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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 07 June 2011 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Our next guest speaker for the June 7th meeting will be Steven Moon, who is an Admiralty Attorney, and member of BRSPS. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Attention on Deck

Due to limited space in "The Soundings" publication this month, pictures taken at the planetarium on 05-12-11 will appear on our website (www.cbsps.com) in the near future.

If you have an interesting article to share, please send it to me!!!

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like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Kermit Forbes, P



I attended the D23 Council Meeting at La-Cita Country Club in Titusville on Saturday 7 May. Some of the items that were discussed were:

- National is advertising for sale, advanced grade educational programs, which we believe to be in conflict with the squadron's existence.
- The district commander is urging all squadrons to make recommendations the Chapman award.
- There is a volunteer of the year award in the works, and the commander is advising us to keep track of all the hours the many volunteers have donated to the squadron.
- We had a fine breakfast, and I would like to thank the following persons for attending: Fred Adame, Carmen Adame, Lance Vandenberg, and Jane Schnoor.
- I want to thank Duane Balkema for coordinating the Blessing of the Fleet on 21 May. I hope all persons that attended enjoyed the event and festivities that followed. We always strive to make each event better each year.
- Safe boating week was a good kick-off to start vessel safety examinations. I hope every member has a new sticker on his boat, if not, please call Lance Vandenberg.
- We have boat safety courses scheduled for 18 & 25 June. If you are asked to help, please do so.
- On 11 May, Fred Adame, Lance Vandenberg, and myself attended the commissioner's meeting in Viera, to be recognized for our efforts during Safe Boating Week.

Susan and I hope that each of you have a safe and enjoyable summer, whether it is here in Florida or north of here!



May speaker,
William Habich of FWC

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



CBSPS was represented, for the first time, at the Boating & Fishing Expo on Saturday May 7th at The Boater's Exchange on US1 in Rockledge, FL. P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, P/C John Mulkey, AP, and I set up the tent the day before. We used an extra 9 cinderblocks to ensure it would stay put for the oncoming front.

P/C John Mulkey tended the booth all day. I joined him at noon and we both enjoyed a delicious pulled pork sandwich and the free beers from the Conch republic (see, you should have volunteered!) before packing and returning our equipment back to storage.

The crowds were light as there were many other activities that Saturday, such as the Astronauts parade in Cocoa Beach, and a fishing tournament, among others. However, we still managed to book some students for our Boating Class, a few candidates for Vessel Safety Inspections, and to promote our squadron.

These events are very worthwhile, and we will endeavor to do more in the future. Get ready to help!

P/C Lance VandeBerg, P, reports that we have 43 Vessel Safety Inspections to-date.

There will be 2 VSC (Vessel Safety Committee) activities in May to highlight National Safe Boating Week, namely on Sunday May 22nd at Kelly Park on the Banana River, and on Saturday May 28th at Lee Wenner Park on the Indian River.

Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday June 18th, 2011, at Kelly Park. All VSI (Vessel Safety Inspectors) please call P/C Lance VandeBerg, P at 452-2514 to pick a time slot for these 3 events.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P



This is the time of year when many of our members travel north for the summer. We wish them safe travel, happy summer, and look forward to their return in the fall.

Our next quest speaker for the June 7th general meeting will be Steven Moon. He is an Admiralty Lawyer and will speak about the pirates of our current time. He is also a member of the Banana River Squadron.

June 25th will be a boat cruise to Mathers Bridge. Contact Duane Balkema (321-452-5892) if you plan be there.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C John F Mulkey, AP



On April 25, 2011 we had an Instructor Recertification Seminar at Wuesthoff Hospital. Recertified were P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, P/C Duane Balkema, AP, Lt. Howard Bernbaum, SN, P/D/C Les Tributou, N, and myself.

An Instructor Development Class begins on Monday, May 23. The class is being held at the Wuesthoff Cardiac Rehab Facility meeting room, which is located in front of the hospital. We have four students signed up, and room for two more.

Saturday, May 7, while most of you were at the District 23 Picnic in Titusville, a few of us were at the Boaters Exchange Expo, to promote the Power Squadron and also to sign up students for the ABC Boating Class and Vessel Safety Checks.

Our next ABC Boating Class will be held June 11, at Boaters Exchange in Rockledge. On June 18 and 25 we will have a public boating class at the Light House Christian Church on Merritt Island. Hopefully, we will get enough new members to hold a Seamanship Class this summer.

SECRETARY

LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



The new 2011-2012 Roster's were picked up by the member's who attended the General Membership meeting on May 3, 2011. If you did not attend that meeting, the Roster's will be at the June 7, 2011 General Meeting. You can get your copy at that time.

Not many member's showed up at the D23 Picnic at Titusville on May 7, 2011. There were only 14 that attended from our squadron. Fred & Carmen Adame, Jane Schnoor, Pat O'Brien & Clay Bernichon, Trent & Carmen Milliken, Larry Hatfield & Joan Killoran, Ed & Helen Kydd & daughter Janet, Bob & Marilyn Flanigan. There are some pictures in The Soundings, except for Trent & Carmen Milliken. Carmen tripped on a step and fell, so they had to leave. Spoke to her just before writing this report. She is doing okay, except for a black eye and feeling sore all over. We hope she is feeling much better by the time you read this.

We have changes to the new Roster already. Please save this report and update your Roster.

New Email:

Marsha Kirkwood mkirkwood4@cfl.rr.com

Remove Boat Name from Fleet Roster

SEBREEZ II Captain: Frank Sebree

Coco-Nauts Corner
President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts had their last monthly meeting on 11 May at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge. We had an eventful planning session at this meeting and determined that we were going to have our next meeting at the Island Lincoln Mercury Tiki Bar & Grill on June 8th starting at 1130a. Please park behind the building that is closest to the BP station on Hwy 520 and N. Banana River Rd, then take the elevator up to the 2nd floor. The chef is very accommodating, the prices are very reasonable too! You will be able to order from the breakfast or lunch menu. He also prepares perogies and cabbage rolls even though they don't appear on the menu. The day I was there he was preparing meat-loaf and mashed potatoes for \$5!

We decided that we are not going to have a fund-raising event anytime soon, since we don't have any big expenditure items coming up, except for the squadron coffee service. However, we will have our dear Marge Balkema make gift baskets that will be raffled on Italian Night on 6 Sept., and at the annual Harvest Party, which will be held this year at Kiwanis Park on 6 November from 2p-5p.

Coco-Nauts, please don't forget we will not be having a meeting for the months of July and August. See you in September!

June Birthdays

03 - Millie Kirkwood
04 - Doris Hess





D23 Galaxy
D/Lt/C Richard E. Conrad, SN
Education Officer

There should be no doubt that the USPS education program and products are second to none. These offerings to members and the public are stable and only revised to keep them at the state of the art. It is the Squadron instructor, though, that really make them superior. Every year at this time an effort should begin to identify the best of the best in each Squadron and prepare a nomination for the most prestigious honor, the Chapman Award. The SEO in each Squadron should have received a packet from National that contains the rules, procedures and forms to prepare the nominating package. The SEO may be the facilitator, but it is a Squadron responsibility to participate in the process. The completed nomination package for their candidate should be to the District by 22 July 2011. Upon review of all those submitted, one of those will be chosen for submittal to the National Competition. At that level five winners will be chosen to receive the award. Each winner's home Squadron will also receive a sextant and projector; Honor and Value for the individual and Squadron too. I would like to see a candidate from every Squadron in District 23 this year.

The decision by USPS to establish a Master Insurance Policy to provide liability and hull coverage in the use of member and borrowed vessels is a significant enhancement to our education program. On-The-Water-Training and Boat Operator Certification gives us an edge over much of the competition we are seeing in the field of boating education. The Master Policy will apply as long as the vessel is under the command of USPS personnel; instructor, examiner and/or owner operator. The SEO and Squadron Executive Committee must be made aware of any on the water activity and their authorization should be recorded in meeting minutes. It has been stated at District meetings that it essential that vessels used in these activities be adequately covered by an owner's yachting policy if there is ever a challenge to the applicability of the Master Policy.

The decision to provide a six-month membership to graduates of ABC3 and their families is a significant step toward arresting membership decline. Squadron members should go out of their way to welcome these folks, immerse them in squadron activities and further education. We need to convince them to become regular members when the six-month period expires.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

May 2011

26 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library

June 2011

07 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center

06 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon Meeting, location Island Tiki Bar

11 - Saturday, Boating Course at Boater's Exchange - Rockledge, Fl

18 - Saturday, Boating Course - Lighthouse Christian Church - Merritt Island, FL

23 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library

25 - Saturday, Boating Course - Lighthouse Christian Church - Merritt Island, FL

25 - Saturday, Overnight rendezvous at Mather's bridge - Melbourne FL

July 2011

04 - Monday, Rendezvous in Cocoa Beach off Sunset Café' for fireworks

05 - Tuesday, CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center

16 - Saturday, Boating Course - Cape Canaveral Hospital - Cocoa Beach, FL

23 - Saturday, Boating Course - Cape Canaveral Hospital - Cocoa Beach, FL

28 - 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

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June Boating Report **P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP**

Saturday, June 25, 2011 we plan a "Cruise to Mathers Bridge & on beyond to Dragon Point and Overnight" as a checkout for boat camping. I plan on heading south early on Saturday to pick a spot where we will anchor, and enjoy a good social cook-out. You bring what you want to eat, and how to prepare it, possibly working together. As we watch the sunset out over the mainland, we can swap tall tails of past boating experiences. Call me at 452-5892 for questions and to sign up.

Monday Evening, July 4, 2011 we plan a "Raft-up to Watch Fireworks" at 5 PM in the Banana River, just south of Sunset Café. That big open area is perfect for anchoring. If anyone forgets food, it's a short run to the Café.

Wishing all the folks heading North for the Summer, a good boating time.

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 13 July 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!



CBSPS Photo Gallery

Ski Island Rendezvous 16 Apr., and D23 picnic 14 May (continued on pg 9)



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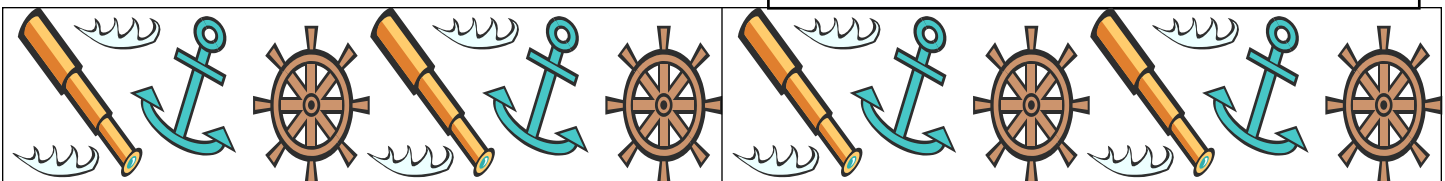
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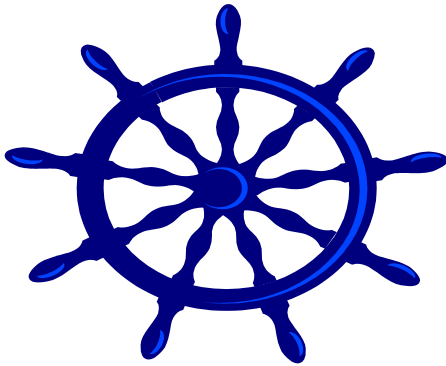
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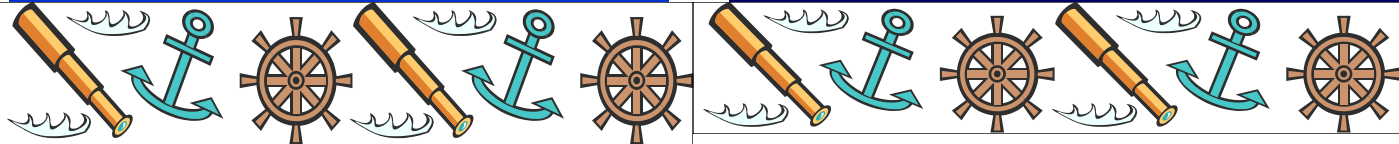


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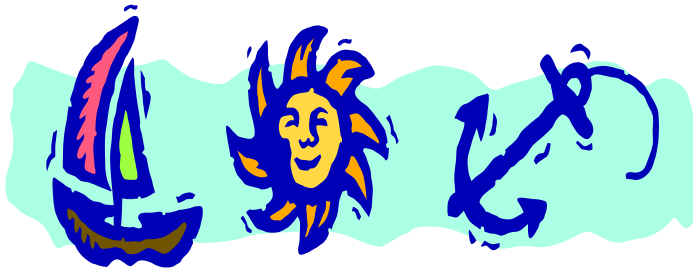
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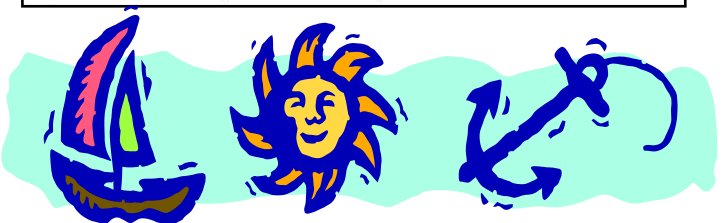
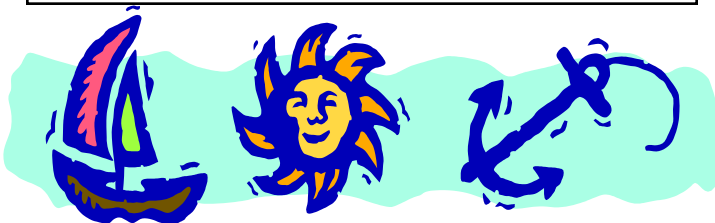
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