

The Soundings



Fall 2015 newsletter

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



AT THE HELM

Cdr Lou Harlow, N



I believe Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron are doing well in all areas. However, what I think doesn't really matter unless you agree. The hard work of those seen and not seen is a key factor in the success of our squadron. If you or you know of a member that is dissatisfied with how we are doing things please let a Bridge member know about it. Feedback is important to us and key to improvement. We all owe it to each other to do the best we can to improve and support USPS and CBSPS.

Our quarterly "non-meeting dinner nights" appear to be very successful. Tom Courtney and his crew do a superb job each time we have an event. The recent Italian dinner was well attended and a varied array of entrees was available. These special evenings are well suited for bringing prospective members in to let them see what we are about. It would also be nice to see long time members that haven't been seen lately at the next dinner. If you know some folks that haven't been around for a few months give them a call. An invite for good food might bring them back.

The Vessel Safety Check program has been very successful. Bob Ratigliano and his squad have been out and about as often as possible with excellent results. I think with the arrangement we have with West Marine for VSC sign-ups next year will be even better. More safety checks should make us all safer on the water. In the interest of safety we are also making inquiries to see if we can have the simulator back for a week. The simulator generated a great deal of interest at West Marine and at our general meeting.

Membership seems to rise and fall with the tide but I know we are all doing our best to recruit and retain good people.

Education and training classes are back in full swing. Sandy Schoonmaker and her instructors all deserve a salute. Classes are well attended and well received. Our completion and passing rate, I expect, is as good as or better than any squadron. In short our education programs are the best.

Every drunken skipper trusts to Providence. But one of the ways of Providence with drunken skippers is to run them on the rocks.

George Bernard Shaw, Heartbreak House, 1913

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John FitzGerald, AP



Scholarship:

The Richard and Mary Jane Schnoor undergraduate scholarship is doing much better this quarter. With the contributions made to date and the upcoming auction we will be on track to meet our \$1,000 goal. Please come to the October meeting and bid on the items donated by our generous members. (All money raised goes to the Scholarship fund)

This edition I would like to thank two of our members that contribute a great deal to the scholarship. Capt. Mark and Michele Anderson, owner/operators of Space Coast River Tours collect all the cans used on their boat and turn them over to P/C Robert Rutigliano, N-IN for recycling. This is a gesture that some members don't know about but it contributes a great deal of money to the scholarship fund. Thank you for your contribution, it is much appreciated.

Vessel Safety Check & West Marine Update:

P/C Robert Rutigliano, N-IN and the VSE's are still working to make the boats on our waterways safer. The have conducted over 151 vessel safety checks so far this year. This requires a lot of time and dedication. Thank you to all the examiners.

West Marine is still providing us with a spot in their store on the second Wednesday of each month to sign up boats for inspection and to promote CBSPS. We will be taking a small break until February when the new Coast Guard Stickers come out and inspections start up in full force again. West Marine is proving to be a great partner with our organization. They fully support boater education and safety.

Boat Show Committee:

Lt. Mike Glynn, AP and I are very appreciative for the help our members have given at the boat shows this year. The show schedule has slowed down a little. Please support him and sign up to assist whenever you can. You are doing a great job Mike.

Facebook, Public Relations, CBSPS Website:

Lt. Winifred Crawford, P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker and Lt. Jose Casals keep us up to date with our squadron Facebook page, CBSPS website and public relations duties. Check out the sites to keep informed. If you haven't done it already, "Like" us on Facebook where several times a month you will see interesting articles.

Liaison Committee:

P/C J.P. Longway III, P is still working with Brevard County to keep us up to date on all things that relate to CBSPS. Thank you.

Radio Technical Officer:

Lt/C George Shapow, S will keep us up to date with any changes in the technical field.

Finally, I would like to welcome back all the members who spent time with their families or went on vacation during the summer months. Let's have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Thanks to our 2015 Scholarship Fund Donors

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN



The Education Department is supported by enthusiastic and energetic members who are thirsty for boating education. Since February we completed a series of classes with full enrollment and an astronomical success rate. This quarter we have 9 students enrolled in the *Sail* class and 12 students enrolled in our celestial navigation class, *JN*.

For these twelve *JN* class members, their educational journey began two years ago when they enrolled in the first of the navigation classes, *Seamanship*. If you are a member who would like to follow this path, there will be a class beginning in January, 2016. Even if your sights aren't set as high as the stars, this entry level class is a must for all boaters. P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, will teach this class that emphasizes the basics of boating for both the captain and the first mate. You may enroll at any time either on the national website, www.usps.org or via our Cocoa Beach site, www.usps.org or via our Cocoa Beach site, www.usps.org or via our Co-

Do you want to sail the world, do the Loop, travel to the Bahamas, or just take a short weekend trip to anchor out at Marker 21? The *Cruise Planning Course* is the class for you and it will also be offered in January, 2016. Having just completed the second long distant cruise to Canada this summer, D/Lt/C Gerard Meunier, SN is the instructor who will give you insight into the joys and woes of leaving port for a lengthy voyage. Here again, sign up on-line or at a meeting.

In February the squadron will begin a new year with new officers and a new schedule. Already instructors are being recruited and classes are being planned. The new schedule will appear on the website early in 2016 but as a preview, we will teach *Advanced Piloting* and *Marine Communications* following the above mentioned classes. So keep your pencils sharpened and be ready to join us for another exciting year of boating education!

Boating Education

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Courtney, AP



The summer started early for our Squadron this year as we continued to enjoy fun boating events, interesting guest speakers and delicious food.

June's general meeting was a Pizza Night delight as 48 members and guests shared pizza from Bizzarro Pizza. We cruised the Indian River to Captain Hiram's or came by land to spend a night of fun and frolic in Sebastian.

At our July General Meeting we celebrated Ed Kidd's 99th birthday with cake and song. Donn Weaver of the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center shared the Center's history and future with as our guest speaker. We cruised the Banana River for a Bioluminescence Tour with Squadron Members Captains Mark & Michele aboard the Blue Dolphin.

The August General Meeting was a hot one as the AC was out at the Veterans Center. We postponed hearing from Bob Atkins of the Citizens for Florida's Waterways but we did celebrate Genevieve Link's and Ed Bonnett's 90th+ birthdays. Our boating event was a cruise to Grills on the Banana River.

September means Italian Night and this year we didn't disappoint as everyone brought awesome Italian dishes to share. Our boating event, a raft up in the Indian River, west of Dragon's point, was cancelled due to weather.

This Fall is loaded with more interesting speakers, fun outings on the water and seasonal events:

October:

6th- 1900 hr General Meeting- Guest Speaker will be Matt Culver of the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office.

17th-1100hr Kayaking in Thousand Islands (see page 7)

30th- 1800 hr Halloween Party at Kiwanis Island Park, Dc Meeting Room (building on left with attached pavilion). This is a BYOB event and we ask you come in an appropriate costume and bring a finger food dish to share. There is no cost to attend (see page 8)

November:

3rd- 1900 hr General Meeting- Guest speaker will be the Scholarship recipient. Silent Auction to raise money for our Scholarship Fund.

7th-0800 hr Bus trip to Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show: meet at Merritt Sq. Mall to board bus and travel to Ft. Lauderdale to the Boat Show. Cost is \$50/ person (see page 9)

21st- 1100 hr Cruise to Mosquito Lagoon- Meet in the Indian River west of Barge Canal, cruise to Mosquito lagoon, raft up and spend the day (see page 10)

22nd- 1400 hr Harvest Party- Space Coast Association of Realtors, 105 McLeod ST. Merritt Island. Hosted by the Coco-Nauts. Please bring a dish to share. Beer, wine, soda & water will be provided. Contact Doris Valentine to sign up (see page 11)

December:

1st - 1800 hr Egg Nog event to celebrate the holidays - Please bring a finger food to share

5th- 0900 hr Holiday Christmas Parade in Merritt Island. Contact PC Bob Rutigliano to participate.

11th- 1800 hr Holiday Dinner Dance. Rockledge Country Club, 1591 Fisk Blvd. Rockledge. Cash Bar & DJ (see page 12)

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

PAST QUARTER EVENTS

Our July 18th Nighttime Bioflorescence Observation Cruise on the Blue Dolphin operated by Squadron Member Captain Mark Anderson & First Mate Michelle Anderson was enjoyed by about 30 people. Mark reports this was a great year to witness/view this amazing event.

Our **Cruise to "Grills Riverside Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar**" on August 15, 2015 at 1200 was enjoyed by 35 friends and the conversation was great. Charles & Pat Dinky, Tom & Marlene Guthrie and George & Judy Shapow came by boat. Biggest topic was John & Theresa Fitzgerald's departure the next day, flying to Ireland.

Our **September 19th Squadron Raft-Up at Dragon Point**, on the south end of Merritt Island was not attended by folks due to the weather. I took my 33 out and cruised the area looking for people and happened upon Bob Rutigliano, John Fitzgerald, and a new member at Mathers Bridge. They were in from Vero Beach. Many members were out and active on their own boating events through the summer.

P/C Gerard Meunier has been touring Canada and the East Coast on his 40' Power Catamaran "Cat House" for the past several months and finally made it home. What an experience, and this is his second time on the **Great Loop**.

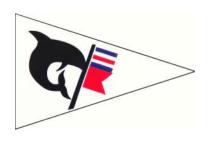
FALL BOATING EVENTS

October 17th Saturday at 1100 we assemble **at Ramp Road in Cocoa Beach to Kayak** and explore Thousand Islands. Returning, we will lunch at 1230 hours (see page 7).

November 21st Saturday we meet 1100 hrs/**Cruise to Mosquito Lagoon** going North through the Haulover Canal where we will Raft up and have lunch (see page 10).

December 19th Saturday (probable) we meet up just south of the 520 Bridge out on the water to cruise to our favorite spot to **watch the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade** go by. Always a fun evening.





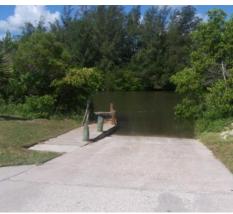
Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron's Kayaking in Thousand Islands

Saturday, 17 October 2015

1100 Hours
Meet at Ramp Road Park, Cocoa Beach
(Off of S. Brevard Ave. just south of S. 5th St.)
Launch Kayaks and explore Thousand Islands

1230 Hours Lunch at the Pavilion













Halloween Costume Party

When: Friday 30 October @ 6pm

Where: Kiwanis Island Park, Dc Mtg. Room 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd. Merritt Island

Cost: No Charge

The CBSPS Entertainment Committee would like to invite you to a night of fun and games at our Halloween Costume Party.

Costumes are required

\$50 grand prize / \$25 runner up prize will be awarded for best costumes
This will be a BYOB party
Water & soda will be supplied by the Entertainment Committee
Please bring a finger food dish to share.







To sign up contact: Tom Courtney @ 407-276-6893 or Jay & Donna Longway @ 321-449-9037









FORT LAUDERDALE BOAT SHOW

Saturday 7 November 2015

Charter Bus from Merritt Island to and from Fort Lauderdale 8AM-8PM

Come join the Cocoa Beach, Banana River & Titusville Sail & Power Squadrons for a day at the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show

8 AM Meet at the Merritt Square Mall and board the bus

11 AM – 5 PM Enjoy the Boat Show

5 PM Board the Bus for return trip to Merritt Island.

8 PM Arrive in Merritt Island

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To sign up please contact Tom Courtney at: AO@cbsps.org





Cruise to

MOSQUITO LAGOON





When: 21 November 2015

Where: Meet in Indian River at Barge Canal @ 1100

Cruise to Mosquito Lagoon through Haulover Canal

Raft up/ Have lunch

Time: Lunch @ 1200

If you don't have a boat but would like boat with us, please contact Tom Courtney @ 407-276-6893 to check on availability



COCO-NAUTS HARVEST PARTY

Sunday 22 November 1400 hrs

Space Coast Board of Realtors 105 McLeod St. Merritt Island

Please bring a dish to share Wine, beer, soda & water supplied Cost: \$6/person

Friends & Family welcome

Contact Doris Valentine to sign up

Happy Holidays

Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron Holiday Dinner Dance









When: Friday 11 December, 1800 hr.

Where: Rockledge Country Club 1591 Fisk Blvd. Rockledge

Price: \$35 per person

Music: Rocking out with DJ Dave Champion

Buffet Dinner & Dessert Bar Cash Bar Available

Please make reservations & pay prior to December 4th
Contact Doris Valentine @ 321-452-1831

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Happy Birthday to members born in the Fall!

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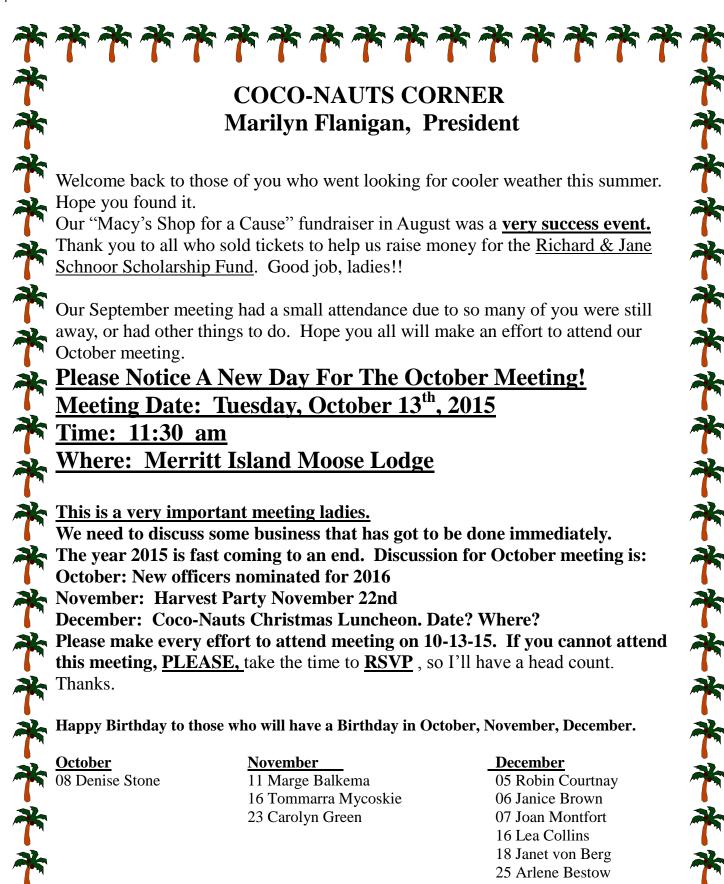
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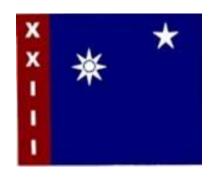
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If you have any changes to your e-mail, address, etc. please send them to me at: **Secretary@cbsps.org**. Thank you





GALAXY D23 Newsletter D/C Roy Merritt, SN-IN



Greetings Everyone.

We are fast approaching our busy season of meetings, parties and holidays. Speaking of meetings and parties, August 26th through August 30th, Anne and I will be at the National GB meeting in San Diego. I'll be producing a report from the event shortly after our return. This Segway's nicely to our Fall Council meeting which will be held via a GotoMeeting session on September 16th at 7:00pm. I have asked for a note of any business to be brought before the Council to be sent to me by August 28th. To date, I have received one agenda item for discussion. Other events of note approaching soon is your Squadron Change of Watch. I have already requested Squadron Commanders send me a note of your Squadron's C.O.W. date. I would be most grateful if you would not delay submitting this as soon as you can.

Jacksonville has planned an exciting event for us at the Fall Conference. With football season upon us, I am looking forward to the tailgate party on Friday night. So, if you haven't done so already, I encourage you to not delay any longer and sign up today for the weekend event. The cutoff for reservations is 15th September, so please, don't delay.

Awards. I would like to encourage all the Squadrons to participate in the Awards and Teaching Aids programs. There are some excellent awards available to those Squadrons that take an active part in various programs. The Fall Conference is fast approaching and deadline submissions are too. If you have not already done so, please review the D23 Awards Manual which details the judging criteria and nomination time frame for each of the awards. The D23 Awards Manual is available on our website in the D23 Resource section and is there for anyone to download.

On a closing note, and very much in keeping with awards and recognition, please note that Merit Marks are due by early October for submittal on 1 November. This is the best way we can recognize the hard work and time our Squadron members give to our organization and community, so please, take the time to recognize those members and ensure your entries are submitted on time.

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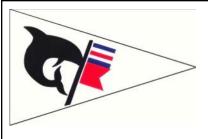
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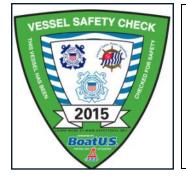
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