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We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit... E:Mail an <u>Attachment</u> to debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

# **AT THE HELM**

### Cdr. Lance H. VandeBerg, P



This past month has been filled with Holiday activities as usual. We had a very nice December meeting with singing entertainment and the traditional egg nog with or without spirits and lots of treats. We also had a wonderful Christmas dinner dance at the Clarion Hotel in Merritt Island with about 62 attending.

As we enter the New Year, we have many activities to consider. First, the winter counsel meeting in Daytona on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, the next general meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> which we will hold the elections for the new 2013 Bridge. There will be a budget meeting after the elections to put together next year's budget. Next, there is the USPS annual meeting in Jacksonville on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. Our Change of watch will be on February 2 at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Ocean-front.

With all these activities we are also hosting the D23 fall conference in Cocoa Beach. This will be a very fun event and we may call on your support to help with the planning.

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Merritt Island Library on January 24th.

It has been a very successful and enjoyable year. I want to thank you all for allowing me to be your commander this past year. I hope I have made a positive contribution to the squadron.

I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.



Graduates of the latest weather class: l-r: Gerard Meunier, Ken Charles, John Mulkey, Jan & John Schultz, Diane & Cliff Schommer, Robert Rutigliano, & Leonard Senibaldi

Doug Bisset, middle received his Pilot certificate.



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER** P/C J. P. Longway, III, P



Once again, thanks to all those members who took time to put forth and support our initiatives that made the Squadron informative and fun in achieving set goals throughout 2012.

As we begin the New Year, I hope it is a very happy, healthy & prosperous 2013 for you and yours. We appreciate those of you who remain committed to continue in various position(s) and provide assistance to other members/new members where/when needed. For those of you, who have not been able / available to contribute, please consider where/when you can volunteer in assisting other members. Very simply, it is a "we" effort to accomplish the many tasks that it takes to make the Squadron's operations successful.

During 2013, the new Public Relations Committee will continue to pursue various media to provide timely information to the membership and the community. Contact the Public Relations Officer with any suggestions as to how we can be more effective in getting the 'WORD OUT" about the Squadron activities to promote safe boating throughout our community.

Our certified examiners were constantly looking for opportunities to provide free Vessel Safety Checks. Presently 130 plus inspections were performed. Thanks for a job well done! Like to be a certified examiner, contact P/C Kermit Forbes, P.

P/Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN has done an "outstanding job" in upgrading the Squadron's Website with many new features. Please take the opportunity to review it and offer suggestions how it may be more useful and informative.

A number of activities will take place as we start the new year, i.e., District & National Conferences, Cape Canaveral Tour, Change of Watch, Surveys in the Indian River for the County's Natural Resources Management Office; Fall Conference planning.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER LT/C Robert Rutigliano, P



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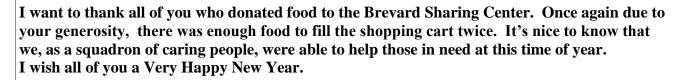
Our November cruise to Samsons island was viscously attacked by mother nature with strong winds and a very angry Banana river. Three boats set out from Kelly Park and before reaching the SR 520 bridge, my boat took a couple of waves over the entire bow, gate and seats of my 20ft. Pontoon boat. The water hit the front gate with enough force to break the latch allowing the gate to swing open and half the river to come aboard. A quick scan of the faces of my passengers revealed every expression from deep concern to sheer terror. Yes, you guessed it. We turned around, hugged the shore line back to Kelly park where we enjoyed a cook out in rather soggy cloths. One boat however did make it to Samsons island piloted by Duane Balkema. Thanks Duane.

The Holiday dinner / dance was a great event. Good friends enjoyed fellowship with food, drinks, a live band and dancing. The highlight of the evening was when P/D/C Les Tribout SN led a line dance through the room carrying the USPS ensign and our Burgee. All in all, a good time.

The next on the water event is the cruise to Bird island. Originally scheduled for the 19th. of January, it has been pushed up to the 26th. Due to the National Conference which is also scheduled for the 19th. Please plan to fly your Burgee's.

Let's make 2013 a great boating year with more squadron boats on the water. A good presence on the water will show the boating public that the CBSPS is the place to be.

### SECRETARY LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating a Birthday in January 2013.

Mark Anderson	1/26	Gene Millner
<b>Robert Atkins</b>	1/15	Mark Montfort
<b>Carolyn Bonnett</b>	1/11	Ronald Raphael
Kermit Forbes	1/08	Clifford Schommer
George Hess	1/27	Lance VandeBerg
Donna Longway	1/21	



## SEO

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## Lt/C Gerard Meunier, N



A Healthy and Happy New Year to all!

For my last report of our fiscal year (1 February to 31 January) as SEO, I would like to express my thanks to all the members involved in the Education Department. We have reviewed some of their multiple accomplishments in last month's Soundings.

I hope that you realize how lucky we all are, and that CBSPS is a bit outstanding in this regard, to have such a talented pool of dedicated Instructors. A quick look in the Yearbook will show you that we have something like 10 Senior Navigators, 2 Junior Navigators and 3 Advanced Pilots ready to serve our mission "to promote recreational boating safety through education..."

We also should thank those not listed in the Yearbook who served as Proctors in classes; the Public Relations committee for its efforts in finding new ways to advertise our courses; the Administrative Department for its help in convincing ABC3 students to become members; and, last but certainly not least, our "Ambassadors", members (8 so far) who belong to other boating organizations and pass along our Press Releases and Flyers about upcoming classes to the members of these organizations.

Thanks to these coordinated intradepartmental efforts, our membership is now 141 (per DB2000), up from a low of about 125 in June 2011. Congratulations are in order for all (included those not listed above) who helped toward our goal of "220 in 2020".

For 2013, you will hopefully vote for the very able and active direction of nominated SEO P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN and nominated ASEO 1/Lt Winnie Crawford, JN, both iron fists in silk gloves; and, not be surprised to see an acceleration of the trends listed above and the successful implementation of our new programs such as BOC and Seminars.

Finally, a word should be said about those members who have taken courses in 2012. Not only have all passed the exams they have taken, but a large majority passed with flying colors, namely with a score of 90 or more. I am impressed. Congratulations once again and I hope you will have your pictures taken again in 2013.

### Sail Angle Message More grants available through National Safe Boating Council

The annual OMC "Take Em Boating" Grant Program is a single cash award up to \$5,000 for marine environmental education and boating safety awareness programs. Please visit <u>http://</u> <u>www.safeboatingcouncil.org/grants\_omc\_program.php</u> for more information. Deadline: Dec. 31st. The annual Boating Safety Youth Award includes a cash prize of \$2,500 to be used for the implementation of an innovative youth-oriented boating safety program targeting safety issues and concerns of national interest. Please visit <u>http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/awards\_youth.php</u> for more information. Deadline: Dec 31st.

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# COCO-NAUTS CORNER DORIS VALENTINE, PRESIDENT

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I HAVEN'T GOT A LOT TO REPORT THIS TIME EXCEPT TO TELL ALL YOU COCONAUTS THAT YOU MISSED A GREAT LUNCHEON MEETING LAST SATURDAY AT BRANO'S. AS USUAL THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS ABD EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE A GOOD SOCIAL TIME!

THE JANUARY MEETING WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT MARCIA

McCONKEY'S CONDO REC ROOM HAS BEEN CANCELLED AS IT WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. WE WILL BE HAVING OUR MEETING AT THE MOOSE ON MERRITT ISLAND ON JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, at 1130a. YOU CAN EITHER BROWN-BAG IT OR ORDER OFF THE MENU. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!

I WISH ALL OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND LOTS OF HAP-PINESS IN 2013 !!!!! WE HAVE ONE CORRECTION FOR THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, JANET von BERG'S BIRTHDAY, IS ON THE 18TH, RATHER THAN THE 8TH!!!

**January Birthdays** 

11 - Carolyn Bonnett21 - Donna Longway

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## **BOATING REPORT** by P/C Duane L. Balkema AP

The year is 2013. Cocoa Beach Power Squadron is alive and doing very well. Many changes occurred in 2012 that were not good for many people. Admin Officer Bob Rutigliano certainly supported Boating Events with gusto. Thank you Bob! As many of you know, and as usual, I have too many boats. Now I am going to confess to all that it is lots of work and expense to have a boat and to keep it operating in the green. Many people cannot handle it or do not want to, but it is a challenge that provides great reward.

We all live in houses or Condos where we are normally very close to our neighbors. By owning and operating a boat, I find it the greatest pleasure to motor out to the middle of Banana River or Indian River or the edge of the Atlantic Ocean with good friends or new people and turn the engine off and float and talk in near absolute silence. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to be involved in these salt water experiences and then to drive a few miles inland to experience fresh water of the St. Johns River and all the natural springs. Having a boat or the ability to operate a rented one provides great pleasure to many. Yes, Yes, I know what you say, Squadron Member Scott Sievers, that boating and the water is for fishing, but give us a bit of a break. Scott is probably our most active fisherman in the squadron. But we have cruisers, folks who paddle, and others who water ski. Members, lets get together more out on the water and talk Squadron things and fun. Some of us slept overnight out on the water in 2012. Margie and I think we spent our best nights sleep of 2012 with no cover but the stars one night.

On the above note of open waters and freedom, a few years ago on a visit to my sisters family home on the lake at Cisero Indiana, her husband, Dave, said I'm tired, you drive the ski boat awhile. So I took the wheel and did the up and fall down on skis routine for an hour on the lake. Wow, I had forgotten how close the ski boats come on those busy small lakes. Running 30 miles per hours with boats coming every which way at you at the same speeds is unnerving. My point, we are lucky to have such clean and open waters. Now if we can get that toll gate up to keep the Orlando crowd back in Orlando....

January 19, 2013, Saturday, we have a Cruise to Bird Island on Banana River planned. It is south of Highway 520 and north of Pineda Bridge, Arrive around 1 PM. Bring what you need, maybe take a swim. Call me 452-5892 for more info and to keep together on times.

### Sail Angle Message CPR Training in Jacksonville, FL

Has it been two or more years since your last CPR or First Aid training class? The American Heart Association CPR and First Aid training is being offered at the USPS Meeting in Jacksonville. Your choice includes:

**Classroom training - Wed 16th - all day class** 

eLearning & skills session - complete the online portion in advance in 1.5-2.5 hours and complete the hands-on skills practice and testing Fri Jan 18th in the EXPO hall at the American Heart Association booth in about an hour.

Classroom training - Public class - Sat 19th - all day class

Course registration forms are available at the USPS website at <u>www.usps.org/national/safety/cpr-1staid+.html</u> Reserve a spot now before courses are filled.



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

### January 2013

8 08 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island

- 09 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Merritt Island Moose Lodge
- 14 Monday, 1900 Advance Piloting class begins, Wuestoff Hospital
- 17 20, Thursday Sunday, USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
- <sup>2</sup> 24 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 26 Saturday, Rendezvous at Bird Island on Banana River

### February 2013

- <sup>\*</sup> 02 Saturday, 1200 COW, Hilton Oceanfront, Cocoa Beach
- 605 Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 11 Monday, 1900 Piloting class begins, Brevard Veteran's Center
- 13 Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Friendship Luncheon, TBD
- 23 Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

CBSPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

## THANKS TO OUR BOOSTERS

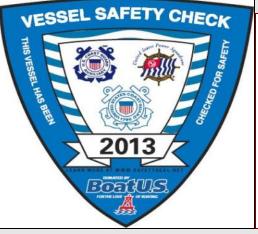
The Silver Tridents 02/13 Anonymous 03/13 Doug Bisset 03/13 Edward Hradesky 07/13 Marilyn Flanigan 10/13 Larry & Debra Burleson 10/13 Les & Evelyn Tribout 04/15

(\*\* = Up for renewal )

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#### **CBSPS Photo Gallery-General Meeting 12-04-12**













### **BLOOD DONATION**

The next blood donation will be on 09 January @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



### Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron 2013-2014 Nominations

#### **Bridge Officers & Executive Committee**

Commander: Executive Officer Educational Officer Administrative Officer Secretary Treasurer Asst. Educational Officer Asst. Administrative Officer Asst. Secretary Asst. Treasurer

<u>Members at Large</u> P/C Lance VandeBerg, P P/C Susan Kneeland, SN Scott Sievers, JN John Scholtz, P

<u>Rules Committee</u> Chair Asst. Chair/2 years Member/3 years

<u>Nominating Committee</u> Chair Asst. Chair Member

<u>Auditing Committee</u> Chair Asst. Chair Member Lt/C Gerard Meunier, JN Lt/C Robert D. Rutigliano, P P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN Lt Louis F. Harlow, AP ?? George Shapow Lt Winifred C. Crawford, JN 1/Lt Robert A. Brown, P Diana Schommer, P P/C Michael A. Stone, AP

P/C George Hess, SN P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN Lt David Collins, JN

P/C Kermit Forbes, P P/C John F. Mulkey, AP P/C Susan L. Kneeland, SN

D/Lt Robert W. Schaefer, P P/C Marion (Bud) Miller, JN Clay Berichon, P

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.

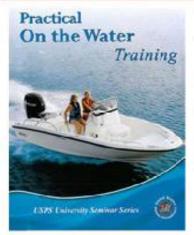
Submitted by: Lt Paul Ragusa, AP, P/C Kermit Forbes, P P/C John F. Mulkey, AP



## United States Power Squadrons®

Practical On the Water Training





#### Event details:

January 20, 2013

Lamb's Yacht Center 3376 Lakeshore Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32210

For information Email <u>Bud Newton</u> at (<u>day break@comcast.net</u>) or call (904) 737-8341

Sign up at usps.org/owt

We're holding on-the-water training classes in the Jacksonville area, and you're invited!

United States Power Squadrons' Practical On the Water Training provides a blend of classroom and on-the-water skills practice to help you become a more confident boater.

You'll learn how to handle your boat and get hands-on experience in

- docking,
- anchoring,
- · high speed turns,
- line handling,
- avoiding collisions, and
- much, much more.

Receive individual boating instruction in a small group setting. Visit our website (<u>http://www.usps.org/owt</u>) to sign up for a training session. But hurry! Spaces are limited.

We hope to see you there!

Boats provided by Jacksonville Freedom Boat Club.





Boating is fun ... we'll show you how!.



Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron Cordially Invites You To the 46th Annual Change of Watch

Date: February 02, 2013 Time: 11:30 (cash bar) Lunch: 12:00 Program: 12:45 Venue: Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

*Cost:*\$25 *p/p* 

Menu Choices: Chefs Pasta served w/chicken breast strips Chefs Pasta served w/seared salmon Both choices served with asparagus tips, and fresh tomato in a light alfredo sauce Also included: Rolls, butter, iced tea or coffee Dessert: NY cheesecake w/caramel sauce

*RSVP and pay by 01-15-13 Contact: Doris Valentine 321-452-1835* 



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#### SATURDAY ALL-DAY

- District Council and Conference meetings.
- SkyWarn Class and certification from NOAA
- US Coast Guard Personal Visitation Presentation
- Afternoon "Spouses" event
- Lunch and Dinner events on site
- Hospitality Room

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- St John's N Club Breakfast
- Guest Speaker
- Semi-Annual Meeting

WHEN: March 1-3, 2013

### WHERE:

Marriott Orlando/Lake Mary 825 Heathrow Park Lane Lake Mary, Fl 32746



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