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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 01 November, 2011 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Dr. George A Maul, of Florida Tech, and an honorary member of our squadron, will be our monthly speaker.

Attention on Deck by Debra Burleson

I am collecting Box Tops for Education. They are found on many products like, Progresso soups, Glad plastic bags, Hefty trash bags, Old El Paso Dinner Kits, General Mills cereals, and more products in your supermarkets and warehouse clubs. Please save them and give them to me at a meeting! The part of the box-tops you clip are enclosed by the dot/dashes on the products! Thanks in advance!



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AT THE HELM

Commander Kermit Forbes, P



I hope everyone is having a great fall so far, the weather has finally turned somewhat cooler, as we are into that beautiful time of the year.

Susan and I attended the District Conference in Deland, along with Carmen & Fred Adame, Mary Jane Schnoor, and Evelyn & Less Tribout. John Mulkey, Gerard Meunier and myself attended a BOC (boat operator certification) program on Friday afternoon, September 30, prior to the start of the conference...

One of the most surprising things that happened was that the District Commander and District Education Officer resigned the previous week before the conference. P/D/C Bob Becker was elected to fulfill the term of District Commander and our own P/D/C Fred Adame was elected to fulfill the term of District Education Officer. The resignations happened over a dispute the district had with National selling education material to the public. At the convention we passed a resolution, to be given to national, showing our opposition to what they are doing. More to come in the future.

We had a good gathering to clean the street leading to our meeting place (South Sykes Creek Pkwy) and also enjoyed a great breakfast at Steak & Shake.

Our own, P/C John Mulkey will be the district representative for the National Chapman Award.

It is merit mark time and we need to have all the information turned in to Lea by November 4, 2011. The executive committee will be reviewing all names on October 27.

Welcome back snowbirds.

October speakers from:
Florida Memorial Gardens
L-Terri Parks
R- Arlene Owens



**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN**



I only have a short report this month as I am travelling until the end of the month. At the time of my report, I was currently in the Philadelphia area, and certainly wishing I was back in Sunny Florida!

Four members of our Squadron took the BOC (Boat Operator Certificate) first step on Friday September 30th, prior to the District Conference in Deland, FL, including yours truly. We are looking forward to the next step to become certified.

I believe we now have 87 VSI (Vessel Safety Inspections). The next vessel safety inspection is scheduled on October 29th at Kelley Park in Merritt Island.

I hope you enjoy the Fall

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P**



Our speaker for November 1st will be Dr. George Maul, Ph.D.. He is the chairman of the Marine Sciences Department at the Florida Institute of Technology and is an Honorary member of the Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

November 6th will be our annual Harvest party to be held at the Space Coast Association of Realtors located at: 105 McLeod St. in Merritt Island. Please notify Donna Longway if you plan to attend. This year it will be free with Turkey and ham provided and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

This month our boating activity will be a cruise and raft up on November 5th for the Cocoa Beach Air show, and a overnight rendezvous at Captain Hiram's on November 26th. Please contact Duane Balkema to sign up for these events.

Our executive board meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library.

Our squadron has completed 87 vessel safety inspections so far this year and hopes to accomplish another 30 before year end. Anyone wanting to become an inspector should contact me to let me know you are interested. I am planning to hold a one day training session in January. There are two people that have expressed an interest in becoming certified.

November is one of my favorite months and I am looking forward to a nice cool fall.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER
LT/C John F Mulkey, AP



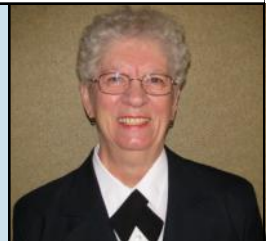
The Seamanship Class will be finished this month and we would like to begin a new class in January, 2012. We have a few members interested in taking Engine Maintenance, but not enough to hold a class. Please email me at j.mulkey@bellsouth.net if you would like to take Engine Maintenance.

We also have members that want to take Navigation. Fred Adame will be teaching this class and is presently looking for an available class room.

We had eight students in our October ABC Public Boating Course. All students passed and three have accepted their free six month membership.

We are again working with Boaters Exchange and hope to set up another ABC Public Boating Course in February, 2012.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Please update your roster with New Member Information & Changes ...Welcome Aboard!!!!

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New Member Changes
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Coco-Nauts Corner

President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts met on October 12th at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge. Our next meeting will be at the home of Susan Forbes in Merritt Island on November 9th @ 1130a. This will be a salad luncheon, so please bring your favorite salad to share with others. I hope we have a great turnout!

Our harvest party will be at the Space Coast Association of Realtors on November 6th, starting at 2p. There is no charge for persons to attend this event this year. The CBSPS executive board voted to pay the \$5 per person charge for everyone who attends the event. Marge Balkema will be making a harvest basket to raffle. The cost of the tickets will be \$1 each or 5 tickets for \$3. Marge always does a beautiful job on her creative baskets!! My thanks goes out to Marge!

We ran into a problem at the October meeting, that no one would volunteer for the position(s) of nominating committee for the 2012-2013 year. We discussed the possibility of disbanding the 43 year auxiliary, before members that had previously served many times before, volunteered once again. We need persons in the future to step forward, and volunteer. It's not an effective organization if the same persons volunteer year in and year out! The new/old auxiliary will be as follows: Doris Valentine, President; Debra Burleson, Vice President; Barbara Millner, Secretary; and Marian Sweigart, Treasurer.

Our annual holiday luncheon will be held again at Brano's Italian Grill in Cocoa Beach. See the flyer on page 11 for specifics. Brano's will give us a choice of 4 entrees, which consists of chicken marsala and eggplant parmesan with a side of spaghetti, stuffed shells, or lasagna! Many thanks to Doris Valentine for co-coordinating this event!

November Birthdays

25 - Gloria Defluiter
25 - Marcia McConkey





P/D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN

As most of you are now aware, D/C James DePalma, SN and DEO Richard Conrad, SN resigned their district positions for personal reasons. This action took place just before the D 23 Fall Conference. At the fall D 23 Council/Conference, in accordance with the D 23 By-Laws, and with approval of the D 23 Council, I was elected to fill the unexpired term of D/C and P/D/C Fred Adame, SN was approved and elected to fill the DEO's term. A new slate of D 23 bridge officers will be elected at the spring D 23 Conference.

So what does this mean to our district? DEO Fred Adame, SN has many years of USPS experience especially in Education type activities. Fred is the Cocoa Beach Squadron JN and N instructor and over the years has taught about every USPS course there is. Fred will keep you advised of Educational happens as received from USPS Headquarters, will conduct an SEO training session at the Winter Council meeting and hold an SEO session at the spring conference. You can rest assured that if there is anything new in the way of USPS Education, Fred will pass the information along to you. Also if you have any Educational questions or need assistance with Educational matters, please contact Fred.

As for your newly elected D/C, I thought I was going to sit in the rocking chair and retire after stepping down from the D/C position last March. But fate did not allow that to happen. I am here to assist you in any way I can with USPS matters. For the next six months I will be attending many of your Changes of Watch sessions, passing along USPS information which pertains to the squadrons and/or our overall organization, and attempting to solve any USPS squadron problem you might have. Several of our D 23 squadrons have already presented me with information regarding their future bridge positions by having trouble filling them. If you need me to come to your squadron's general meetings and speak to your membership, just let me know. I will be there.

We are facing economic hardships at this time and I can appreciate many of our USPS members rethinking about staying on as USPS members. This is the time to reassure them that our membership dues are very low in comparison with other organizations, we have the very best educational courses available and certainly the comradeship one gets from being a USPS member is second to none. Let's try our very best to have them stay the course!

D 23 is here to serve YOU and your squadron. Lean on us. We will do our best to serve YOU and your squadrons.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

October 2011

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

November 2011

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

05 - Saturday, Cocoa Beach Air Show Raft-up

06 - Sunday, 0200 Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back 1 hour)

06 - Sunday, 1400 Harvest Party, Space Coast Association of Realtors, Merritt Island

09 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Salad Luncheon - Susan Forbes Home

11 - Friday, Veteran's Day

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

24 - Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

26 - Saturday, Over-Night Rendezvous to Capt Hiram

December 2011

03 - Saturday, 1700 Holiday Dinner Dance - Rockledge Country Club

06 - Tuesday, 1900 Holiday General Meeting, Egg-Nog & Cookie Party - Brevard Veteran's Center

10 - Saturday, 1200 Coco-Nauts Holiday Party, Brano's Italian Grill, Cocoa Beach

10 - Saturday, Evening raft-up to watch Cocoa Beach boat parade

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

25 - Sunday, Christmas Day

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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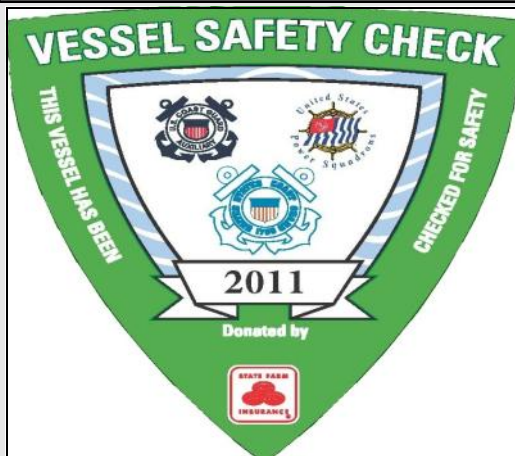
Boating Committee Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema A/P

Today, October 10, 2011, Monday, as I write this, it is calm outside. Yesterday Melbourne airport recorded 57 mph winds and it was higher out on Banana River where my boats are on lifts. I was as much worried about the neighbors breaking up dock, drifting into mine as the wind doing direct damage, but all went well with me only losing 2 dock boards. I just kept visualizing my 31 footer going end over end up onto shore driven by the east wind, but it didn't happen. That should have been a named storm and it went on for 3 days and nights. Whew!

November 5th, 2011, Saturday we plan a "Raft-up to Watch Cocoa Beach Air Show" out on the ocean (if calm) or inside on Banana River. Call 452-5892 for updates. The plan is to keep informed about weather and raft up together at 1 PM on boats and watch the air show action. It will be a lot of fun watching.

November 26th, 2011, Saturday we plan a "Cruise to Captain Hiram's and overnight". Call 452-5892 for details. It can be a day cruise or an overnight. Captain Hiram's is a fun place to the south on Indian River.

FYI, the Christmas Parade Schedule: December 3, Port Canaveral Parade, December 10, Cocoa Beach Parade & December 17, is the Merritt Island Parade. There are others including Cocoa & on the Grand Canal, etc. Our Squadron will have a "Raft-Up to Watch the Cocoa Beach Christmas Parade" on the date noted. Call 452-5892 so we can keep coordinated. It is a lot more fun to watch from the water. This is an ever popular event.



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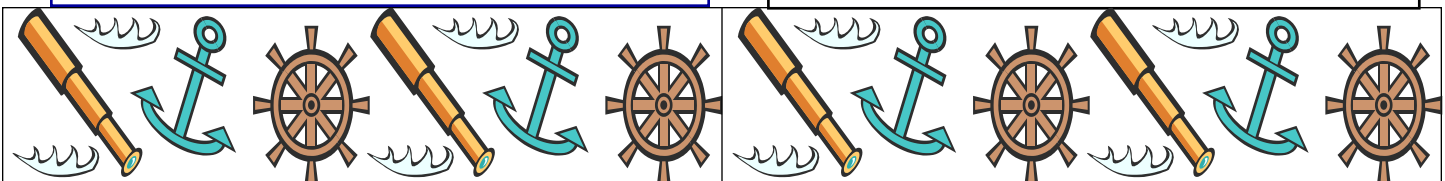
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