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The Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron is a non-profit organization serving Boater's education needs in Central Brevard County since 1967.						
and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.						
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To join us, contact Membership@cbsps.org						
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AT THE HELM

Cdr Bob Rutigliano, JN-IN



As 2014 comes to a close and we prepare for the holidays, I think back on all the good times we shared this past year. We have been a busy squadron in all departments.

<u>The Executive department</u> kept us up to date on the county's dredging program while the depth survey committee continues to move forward with data collection and processing. They keep our website up to date and looking professional. Our Vessel Examiners preformed 114 inspections and our boat show committee kept us visible at several events throughout the area.

<u>The Education department</u> produced a record number of courses and seminars with many 6-month membership's awarded. As a result, many of our members advanced in grade from Seaman to Junior Navigator and beyond.

<u>The Administrative department's</u> entertainment and boat activities committee's produced a fine line up of activities for our enjoyment and a very aggressive boating schedule to keep us occupied.

<u>The Secretary department</u> kept us informed of upcoming events as well as general information to be shared with the membership through the squadron newsletter and produced a steady stream of photos of all events.

<u>The Treasurer's department</u> kept us up to date on new technology available in the banking industry and tracked our Scholarship fund's growth throughout the year.

In two months we will meet once again at the Port Canaveral Yacht Club for the Change of Watch, when a new slate of Bridge Officers will take command. I look forward to the upcoming year with anticipation of new things to come on all fronts.

Happy Holidays to all of you, my new found family.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERLt/C Louis Harlow, JN



The Squadron year has gone by very fast. Our Commander set a good course and it has been full ahead for his entire tour. Our Squadron is doing well with membership on the rise, meetings well attended and activities interesting and numerous.

Many of us have taken advantage of the classes and seminars that have been offered throughout the year. There is something for everyone in our organization from the "old salts" to those underway for the first time. Safety on the water begins with education. Brevard waterways have been relatively incident free this past year. I like to think that we have contributed to the local water safety record.

The scholarship fund is exceeding all expectations. The latest contribution by the Coco-Nauts was very generous and an excellent example of caring for all of us to follow.

"He was a true sailor, every finger a fish hook." R.H. Dana, Jr.: Two Years Before the Mast, xxv, 1840

Thanks to our 2014 Scholarship Fund Donors

All donations are to be mailed to: Executive Officer Lt/C Lou Harlow, JN 520 Albatross Street, Merritt Island, Fl 32952 with a check made out to CBSPS

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN



It's the end of the squadron year and the department is looking forward to another busy year.

There will be few staffing changes in 2015 as most department heads and instructors are returning to the same positions as last year. The one exception is the position of Assistant Education Officer. Lt/C Winnie Crawford, JN is stepping down to continue her professional education. Winnie has been a great asset to the squadron and will continue to support the education department with her teaching skills, including the Weather Class in January.

Her nominated replacement, Ron Sageser, JN-CN, will take office in February and assume the rank of Lieutenant Commander when elected. Ron has been a member two years and has taken all the electives CBSPS has offered and is currently enrolled in the navigation course. He has achieved the Coastal Navigator status in the BOC program. He assisted with several seminars and ABC classes and will be co-teaching the Engine Maintenance class in January. He is well suited for the job.

The 2014-15 schedule of classes concludes in January with Engine Maintenance and Weather. Both these classes have reached maximum enrollment. For the public, there is a one-day ABC public boating class on 17 January 2015 at Wuesthoff Cardiac Rehabilitation Building in Rockledge from 0900 to 1500. Enrollment is underway by email at registrar@cbsps.org.

The new 2015-16 class schedule will be available by the end of January, posted on the website, www.cbsps.org. The Education Department will meet and secure class space prior to that time. The list will include the Advanced Grades: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting with JN and N being taught as needed. The choice of Electives will be determined.

In the meantime an almost final count for 2014-15:

ABC – 5 classes – 70 students Seminars: 10 taught – 147 students Cruise Planning – 9 Marine Communication Systems – 5 Instructor Developments – 1 Seamanship- 14 Piloting -11 Advanced Piloting – 11 Junior Navigation – 4 Navigation – 5 enrolled Engine Maintenance -22 enrolled Weather – 16 enrolled

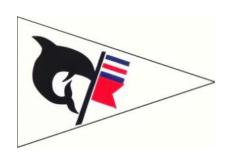
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EXTRA! EXTRA!

From CBSPS's Education dept



The education department would like to announce a success story to properly close the year 2014:

We now have 11 new Advanced Pilots.

How's that for exciting! Every student passed so we can brag!!

Congratulations to:

Robin Courtney, AP; Tom Courtney, AP; John FitzGerald, AP; Theresa FitzGerald, AP; Nancy Garwood, AP; Ric Garwood, AP; Tom Hoffmann, AP; Julia Hoffmann, AP; Mike Glynn, AP; Garry Pepin, AP and Jim Mannon, AP...and their instructor P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN.

Boat Operator Certification Skill Demonstrations

Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron is hosting 'Boat Operator Certification' on-the-water demonstrations at:

<u>Lake Shore Dry Storage</u> 3326 Lakeshore Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32210

Inland Navigation, January 17, 2015—0800

Coastal Navigation, January 18, 2015—0800



Information contacts:

1) Pete Foster (904) 797-6707 Email: petefoster@bellsouth.net (904) 737-8341 Email: day_break@comcast.net

\$54.00 fee (includes boat fuel & lunch only)

For info on the BOC program, contact P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN at BOC@cbsps.org

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C John FitzGerald, AP



This will be my last update as the Administrative Officer this year. I can't thank enough the people who made this year as successful as it was. I'd especially like to thank Doris Valentine, Duane Balkema, Jay and Donna Longway, Lance VandeBerg, Bob Brown, Douglas Bissett, David Keane, Sandra Schoonmaker, and Marilyn Flanigan for all they did. You made my experience as A/O a very pleasant one. I would also like to thank Cdr. Bob Rutigliano for his support and the members of CBSPS for attending the events during the year. I look forward to the next year.

During the previous three months we had many events.

In **October** we went to Turkey Creek for a kayak outing where Theresa almost fought a 12 ft. gator, followed by a Halloween party at Cocoa Village Marina.

November started with the Harvest Party. The Coco-Nauts did a great job on this and we all had a feast with our friends. Captain Hiram's was the boat outing that month, unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate for boating down but we did drive and we had an excellent night. The resort gave us a suite so we could all get together for drinks and food. Tom and Robin Courtney were a big help at this event providing food and drink for everyone. We all appreciated it.

December started off with the Eggnog and desserts along with a performance by the Fearless Improv Brigade. We had our Holiday Dinner Dance at the Rockledge Country Club with entertainment by the Les Chenoweth band. There were 68 members in attendance.

December's boat outing was the Cocoa Beach Boat Parade. It was on the Banana River and the 520 Causeway. There were 4 boats at the event. Three were rafted up with 17 members on board. Sean McCoy and Lydia Poole had their boat in the parade lit up beautifully. It was a little cold (50 degrees) but we all had a good time. I would have to say it was a great way to end the year.

On January 17th we are planning a trip to Bird Island on the Banana River. Last year it was pretty cold but we rafted up and had a barbeque anyway. Hopefully this year it will be a little more pleasant (*see page 9*).

The speaker for the January 06, 2015 meeting will be the Richard and Jane Schnoor Scholarship recipient. He was scheduled for a prior meeting but was unable to attend. The February 03, 2015 meeting's speaker is TBD at this time but we will try to get a good one for you.

This year was a lot of fun, let's make next year even better.

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

PAST QUARTER EVENTS

The **OFFSHORE FISHING TRIP ON DRIFT BOAT September 20th** had a nice turnout with 40 members and guests attending on a misty day. It was a great fishing trip.

October 25, 2014, Saturday, Kayak trip at Turkey Creek Wildlife Sanctuary departed on schedule with 8 kayaks rowing. It was a cool morning.

November 22, 2014, Saturday, was a bad weather day ending any desire to Cruise South on Indian River to Captain Hiram's. But never say we don't try. This was already a shift in plans. Anyway, several partied and overnighted while others, me included, came for the meal. It looked to me like the restaurant was happy to see our 30 people.

December 13, 2014, Saturday Cruise to/Raft Up and Watch the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade has not happened as I write this, but it will & we will enjoy.

2015 BOATING EVENTS

On the schedule is an annual event, January 24, 2015, to "Cruise to Bird Island on Banana River" and to overnight for some attendees. We will be getting a separate sheet with coordinates but it is located south of the Highway Causeway 520 Bridge and north of the Pineda Causeway Bridge, actually midway between and west of channel. Smaller boats without bottom paint usually bounce up on the sandy beach. Arrive around 1200 and we plan to have a fire for cooking. Bring lawn chairs as desired (see page 9).

If you have a desire to make input to the boating activities we organize, please make your desires known. We want all kinds of activities and perfect weather but do have some problems with both. We have quite a few members with cruisers, and then others have big sailboats, and recently have kayaking members. Boat ownership is getting alarmingly expensive and yet with our membership base and classroom training courses, particularly Engine Maintenance, we can help with some expenses. Garry Pepin and I have done both heavy and light maintenance with outboards and inboard engines. Outboards are great that you can unbolt them and dump them for a new one, but at what cost. It is possible to greatly hold down the cost of boating if you want to try. Again, with our membership base there are folks who can help.

Our squadron members have done some really serious boating and can help you with questions. Gerard is a "Looper", which you should know what that is. And our past Secretary, Marilyn Flanigan, some years ago with her husband, jumped in their 28 foot Lahr's Cruiser in Michigan and got lost and ended up in Florida at their Merritt Island home dock. Other members are sailing a lot with the local associations.

Please get involved, enjoy the classes, and let us help you to enjoy the beautiful waters.



CRUISE TO BIRD ISLAND









When: Saturday, January 17, 2015 @ 1100 Hrs.

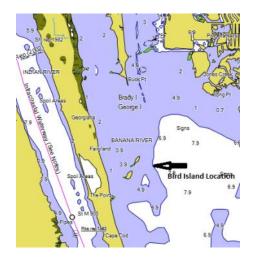
Where: Bird Island Lat.N 28 16 518 Lon. W 080 39 164

Details: Cruise to Bird Island for a raft up.

Meet at Kelly Park at 1100 hrs. where we will cruise to Bird Island. At the island we'll raft up and go ashore for a barbeque (weather permitting) or picnic on the boats.

A barbeque will be provided but This is a "bring your own food and drinks" event.

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



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

SECRETARY Lt/C Theresa FitzGerald, AP



I would like to thank all those that have helped me this past year. This includes P/Lt/C and long-time Secretary Marilyn Flanigan, who showed me the ropes, and the team of talented committee members and officers whose many hours of hard work ensured that the squadrons Yearbook, Soundings, Soundings Ads, Photography, Website, Roster, Communications, Squadron History, Photo Album/Scrapbook went off without a hitch. Thank you to the squadron for your patience as I know there were a few hitches on my end. I hope you all enjoy the holidays and I wish you a prosperous and healthy 2015.



Happy Birthday to You!

Douglas Bisset, P
Carolyn Bonnett, P
Lt Robert Brown, AP
Larry Burleson, S
Lt David Collins, JN
Ralph Crawford, P
Lt Winifred Crawford, JN
Morgan Enoch
Lt/C John FitzGerald, AP
P/C Kermit Forbes, AP
P/C George Hess, SN
Russell Jamieson
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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

Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron - 2015- 2016 Nominations

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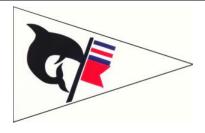
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Section 11.1 of the CBSPS By-Laws states: Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Submitted by: P/C John F. Mulkey, AP-IN

P/C Susan Kneeland, SN P/C Jay Longway, P





Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron Cordially Invites You To the 48th Annual Change of Watch

Date: Saturday 7 February 2013

Time: 1100 (cash bar) Program: 1145 & 1330

Lunch: 1230

Venue: Port Canaveral Yacht Club

910 Mullet road

Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Cost: \$25 p/p

Menu:

Unsweetened Tea, Water Tossed Salad

> Chicken Piccata Rice Green Beans

Also included:

Rolls & Butter, Coffee with dessert Key Lime Pie or Sugar free Ice Cream with cookie

RSVP and pay by 31 January 2015 Contact: Susan Kneeland 321-639-3860 13 Vanguard Road, Cocoa, FL 32926-8765



Hope you all had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year's Day!

The Coco-Nauts Thanksgiving Harvest Party held on November 16th was very nicely attended and the food was excellent & very yummy. Thanks to the cooks who cooked the turkeys and hams and to all who brought their favorite dishes to share.

Thanks to those who helped decorate to make our tables and room look so festive, and to all who helped set-up, take down, and clean up and to the those who returned stuff back to storage. I thank you all from all the Coco-Nauts.

Here is a list of upcoming things that you should mark you calendar's:

1. January 14, 2015 at 1130 a.m. will be our first meeting of the new year.

Place TBA. Watch your e-mail for announcement.

2. February 7, 2015 Change of Watch at PCYC. Time: 1130 - Price: \$25.00

Coco-Nauts to be installed:

President – Marilyn Flanigan Carolyn Bonnett - ML V.P. - Denise Stone Susan Kneeland - ML

Secretary – Pamela Johnson Doris Valentine - ML

Treasurer - Marian Sweigart

Happy Birthday to those who will have a Birthday this Winter 2015

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4	11 Carolyn Bonnett	04 Reesa Jacobson	06 Pamela Johnson
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If you had a Birthday in 2014 and it didn't get in the Coco-Nuats Corner, please call me and let me know. It's possible I don't have it in our records.

Watch your emails for all announcements on upcoming news!

A HISTORY OF THE COCO-NAUTS

By our Historian, Lt Denise Stone, P

At the last CBSPS General Meeting the Coco-Nauts presented the Squadron a check for \$415 to be applied towards the Schnoor Scholarship Fund. You may be asking who or what is the Coco-Nauts? Here is the answer to that question:

The official name of the Coco-Nauts is the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron Auxiliary and the group was founded in January 1968 so the Coco-Nauts are not quite as old as the Squadron. The purpose of the Coco-Nauts is to support and assist the Squadron in a manner that is consistent with USPS Policy and the CBSPS By-Laws.

The group is composed of spouses of CBSPS Members. At present there are 46 members of the Coco-Nauts. Early in the Coco-Naut history, one of our members, Chris Hedman designed and made the burgee for CBSPS.

Our main goal has been fundraising for the benefit of the Squadron and other charities in Brevard County. Money or goods have been donated by the Coco-Nauts to The Brevard Girl and Boy Scouts Troops, Lion's Club, VFW Post 4534 in Rockledge, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Florida Children's Home Society, the Sharing Center, Moose Haven, Moose Heart and the Domestic Violence Center in addition to the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron.

In 1973 and 1976 the Coco-Nauts collected recipes and published cookbooks that were sold to make money for the projects that the Coco-Nauts were supporting in those years.

The Coco-Nauts, in days gone by, supported the Squadron by typing the yearly Roster and the SOUNDINGS. And they also did monthly calling to all Squadron members to give each a reminder about the upcoming meetings, classes, and social events. They also helped with the Registration for the Safe Boasting Classes and helped out on testing nights. The Coco-Nauts held a Children's Boating Course from 1970-1975 graduating 317 kids. The Coco-Nauts also paid for a lens for the telescope at the Brevard Community College Planetarium and much equipment for the Squadron has been paid for by the Coco-Nauts since 1968.

At the present time the Coco-Nauts pays for the coffee at each meeting which runs \$300 per year. We pay for this with the raffle of gift baskets at some of the CBSPS Meetings during the year. Our other endeavor is to make a donation yearly to the Schnoor Scholarship Fund. To raise these funds we either host an event...like a card party or sell Macy's tickets for their charity day in August.

So if we approach you at a CBSPS meeting selling tickets for a gift basket (made by our creative member, Marge Balkema) please buy a ticket so we can raise the money to buy the coffee that is available at each meeting. The same goes for the Macy's tickets where if you pay \$5 you can get a ticket that will give you 25% off at Macy's on their Charity Day.

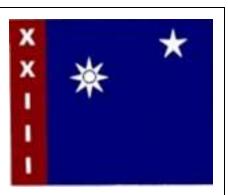
The Coco-Nauts work hard to support the Squadron and we appreciate each CBSPS member that helps us reach our goals.



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D23 Newsletter

D/Lt/C Roy Merritt, SN-IN D23 Executive Officer



Greetings everyone. I hope you all had as much fun as I did at our **Fall Conference**. D/C Fehr and I do hope you liked the way we changed things up a bit to make it more fun and interesting this year. Please let us hear your thoughts on the matter. With that in mind, we have made a good start on the Conference reformat work and the output of our committee meeting should be making its way out to the Squadron Commanders in the next month. Please discuss within your squadrons and let us hear back from you before the Winter Council.

D23 was represented at the **GB meeting** held in **Washington**, **DC** recently by D/C Bill Fehr, N; D/Lt/C Kurt Mikat, SN; myself and our wives. We had an enjoyable time and had the opportunity once again to meet new people in our organization from around the country. It is always a great opportunity to hear key and influential speakers and to recharge, as they say, our batteries. For an overview of the key pieces of information from the GB, see my report that D/Lt/C Mikat, SN recently sent out via SailAngle mail.

I highly encourage all D23 members to attend the next **National meeting** to be held once again in **Jacksonville 18 through 25 January 2015**. There will be the usual full week of interesting things to do and training and meetings to attend. It is always an exciting time and Jacksonville is a great city to visit.

Speaking of meetings, please don't forget the **Winter Council** is scheduled for **January 10th at the ARC in Daytona Beach.** Please mark your calendars. One other reminder of note is that the Nominating Committee is beginning to prepare the new slate of officers. I encourage you all to step up and volunteer to support your District.

As we move into the fall and winter months, and the north begins to freeze over and boaters start pulling their boats out and frantically 'winterizing' them, let us all be grateful for our good weather and year-round boating. However, now is not the time to become lax in our own boat maintenance, courtesy on the water or being ever mindful of safety!

Yours in safe boating.

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



Central Florida sail & Power Squadron D23 2015 Spring Conference 27 to 29 March 2015



The Officers and members of the Central Florida Sail and Power Squadron are pleased to invite you and your guest to join us in lovely Lake Mary Florida for the D23 Spring conference and COW.

Please Mark Your Calendars, we are planning a Great Weekend of fun for all! Dinners, cocktails, prizes, dancing, auctions, river cruises and much more.

We have finalized guest and meeting rooms at the **Westin Lake Mary, FL** and will provide a detail sheet with on-line booking instructions in another email. Please be sure to use this system or notify the Westin you are with the CFLSPS Group, to assure you receive the discounted room rate.



We have made arrangements with the **Rivership Barbara Lee** (an authentic stern wheel paddleboat) on the St. John's River for our first evening and dinner together. We have scheduled transportation services from the hotel to the Rivership. Even if you are from this area, please join us on the buses. More fun and bonding time for all ©

Room Rates: \$83.00 for Double King or Queen Rooms

Room reservations must be made by 28 February 2015

Reservations: Central Florida Sail and Power Squadron Room Block

Or copy and past this link into your browser:

https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1411051699&key=A295B54

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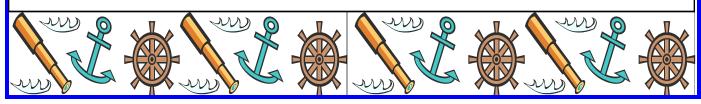
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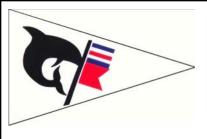
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