!

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH, DRINKS AND CHAIRS

Contact Duane Balkema (321) 452-5892



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

Cocoa Beach Boat Parade



When: 9 December 2017

Time: 1800 (6 PM)

The Squadron boaters are invited to join P/C Duane Balkema for a raft up in the Canal just south of Sunset Grill to watch the Cocoa Beach Boat Parade.

We will meet up in the Banana River just south of the SR 520 Bridge and cruise to our raft up.

This is a BYOB event.

Coordinator: Duane Balkema (321) 452-5892



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

ITALIAN NIGHT



When: Tuesday, 5 September 2017
Where: Veterans Memorial Center
 400S Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32952
Time: 1800 (6pm)
Cost: FREE!

Please bring your favorite Italian Dish to share

The Squadron will provide wine, beer, soft drinks, water,
 plates, utensils, napkins



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron 50th Anniversary Celebration

Hosted by P/C Al Pappas, SN

When: Saturday 14 October 2017 at 12:00 PM

Where: Eau Gallie Yacht Club
100 Datura Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Details: P/C Al Pappas, SN is hosting the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron at the beautiful Eau Gallie Yacht Club to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a squadron of District 23 and the United States Power Squadrons.

Come by land or by sea. The location is just south of Mathers Bridge opposite Dragon Point. We will be having a delicious lunch and there will be a bar serving drinks with the purchase of tickets.

Come celebrate with us at this historic event. The price will be determined after meeting with their chef to decide what the menu will be. A future email will be put out by P/C John FitzGerald, SN-CN with updated information.

Contact P/C Susan Kneeland SN if you would like to attend at 321-639-3860





**THE COCO-NAUT'S PRESENT
OUR 2017 HARVEST PARTY**

WHERE:

**Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club
1493 South Fiske Boulevard
Rockledge, FL**

WHEN:

Sunday November 12, 2017

TIME:

Cocktails: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Dinner: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

FEE:

**\$8.00 Per Person & A Dish To Share
(Meat, Soda, Beer and Wine Provided
by The Coco-Nauts)**

TO SIGN UP:

Denise Stone – (321)453-5807

TO PAY:

Marian Sweigart – (321)452-3682



COCOA BEACH SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



Holiday Dinner & Dance Party



- When:** Sunday, 10 December 2017, Starting at 6 PM
Where: Double Tree by Hilton Cocoa Beach
 2080 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
Price: *Info to follow*
Music: DJ
Food: Sit down dinner
 Menu to be posted on WWW.CBSPS.ORG
 Cash Bar Available

Please make reservations & pay prior to Sunday 26 November 2017

Coordinator: Doris valentine @ 321-452-1835

Happy Holidays

SECRETARY**Lieutenant Commander Theresa FitzGerald, N**

**Happy Birthday to all born in
September, October,
November and December!**

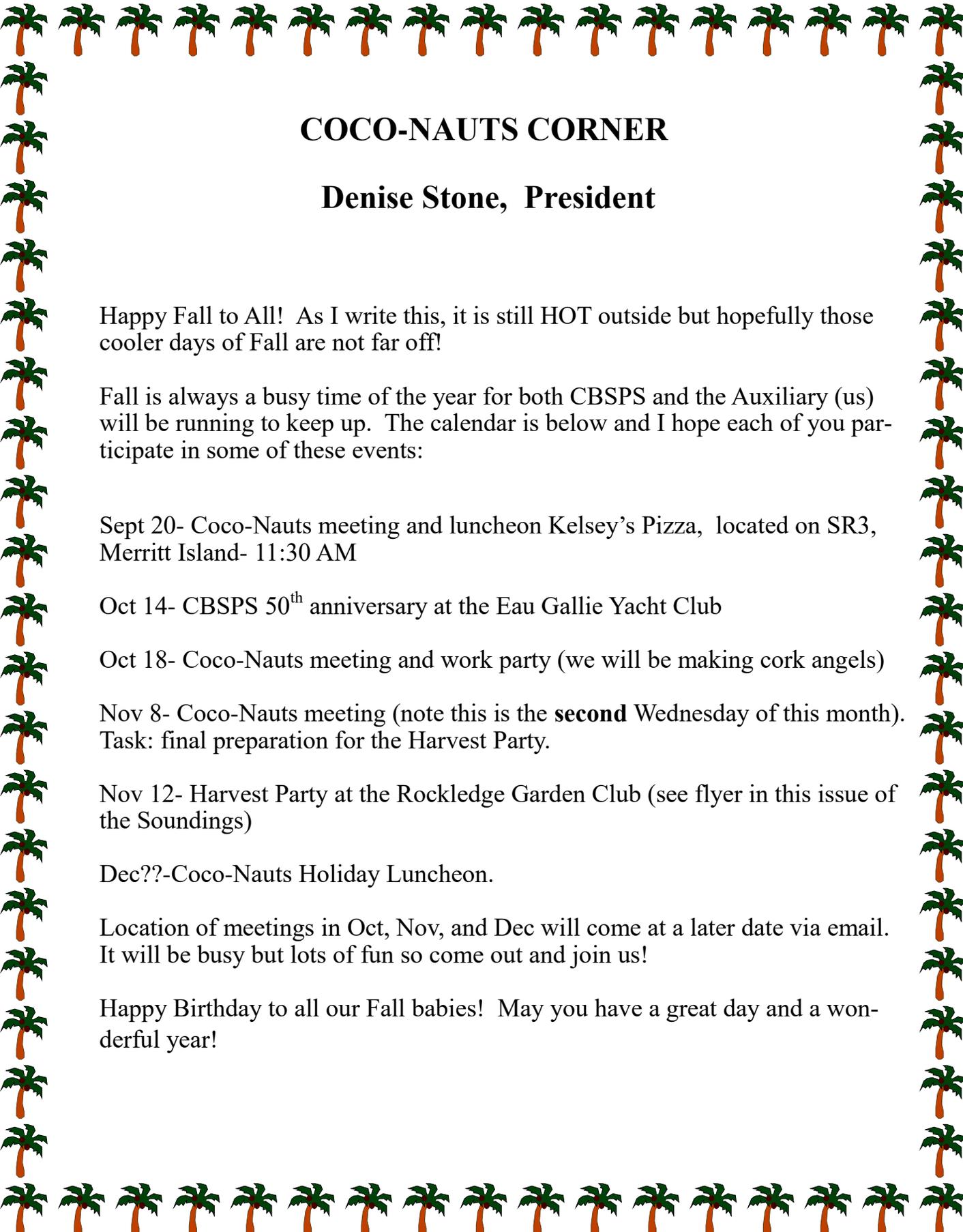
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please send them to me at:

Secretary@cbpsps.org

Thank you



COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Denise Stone, President

Happy Fall to All! As I write this, it is still HOT outside but hopefully those cooler days of Fall are not far off!

Fall is always a busy time of the year for both CBSPS and the Auxiliary (us) will be running to keep up. The calendar is below and I hope each of you participate in some of these events:

Sept 20- Coco-Nauts meeting and luncheon Kelsey's Pizza, located on SR3, Merritt Island- 11:30 AM

Oct 14- CBSPS 50th anniversary at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club

Oct 18- Coco-Nauts meeting and work party (we will be making cork angels)

Nov 8- Coco-Nauts meeting (note this is the **second** Wednesday of this month).
Task: final preparation for the Harvest Party.

Nov 12- Harvest Party at the Rockledge Garden Club (see flyer in this issue of the Soundings)

Dec??-Coco-Nauts Holiday Luncheon.

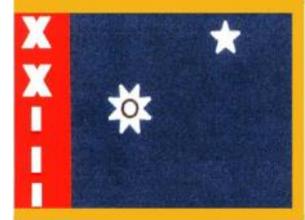
Location of meetings in Oct, Nov, and Dec will come at a later date via email. It will be busy but lots of fun so come out and join us!

Happy Birthday to all our Fall babies! May you have a great day and a wonderful year!



*Come for the Boating Education...
...Stay for the Friends SM*

**District 23 Newsletter
D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP-IN**



Thank You for your prompt payment of your 2017 USPS dues. For those of you that have not paid or are not yet due to renew, I think the easiest way to pay is on line. Go to www.usps.org/dues and pay with a credit card. That way not only are your dues tax deductible but you can earn points on your credit card.

Sometimes members need a reminder to pay their dues. That is where a membership chairperson comes in handy. They can go on line every month and see who has or has not paid their dues. They can then call the member and ask them to renew their membership. They can remind them of their benefits like discounts on boat insurance, car rentals, motels, Office Max and more. They can also let them know how much they will be missed.

Membership retention is a huge problem for USPS. New members are more likely to stay members if they feel welcome. If they take classes and attend social events and make friends. All of us need to make an effort to make new members feel welcome. Ask them to sit with you at meetings, invite them to go on your boat to events, encourage them to take classes.

All of us need to help USPS to retain members and start growing again.

I also need to remind you about the 2017 Governing Board Meeting:
September 10-17 at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center in Dallas Texas

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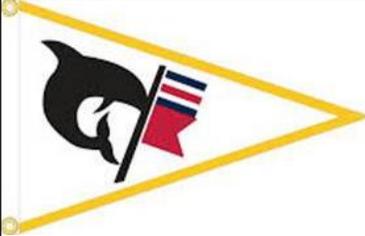


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