



The Soundings

Winter 2018 newsletter

Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron,
Central Brevard 's Boating Club



www.cbpsps.org



Membership Meetings

Tuesday 2 January @1900 (7 PM)
Matt Culver, Brevard County

Tuesday 6 February @ 1900 (7 PM)
Vote on new Officers

Tuesday 6 March @ 1800 (6 PM)
Chili Night

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



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

The **United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club's** 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@cbpsps.org

AT THE HELM

Commander Tom Courtney, AP-CN



The Holiday Season is upon us and we welcome back many of our squadron members who have returned for the winter. A reflection of this past year has given me cause to smile at all we have accomplished as a squadron as well as concern for the hardships some of our members have endured.

We have celebrated with food and drink at some of our usual events, found smooth waters, for the most part, to get out and enjoy time on our local waters.

Guest speakers at our general meetings have been informative and fun to listen to. Our scholarship winner was particularly interesting.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary as a squadron with the Chief Commander, his wife, and other dignitaries (see page 9).

Acting to fulfill our civic responsibility, we have performed periodic cleanups along Sykes Creek Parkway, in support of the Brevard Veterans Center, and hope to become more involved in the future.

We continue to fulfill our mission to educate our members and the public with the classes we offer to be better, safer boaters. We have performed over 180 VSC's this year. We have weathered the wrath of Irma, some of us faring far better than others.

While we continue to attract new members (see page 8), we have lost others who have passed away or moved on.

Many of us have been laid up due to illness or injuries. Thankfully, most are on the way to full recovery. Our prayers and thoughts go out to those who continue to struggle.

I am proud to announce that 50 of our members will receive merit marks this year, as this is an indication of the active involvement of our members with squadron activities.

As proud as I am of our merit mark members, I think we can do better next year.

A merit mark is earned by becoming involved in squadron activities, instructing classes, going to events and outings, helping out when asked, joining a committee, etc. My hope is that all squadron members can earn their merit mark next year.

Come on out, get together with old friends, make some new ones.
Happy Holidays and safe boating to all from Robin and me.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Jose Casals, AP-IN
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The year 2017 has gone fast. Even after the adverse weather during the hurricane season, our squadron has not slowed down and our teams continue to excel across all areas executing programmed activities. For me, it has been a privilege to be part of this friendly boating organization and I look forward to meet and continue to learn from our existing and new members.

As we transition into year 2018, our squadron is strong and healthy and we continue to increase our membership and keep our existing members as a cohesive team helping each other. Our yearly events are a tradition and we continue to look for new and exciting activities for everybody's enjoyment. Recommendations from any of our members are most welcome.

I take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude for all the volunteer work performed by the chairs and the members of all the committees under my department. Without any doubt, it is the individual effort from each person that makes our squadron so successful and we are fortunate to count many committed volunteers that contribute their time to each successful team as described below:

Vessel Safety Check Committee (VSC) - Chair: P/C Robert Rutigliano, SN-IN. Under Bob's leadership and proactive role, the team of 13 vessel inspectors have attained 186 inspections as of late November. The VSC Team members are: T. Courtney, C. Dinkey, C. Dodds Jr, D Henry, G. Meunier, T. Nahama, A. Pappas, G. Pepin, R. Raphael, R. Rutigliano, G. Shapow, J. Shapow, W. Wilkening. Great Job for the squadron, Thanks to all!

Website Officer - P/Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN. Rick has done a superb job. This site is our main source of instant information about upcoming events such as classes, boating and social activities. It is also a repository of information from past events and other documentation from our Squadron. During 2017, Rick implemented our Members Exchange section, to promote items for sale or exchange among our members. It can be accessed by clicking "About CBSPS" on the left side of our Web Page, WWW.CBSPS.ORG. Thanks Rick!

Facebook Officer - Lt Winnie Crawford, JN. Winnie continues to excel in keeping our Facebook social media page up to date with information regarding current and upcoming events. This venue targets a very dynamic audience and it provides the opportunity to disseminate information about our Squadron to friends and family members of Facebook users. You may access our squadron Facebook page by login into Facebook with your account (or register for a new free account) and searching for Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron. If you visit the page, please click the "I like it" button to help us spread the word about our Squadron. Thank you Winnie!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Jose Casals, AP-IN
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Boat Show Committee - Chair 1/Lt Michael Glynn, JN Mike has led this committee for a few years now and this year he stepped forward to fill the void created when Charlie Dinkey relocated out of state. Mike is well known and respected around the community of Boat Shows organizers in Central Brevard. My thanks to Mike for his positive-can do attitude and his willingness to take over this committee in 2017 again.

Liaison Committee - P/C Jay Longway III, P. Jay has led this committee for several years now and he is well known and respected in the community. His direct involvement with the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center along with his wife Lt Donna Longway has created an opportunity for our squadron to save money and at the same time fulfill our organization's commitment to civic duty in our community. Jay is leading the organization of a new CBSPS committee, the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) Committee, formally established by our Commander Tom Courtney's under the XO Department to coordinate CBSPS volunteers' help to the VMC in 2018 and beyond. This arrangement allows our squadron to partner with the VMC and benefit from the free use of their facilities for squadron activities. Up to now., our squadron paid for the conference room used for our monthly meetings. Please call Jay to help with this committee. Thank you Jay and Donna for your proactive role in our squadron.

Radio Technical Officer - Lt/C George Shapow, SN-IN. George has been our RTO for years, and continues in this role, in addition to other responsibilities such as Administrative Officer and teaching Communications and Electronic Navigation classes. Thanks George!

Public Relations Officer - P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN. This year Pat Dinkey started her efforts in promoting our squadron to our local community. But due to her relocation out of state, Gerard took over this role and is implementing our new marketing strategy, including contacting local TV stations and publications to disseminate information about our squadron's mission and boating classes. Thanks Gerard for stepping forward into this role.

Richard and Mary Jane Schnoor Scholarship Fund - Although not a committee, this fund is replenished yearly by the efforts and contributions of many members in our squadron. P/C Bob Rutigliano, SN-IN has led the effort by continuing the collection of aluminum cans and material for recycling. This effort along with other funds raisers such as organized by the Coco-Nauts have kept this fund healthy allowing us to benefit a deserving student from the Florida Institute of Technology with a \$1,000 yearly scholarship. In 2017, Dr. George Maul from FIT selected Ms. Liesel Becket and our scholarship allowed her to supplement funds needed for her investigative project related to an underwater research vehicle. She did an excellent presentation of her project at the November's General Meeting.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Past Commander John FitzGerald, SN-CN
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The Squadrons Education Department had a very busy year in 2017-2018. We continue to fulfill our mission to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members. The waters of Brevard County are a much safer place because of our excellent instructors and our membership who are always interested in the courses offered by The United States Power Squadrons.

This year we conducted:

ABC 3 courses, taught by P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN and D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP where we introduce safe boating to new boaters or boaters that wanted to increase their basic boating knowledge. We'll be offering another ABC 3 course in January 2018 so if you know anyone who would like to attend please sign them up.

Cruise & Cruise Planning was taken by one member independently and we're starting up a full class in January 2018 that will be taught by P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN.

Marine Electrical Systems was taught in March by Lt. Richard Schoonmaker, SN where 6 members passed.

Marine Navigation Systems is currently being taught by Lt/C George Shapow, SN where 12 members are taking the course.

Navigation course, the last and highest advanced course that USPS has to offer was continued from 2016 and was taught by P/C Louis Harlow, SN where six were advanced to either N or SN.

Piloting was taught by Lt. Mike Glynn, JN earlier this year where four members pass and received the designation of Pilot. Mike will be teaching another class in January 2018, and then we will have an AP class for all the new and existing Pilots in the squadron.

Seamanship was taught by P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN where ten members passed and received the designation of Seaman. All the new and existing members with the S designation are encouraged to take the upcoming Piloting class.

Weather, which is one of the toughest elective courses, was taught by Lt. Winifred Crawford, JN where she guided nine members to a passing grade. Her reputation with this course encouraged members of the Port Canaveral Yacht Club join us and they joined our squadron during the course. Great job W.

BOC certificate was taught by P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN where three members achieved the designation of coastal navigator.

Boating Education

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Past Commander John FitzGerald, SN-CN
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The United States Sail & Power Squadrons offers many other advanced and elective courses that will be offered in the future. Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron has a full slate of instructors for these courses and they're ready to conduct the courses. It's not only the instructors that make the Education Department the best in District 23; it takes a large group of people. I would like to thank the following team of people for their dedication to our squadron and the education department:

Squadron Educational Officer	P/C John FitzGerald, SN-CN
Assistant Educational Officer	1/Lt Michael J. Glynn, JN
Chair / Local Board / Boating	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN
Educational Registrar	Lt Marian H. Sweigart, AP
Educational Assist. Registrar	Janet von Berg, S
Chair / Local Board / Advanced Grades	P/C Lou Harlow, SN
Instructor / Seamanship	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN
Instructor / Piloting	1/Lt Mike Glynn, JN
Instructor / Advanced Piloting	P/D/C Bill Fehr, SN
Instructor / Junior Navigation	Lt/C George Shapow, SN-IN
Instructor / Navigation	Lt/C Lou Harlow, SN
Chair / Celestial Sights	P/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN
Chair / Local Board / Elective Courses	Lt Gregorio S. (George) Guerrero, S
Instructor / Weather	Lt Winifred C. Crawford, JN
Instructor / Engine Maintenance	Lt Garry Pepin, AP
Instructor / Marine Electrical	P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN
Instructor / Marine Communications	Lt/C George Shapow, SN-IN
Instructor/ Marine Navigation	Lt/C George Shapow, SN-IN
Instructor / Sail	Lt David Keane, JN
Instructor / Instructor Development	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN
Instructor / Cruise Planning	P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN
Coordinator / BOC	P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN

On a personal note, Theresa and I will be moving this month but will continue to serve as Bridge Officers until the Change of Watch in February. We've been involved in many organizations but this is by far the best group of people we've ever met. From the first meeting in June 2013 we were always made to feel welcome by all of you. We made lifelong friendships and will always be proud that our first squadron was the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron and District 23. We found the best way to meet our members and others in the district was to serve as Bridge Officers and would encourage all members to get involved in some way either as officers, committee members or support staff. We'll miss all of you and wanted to thank you for letting us be part of your lives & Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

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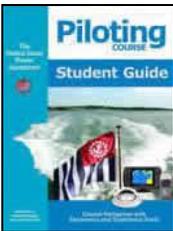
Past Commander John FitzGerald, SN-CN
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The **Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron (CBSPS)** will offer the following 2 classes starting January 2018. **To register**, please go to www.cbsps.org/Education.html, find the class of interest and click on "Register Here". No money required now but registration closing soon as books have to be ordered.

Piloting, presented by 1/Lt Mike Glynn, JN and Lt Jim Green, N

Date: Thursday 18 January 2018 to Thursday 22 March 2018 Time: 1900 Hrs.
Price: Members only: \$ 78.00 Couples: \$93.00
Location: Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza - Room D 701 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway
(Rte. 520) Cocoa Beach, FL. 32931



Piloting is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation for the recreational boater. The course teaches plotting using GPS but also includes traditional course plotting so the student will be able to safely navigate if the GPS fails. The students will do hands on exercises on plotting techniques. Take home, open book test.

This class and Seamanship are prerequisites for the other 3 navigation classes.

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: \$ 64.00 Non-Members: \$ 116.00
Location: Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza - Room D 701 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway
(Rte. 520) Cocoa Beach, FL. 32931

This class is almost full; only a few places left. Hurry to register.

Boat Operator Certification (BOC)

On 11 November 2017, Lt/C Jose Casals and George Shapow, under the supervision of Cdr Tom Courtney and Lt David Keane, passed the Boat Handling demo for the Inland Navigator level. Tom and Dave are now BOC-IN Certified Instructors and P/C Gerard Meunier, a BOC-IN Trainer.



Here is Cdr Tom in action, who kindly lent his boat, despite the upcoming small craft advisory, to install our new buoy system, just made by Gerard, and bring P/C Will Benny, Assistant Regional Director to Kelly Park for the event. The beautiful double rainbow compensated the rain and increasing wind and waves.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander George Shapow, SN



I will apologize for the brevity of this report, but typing with one hand is really a chore.

Except for one event cancelled due to hurricane, our boating outings have been very well attended and I look forward to even better participation in the future. Please see further details in the Boating Report from P/C Duane Balkema on page 10.

Our Holiday Party on 10 December should be a great time for all as was our well attended Egg Nog Party.

We have 30 new members so far this year. Welcome to all. Please see below those who joined since the last newsletter.

I would really like to thank all the behind the scenes people who make our events happen. Without them, our squadron would not be the vibrant, energetic group that is. Happy Holidays to all.

Welcome to our 2017 new members since the Summer newsletter

First Name	Last Name	Date Joined	Home Base	Boat Name	Boat Type
Patrick	Hughes	5 August	Cocoa Beach	None	N/A
Sarah	Farris	23 August	Rockledge	Cyprian 2	37' Chris Craft
William	Ellis	23 August	Rockledge	Cyprian 2	37' Chris Craft
Tommye	Morris	10 October	Harbortown	Happyness	45' Carver
James	Stanley	6 November	Cape Canaveral	It's About Time	26' power
Joann	Stanley	6 November	Cape Canaveral	It's About Time	26' power
Ellie	Kiesling	16 November	Rockledge	Duchess	33' Sail
Scott	Kiesling	16 November	Rockledge	Duchess	33' Sail



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Out There, Doing It!

From John & Sarah Hedegaard aboard Corsica Lady, their Mainship 350/390

We are currently at Dog River marina in Mobile AL. Plan to stay here through January, getting a soft spot on our flybridge repaired. Not a fancy marina but they do good work and have a courtesy car. The loop has been great - the North Channel and the Trent Waterway were spectacular. Wish we would have had time to include Ottawa and Montreal. Spent some relaxing time on the Tennessee river, Chattanooga was spectacular. The southern rivers are enjoyable. The Mississippi was OK but more commercial than scenic. Had lots of opportunities to have one whistle, two whistles conversations with tows. Very pleased with the performance of our AIS. Were part of a giant lock through at the Wilson lock on the Tennessee, 22 Loopers and a canoe.

Harbor hosts have been super helpful. Anyone thinking of doing the loop should take advantage of all the information they have to offer. Helped us take an alternator to a rebuild shop in New Jersey. The hosts in Midland Ontario spent an afternoon with us recommending anchorages and route in the North Channel.

Tom and Julie Hoffmann gave us their CBPS burgee to add to the burgee wall at the hotel in Little Current, Ontario, Canada.

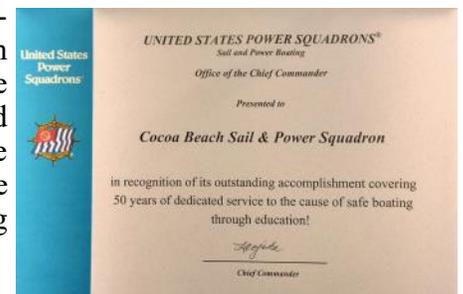


We are 50 (years young)

On 14 October 2017, our squadron celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Over 80 members participated including 12 Past Commanders as well as National, District 23 and neighbor squadrons dignitaries. All received our new brochure and a 50th burgee pin.



Here is Cdr Tom Courtney receiving the official document from USPS' Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN. The latter also presented P/C Al Pappas, SN, who hosted the event, his 50th membership pin. See more pictures on www.CBSPS.org under Photo Gallery.



Boating Report

Past Commander Duane L. Balkema, AP

RECENT EVENTS: *(see pictures under Photo Gallery at www.cbpsps.org)*

The "**Poker Run**" **August event** was hampered by winds but we had 5 boats with about 20 people make the long run around part of Merritt Island. Others joined in as we celebrated with cash \$\$ awards at Squid Lips. John & Jill Small with their 25' pontoon boat won top honors.

The "**Cruise to Bird Island**" in September had lots more boats attend.

And finally, the "**Cruise to Marker 21**" **event** occurred on a really nice day in November and we had 8 boats with over 25 people attend, including BRSPS members.

Thanks to all for participating in these events. If you read the last Soundings, you read about the Boatbuilding of Member/Editor Gerard. We look forward to seeing him attend an event soon.

NEW EVENTS:

December is Christmas Parade Month and there are plenty around the county and way beyond. Margie and I, a few years ago drove down and watched the Large Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade. It was amazing and had lots of Corporate Sponsorships meaning that a lot of money was thrown at big boats in decorations and parties. On a trip across the state we made thru Lake "O" and the canals we overnighted on a gas dock in Stuart. They had their Christmas Parade that night and we had a ring-side seat watching it.

Having said all of that, As an Event, we will have a **December 9, 2017 "Christmas Parade Raft-up" and Watch the Cocoa Beach Parade from the boats.** The Parade starts at dark, so be in place Just South of Sunset Cafe, centered in the open Lagoon so the boats nearly go around you. Target 6 PM as arriving on the Banana River near the Hwy 520 Bridge and heading East to the Raft-Up point

We have a "**Cruise to Grills Riverside**" on **US1** scheduled Saturday, January 20, 2018 (see next page).

February 17, 2018 we "**Cruise to Samsons Island Park**" on Grand Canal in Satalite Beach. The park is on an Island in the area of some really nice Lansing Island Homes. (see page 12)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

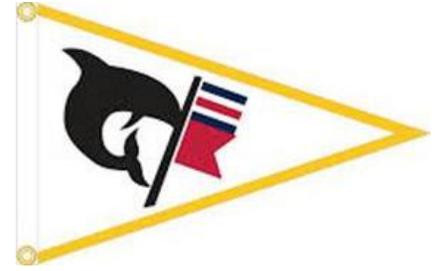
2018 is on the way, with new schedules, new officers and the like.

Do you have a special idea for a Boating Event?

Please contact Duane Balkema at 321 452-5892 or any Squadron Officer.



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Cruise to Grills Riverside

Saturday, 20 January 2018

BY BOAT: A lovely cruise down the Indian River just north of the Pineda Causeway (Rte 404). **La 28.2104° Lo 080.6641° W.** Meet at 1200. There is plenty of dockage for the boats.

If you don't have a boat and would like to come for the cruise, please contact Duane Balkema @ 321-452-5892 to find you space on a participating boat.

BY CAR: Meet us at noontime (12:00pm) at Grills Riverside
6075 N Hwy US-1, Melbourne FL 32940





**Cocoa Beach Sail &
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Samson's Island Park Boat Outing

Sat 17 February 2018



**Cruise to Samson's Island by boat and raft up at the Dock for
Lunch and Exploring
Arrive by 1200 / Lunch at 1300**

**COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!
Bring your own lunch and drinks
Tables at the park.**

Contact P/C Duane Balkema at 321-452-5892

SECRETARY**Lieutenant Commander Theresa FitzGerald, N**

Happy Birthday
to all born in
January to March!

Robert Atkins, AP
 Bryant Aumack, S
 Kathy Lynn Daschuk
 Hilary Eisbrenner, P
 Kristina Harlow
 P/C George Hess, SN
 Arthur Hitch
 Patrick Hughes
 P/Lt/C Donna Longway, S
 P/Lt/C Eugene Millner, AP
 Marc Montfort
 Tommye Morris
 Tamara Oviedo, S
 P/C Al Pappas, SN
 Ronald Raphael, S
 Daniel Rogers
 Clifford Schommer, P
 P/C Lance Vandenberg, AP

Douglas Bisset, P
 Valerie Bondy
 Ralph Crawford, P
 Sarah Farris
 Valentina Frasco
 Michael Galiszewski
 Nancy Garwood, AP
 Charles Kilgore, AP
 Thomas Kunz
 Mark Anthony Luciani, S
 Patrick Lusk, AP
 Kevin Luttrell, S
 Lt. Garry Pepin, AP
 Laurie Yates

Carol Aumack, S
 Robert Blackledge
 1st Lt. Robert Brown, AP
 Larry Burleson, S
 Lt. Winifred Crawford, JN
 1st Lt. Patricia Dinkey, S
 William Ellis
 P/C John FitzGerald, SN-CN
 Russell Jamieson
 Lt. Pamela Johnson, P
 Douglas Kiesling
 Barbara Millner, S
 Linda Mook
 Twila Nahama, N
 Raul Rodriguez, AP
 P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN
 Beth Skedsvold, S
 Johannes Small, S
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 Evelyn Tribut

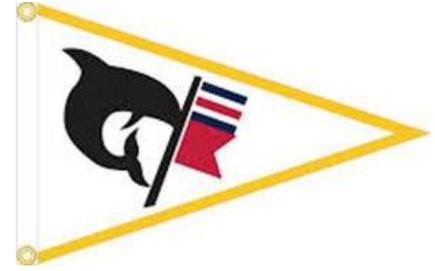
If you have any changes to your e-mail, address, etc.
 please send them to me at:

Secretary@cbsps.org

Thank you



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Slate of Officers 2018-2019

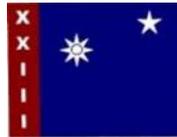
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Education Officer (SEO):	1/Lt Michael Glynn, JN
Assistant SEO:	James Green, N
Admin Officer:	Lt Deborah Henry, AP
Assistant AO:	Mark Anthony Luciani, S
Secretary:	Carolyn Green, P
Assistant Secretary:	Janice Moore, S
Treasurer:	Lt/C Marsha Kirkwood, S
Assistant Treasurer:	Lt Donna Longway, S
Members at Large:	P/C Susan Kneeland, SN
	P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN
	P/C John Mulkey, AP-IN
	P/C Tom Courtney, AP-CN
Rules Committee:	P/C Michael Stone, AP – chm
	P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN - 2 years
	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN -3 years
Nominating Committee:	P/C Louis Harlow, SN - chm
	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN – 2 years
	P/C Tom Courtney, AP-CN – 3 years
Auditing Committee:	P//C John Mulkey, AP-IN - chm
	P/C Louis Harlow, SN – 2 years
	Ronald Raphael, S – 3 years
Submitted by Nominating Committee:	Douglas Bisset, P - chm
	P/C Lance VandeBerg, AP
	P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN

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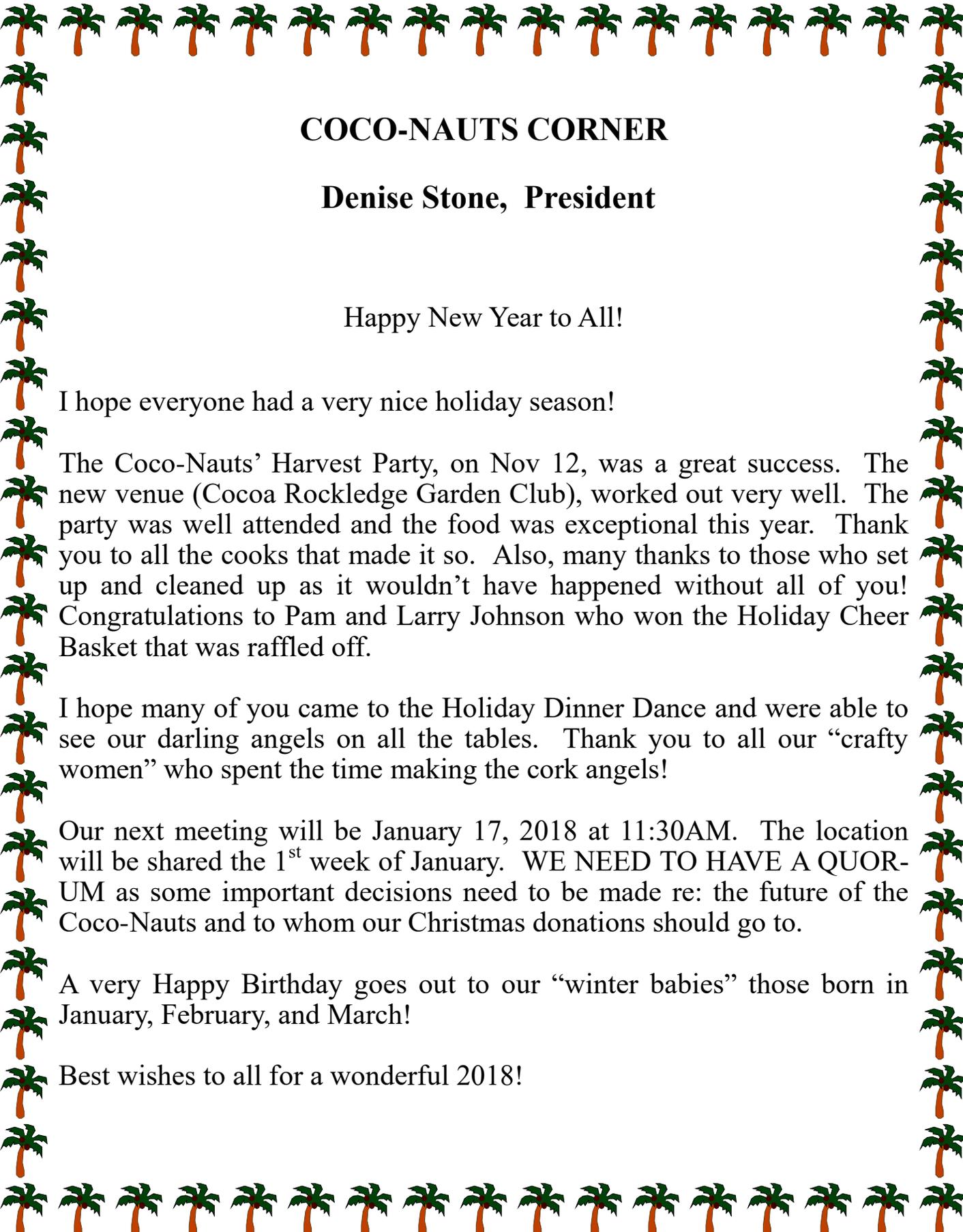


51st Change of Watch Luncheon

Saturday, 10 February 2018
11:00-3:00

International Palms Resort
1300 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL
Choice of Mango Mahi Mahi or Captain Morgan Chicken
\$30 per person
Cash Bar

Reservations required
Contact Tom Courtney @ 407-276-6893
Susan Kneeland @ 321-505-4208



COCO-NAUTS CORNER

Denise Stone, President

Happy New Year to All!

I hope everyone had a very nice holiday season!

The Coco-Nauts' Harvest Party, on Nov 12, was a great success. The new venue (Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club), worked out very well. The party was well attended and the food was exceptional this year. Thank you to all the cooks that made it so. Also, many thanks to those who set up and cleaned up as it wouldn't have happened without all of you! Congratulations to Pam and Larry Johnson who won the Holiday Cheer Basket that was raffled off.

I hope many of you came to the Holiday Dinner Dance and were able to see our darling angels on all the tables. Thank you to all our "crafty women" who spent the time making the cork angels!

Our next meeting will be January 17, 2018 at 11:30AM. The location will be shared the 1st week of January. WE NEED TO HAVE A QUORUM as some important decisions need to be made re: the future of the Coco-Nauts and to whom our Christmas donations should go to.

A very Happy Birthday goes out to our "winter babies" those born in January, February, and March!

Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2018!



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

**District 23 Secretary
D/Lt/C Ron Poland, SN**



Our purpose as members of the United States Power Squadrons is to promote safe boating and the fun that goes along with comradery on the water.

In June, the Board of Directors approved the use of the name America's Boating Club™ in marketing United States Power Squadrons®. I believe the Board has truly captured the essence of what we are by declaring ourselves America's Boating Club. Please keep that in mind as we target "outdoor enthusiasts" and "sociable adventurers" — comprising over 15.5 million US boaters — for membership in our organization.

To support recruitment, National has developed several videos to arouse awareness, interest, and desire in adopting the safe-boating lifestyle and taking action by joining USPS. The videos can be played at public meetings, embedded in squadron websites, and posted on squadron Facebook pages. Links can be emailed to prospective members for playing and sharing with friends and family. These are currently available for your use. Consider giving them a try.

I would like to remind everyone to update your own profile on the national website. If you don't know how to do this, your squadron secretary can help. Your squadron secretary can also help you install and give you the user password for DB2000. This tool provides a source of general information about your squadron and its members. Any responsible member can have access to this data base and no one can change anything without a password.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Winter Council & Training on 13 January 2018 at the Daytona Beach ARC Building; more info on uspsd23.org
Be safe and have fun on the water, Ron

Please support our Friends !

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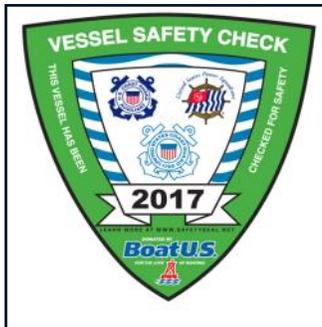
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