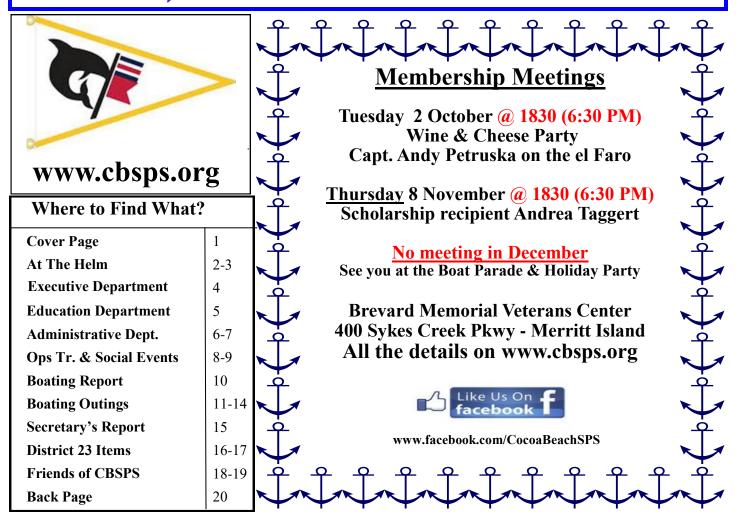
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Fall 2018



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#### AT THE HELM

## Commander Jose Casals, AP-IN (Page 1/3)



Greetings! Our beautiful Space Coast area is getting the best of the hot season: sunshine in the morning, storms in the afternoon but we continue to march along with several boating and social activities to cater individual preferences.

Our Administrative Department added a "Plan B" to every boating event, providing a land-accessible location for our members that prefer to drive rather than boat when the weather does not cooperate. I want to recognize our Boating Committee, led by Duane Balkema with help from Bill Ellis, Tom Guthrie, and Tom Courtney for planning and executing our boating events.

In addition, food and wine prior to all our general meetings has been a resounding success. I sincerely thank Deb and our cooks, Rex Stone and Elmer Bakalla, for the extraordinary effort to keep everyone well fed prior to our meetings.

Our Membership Chair, Sandy Schoonmaker is reaching out to every new member and thanks to her we are seeing new faces participating in our meetings and activities.

Our Education Department is maintaining a high tempo of class offerings with a high level of successful completion (see page 5) and our other departments are also hard at work to fulfill our mission.

In this edition, I want to address the topic of **member's involvement and participation**, which leads to retention and recruiting. Our Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron is a family-oriented Boating and Social Club. We have friendships that started long ago and continue to grow as the years go by. I have witnessed how our members help each other outside the club activities, whether to fix a dock, a boat or help after a hurricane, or just going out for dinner. This is a great boater's community and there is nothing like it anywhere. Whereas there are many Yatch Clubs and Marinas around, our community is strong because we look out for each other, we strive to provide superior safe boating training, boating activities, social activities and we participate in our community by volunteering and helping other organizations.

#### AT THE HELM

Commander Jose Casals, AP-IN (page 2/3)



I also urge each one of you to **become an ambassador** to our club and help communicate our goals of safe boating, civic and social activities to your family, neighbors and friends. We need to reach out to our fellow members, existing and new, stimulate participation in our activities and provide a venue for constant communication. Please reach out within our communities in search of existing or potential boaters, and invite them to our activities and to our Safe Boating classes. Water sports have evolved to include personal watercraft (PWC), paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, in addition to power and sail boats. We want all of these to become safe water sports users.

With your individual help, I am confident that Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron will continue to excel by helping local area boaters enjoy our beautiful Florida's Space Coast waters in a safe and responsible manner, while creating an ever increasing community of lifetime friends. Stay involved, get out and enjoy our local waters, whether on your boat or as a guest on someone else's boat!

Lastly, please mark your calendars for our upcoming activities posted in our website and in this publication. I want to cordially invite all our members to the upcoming **D23 Fall Conference**, right here in our backyard at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. Details for signing up appear later in this publication. This year, the Conference is being planned and executed entirely by our Squadron Activities Team, led by P/C Tom Courtney, AP-CN. It will be a day of fun activities and a great opportunity to meet our fellow members from all other Squadrons within D23. Mark your calendar for this one day event on October 20th! Let's have the largest attendance ever! In addition, please plan to attend our traditional **Harvest Party**, planned by the Coco-Nauts Committee on Sunday November 4th and our **Holiday Dinner/Dance** on December 9th.



#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## Lieutenant Commander George Shapow, SN-IN



Our commander has asked me to convey our appreciation for the excellent work done by all the Executive Department committees.

In this edition, we will highlight the efforts by:

Our webmaster, P/Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN, for keeping our webpage **www.cbsps.org** up to date, including scheduled events and photos capturing the fun of our activities.

Our Facebook Officers, Lt Win Crawford, JN and Lt Robin Courtney, AP who maintain our page at www.facebook.com/CocoaBeachSPS

Our Public Relations Officer, P/C Gerard Meunier, SN-CN for keeping up our calendar and keeping our squadron on the leading edge of implementing the new USPS National branding, America's Boating Club.

Our Vessel Safety Check Team, led by P/C Bob Rutigliano, SN-IN, is getting a record of inspections completed, 160 as of late, and we truly appreciate the time commitment invested by the participating Vessel Examiners during the scheduled events. The next two are:

16 September Lee Wenner Park in Cocoa

21 October Front Street Park in Melbourne

Tell your boating friends and stop by to say hello.

Our Boatshow Committee, chaired by Lt Bill Wilkening, P, is always looking at new venues to increase our exposure to the boating public. This included a visit to the Orlando boat show and search for an elusive Viera boat show.



## **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

### Lieutenant Commander Mike Glynn, JN



## Coming to a Classroom Near You!

The sight of yellow school buses on the road is a sure sign that summer has come to an end and that school is back in session. The same is true for the Education Department of CBSPS.

First-time instructor and long-time sailor, Capt. Jim Green, N has been preparing and is now teaching Junior Navigation (JN) with P/C Lou Harlow, SN, as assistant instructor and P/Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN, as sight checker.

Another first-time instructor and long-time sailor, Tom O'Shea, has been preparing and is now teaching the Marine Communications Systems course. Having been a communications engineer for 45 years, the holder of a general amateur radio license and most importantly an avid sailor for over 40 years, Tom is the perfect person to teach this course.

Veteran instructor and long-time "power boater", P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN will teach the Seamanship course which presents just about every aspect of operating a boat safely, whether power or sail. This is the first course after the ABC class. Sandy along with D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP-IN and Cdr. Jose Casals, AP-IN presented another very well attended ABC class at the Port Canaveral Yacht Club on 8 September. A lot of behind-the-scenes work by a team of very dedicated people goes into presenting each ABC class. Their time and effort are truly appreciated.

Over the next few months the Education Department will start planning the schedule of courses to offer in 2019. If you have an interest in a particular course, please let me or one of the instructors know. We will do our best to fit that course into the line-up.

Whether a course, a seminar or webinar, please consider taking a USPS class. Get a good ...



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

### Lieutenant Commander Deb Henry, AP



It's hard to believe our America's Boating Club year is already half over. I'll admit I was a little reluctant to volunteer for this position because I am so new and never really considered myself a social person, but I've had so many good committees and volunteers that I am surprised by how much I have enjoyed the year so far! I have met so many wonderful people, both seasoned and new members. I would have like to make it to more boating outings, but many times we have been unable to get our boat off the lift!

What can the squadron do to get you out, even on someone else's boat? I welcome any suggestions on how we can help you to get out for boating events. Also, I'd also welcome suggestions, from new members especially, on boating activities that might enhance your boating skills or knowledge of the area's waters.

I talk to folks at meetings and everyone seems to be enjoying the socializing or food upfront, the speakers, and the fellowship. I wonder why more folks don't make it. We've setup a committee to call and see if you need a ride there. Hopefully, you will let us know that you need transportation.

I look around and see how hard some members work to make this a great squadron and see the need to get more members involved. Those at the Spring picnic in Titusville appreciate the amount of work that goes into putting it together, but you wouldn't believe how much easier it is when there are many hands helping. As this year winds down, consider volunteering to help out on a committee, phone tree, meeting setups - whatever suits you the most - I promise, you will be surprised how much you enjoy it!

#### Please welcome new and transferred members:

Frank Manfredi, from Cocoa, has a pontoon and is interested in education. Michel Johnson from Merritt Island, a sailor sans boat but taking classes. Jack McDonald, N and Barbara transferring from Annapolis, MD. John Gonzales, S transferring from District 22.

(Note from editor: Jack and Michel speak French fluently)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lieutenant Commander Deb Henry, AP** (page 2/2)



We've been trying out new ideas for meetings and some new outings based on feedback from you. At the last meeting I asked for volunteers who would be willing to pickup and drop off folks for meetings and so far, only 2 members have come forward. I'm not looking for an "every meeting" commitment, just occasionally! So, please, if you think you can occasionally help, please email me—we won't ask you to drive across the county, I promise.

We've also changed up food or pre-meeting socials and people seem to enjoy the changes. Recently, we met at in Daytona for a dinner and cruise on the Halifax River, based on your input. If you have other ideas we can try—please call or email me!



P/C Duane Balkema, AP, will cover the Boating outings we've done and are planning so I won't re-hash them here, except to say, they have been fun!

It's time for everyone to think about what you want to get out of YOUR America's Boating Club - Please let us KNOW!

## **OPERATIONS TRAINING**

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# Harvest Party

#### WHERE:

Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club 1493 South Físke Blvd Rockledge, FL

## WHEN:

Sunday, November 4, 2018 Cocktails: 2:30 3:00 PM Dinner: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

\$8 Per Person & A Dish To Share (Meat, and Beverages Provided)

## CONTACT PERSON:

Denise Stone (321)453-5807









## **Boating Report**

## Past Commander Duane L. Balkema, AP

#### **RECENT EVENTS:**

Our Scavenger Hunt was on 18 August. We had 5 boats with 11 participants. Clues & GPS coordinates were given via Email to locate the targets and we had to take pictures to prove we had actually found them. This took us from Dragon Point all the way north to an old 2 story houseboat on the Barge Canal. It was a really hot day but we had a lot of fun.



At Sunset Grill, organizer Bill Ellis showed pictures of targets. Bob Mittauer won the event and I lost worst. About 14 folks were there to eat and watch the Judging. Thanks to boaters Mittauers, Smalls, Shapows, Courtneys, Rutigilianos and Montgomerys.

On 21 July we finally had our Blessing of The Fleet. The Coast Guard and I lead the event past Pastor Jay Bergerstrauser for each boat to be blessed. Coast Guard Commanding Officer BOSN4 David Ladomirak sent a boat with crew of 4. Our squadron boats followed: Balkema, Courtneys, Guthries, Rutiglianos, Casals, Smalls, Tweedys, Stones and of course, Bill Ellis on our Blessing Boat. After which we rafted up, had a little rain shower and a good time. Most made a mad dash home to beat what appeared to be a major storm! Tom and Marge Guthrie, I really like your new Pontooner.

#### **COMING BOATING EVENTS**: Mark your calendars!

15 September 2018 - Cruise to an Indian River Island See page 11

13 October 2018 - Cruise to NASA Causeway See page 12

17 November 2018 - **Cruise South to Marker 21** See page 13

8 December 2018 - Cocoa Beach Boat Parade See page 14

Please join us for the fun. Questions, call Duane at 452-5892.





## CRUISE to WEST BARGE CANAL ISLAND

## Saturday 15 September 2018







Cruise to and meet at the spoil island (by Marker "12" west end of Barge Canal) at 1130. We'll raft up and go ashore for a barbeque (weather permitting) or picnic on the boats. A barbeque/charcoal will be provided for those that want to cook their food on site.

**PLAN B:** In case of bad weather—Meet at Island Grill at Harbortown Marina at 1200!

If you would like to come and don't have a boat, contact us 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 or Bill Ellis at 321-368-3622 for any questions/need for ride





## CRUISE to NASA CAUSEWAY

When - 13 October 2018

Where - Raft up on the lee side of NASA Causeway

on the Indian River near Titusville

**Communication Channel 71** 

Start - 1000 (10:00am) Meet at West end of Barge Canal

End - 1600 (4:00pm)

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PLAN B: Fishlips Waterfront Bar & Grill

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## **CRUISE to MARKER 21**

When - 17 November 2018

Where - Marker 21 on Indian River,

**East of Malabar/ Valkaria** 

Lat N 27.991180 Lo W 080.539781

Start - 1000 (10:00 am) Meet near Dragon Point

North of Eau Gallie Causeway

(Lat - N 28.13698, Lon W 080.61447)

End - 1600 (4:00 pm)

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

PLAN B: Grill's Riverside (US-1) 1230 hours





## Cocoa Beach Boat Parade

When: Saturday 8 December 2018

Time: 1800 hr.

Where: Banana River

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.

Contact Duane Balkema (321) 452-5892





#### **SECRETARY**

## Lieutenant Commander Carolyn Green, P



## Happy Bithday to all those born in the colorful Fall months!

September hopefully will be a cooler month. Personally I have heard lots of folks saying they can't wait till the humidity drops a little. I know when Capt. Jim and I lived on our sailboat, the heat and humidity in the summer about did us in. Since we were anchoring out without shore power the breeze was our air conditioning, and sometimes it was just a hot breeze.

I am sure everyone of us is looking forward to more time when we can sit out on our patios and enjoy a nice cool beverage (adult or otherwise). We are so fortunate to live in Florida where almost all year round we can have cook outs and outdoor gatherings. There is nothing quite like a gathering of friends sharing stories and adventures. Capt. Jim and I have been in the CBSPS for many years and have always enjoyed the friends and fellowship of our group. "Life is too short, get out there and enjoy the beautiful sunshine"

## Help our donation programs at no cost to you!

- 1) Our treasurer reported than our squadron got about \$10 in donation for the last quarter from **Smile.Amazon.com**. We can do better! If you buy anything from Amazon, please see the Spring 2018 newsletter, page 5, to see how to register for this free to you donation program where 0.5 percent of your purchase is donated to CBSPS. To access the Spring 2018 newsletter, go to www.cbsps.org
- 2) Don't forget to keep & bring your clean **aluminum cans** at the general meetings. P/C Bob Rutigliano will recycle them for our benefit.



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