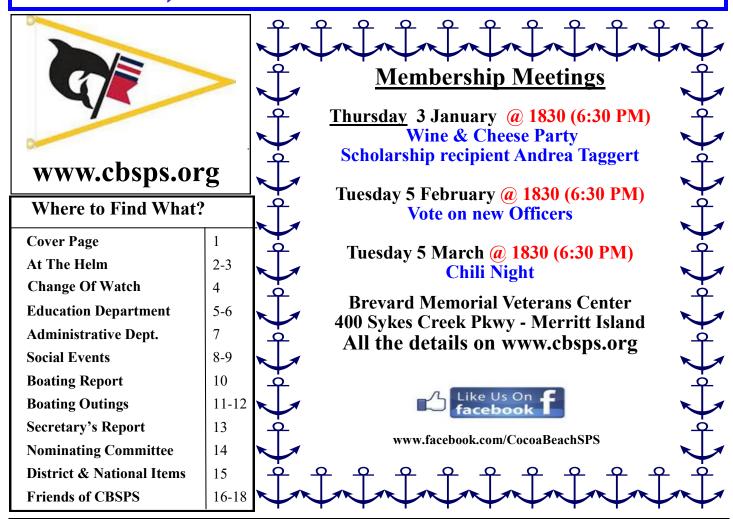
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## Boating Fun on Florida's Space Coast

Winter 2019



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America's Boating Club's mission is:

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#### AT THE HELM

Commander Jose Casals, AP-IN (Page 1/2)



Greetings! Happy Holidays and a very healthy New Year!

This calendar year 2018 is coming to an end. Thanks for your participation in our boating club/squadron events throughout the year! Your proactive involvement makes our organization a vibrant one, with interesting activities attracting likeminded people that translate into lifelong friendships.

This year I am very happy to report that our boating club experienced a healthy growth, despite the typical attrition. We continue to strive to reach 220 members in 2020 and continue to be a very healthy and attractive boating club. Our proactive recruiting and retention program, our top-notch education program, our energetic vessel safety check team, our dynamic boating and social events teams, our dedication to civic duty and our general meetings with extended social time and interesting speakers and topics contributed to our successes this year. Most importantly, each one of those groups listed above is supported by our own members, and that is why we succeed, because we care for each other.

During this year our national parent organization, the United States Power Squadrons actively promoted and encouraged all squadrons to adopt the new marketing name, America's Boating Club. We have embraced this change and you should have seen our new brochures and propaganda showing us as **America's Boating Club, Cocoa Beach.** It is a marketing name intended to blend better with our type of organization. Our official, legal name remains Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron; so does our organizational mission. Please check WWW.CBSPS.ORG, or WWW.AMERICASBOATINGCLUB.ORG for more information.

In addition to our many squadron's activities, we had two extraordinary events on behalf of District 23. Under the leadership of P/C Sandy Schoonmaker & P/C Tom Courtney and the help of many volunteers, both were very successful. In the Spring, we hosted the **D23 Spring picnic** in Titusville which was very well attended, with kayak races, games, raffles and delicious food cooked locally by

our two great chefs Elmer Bakalla and Rex Stone.

#### AT THE HELM

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



In the Fall, we hosted the **D23 Fall Conference** at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. This included catered food, eco tour, kayak tour, games, silent auction, raffles and sextant refresher lessons. The District 23 Commander shared new information from National and publicly recognized our very own members Gene Millner and Bob Howard for their 50-year membership achievement.

Thank you to the many volunteers that contributed to the success of these events.

It is without a doubt that America's Boating Club, Cocoa Beach continues to excel because of our members proactive involvement. This year, as in many previous years, our members have stepped up to participate, enjoy and help in the many events conducted, whether on land or on the water.

I am very happy to share with you that the USPS Chief Commander recognized our proactive members awarding 70 Merit Marks. This is a major achievement. We intend to continue this trend next year by providing a dynamic and flexible organization catering diverse boating and social interests.

Our most recent social event, the **Harvest Party** was well attended by our members and guests, including some from Banana River SPS who enjoyed the delicious food prepared by all. Denise Stone organized the event and raised funds with raffles throughout the year which were donated for our Education Fund.

The **Nominating Committee** will formally present the new slate of proposed Officers and elected positions at our Thursday 3 January meeting. Preview page 14.

My tenure as your Squadron Commander is almost over with the **Change of Watch** scheduled on **Saturday 9 February** (see page 4). It has been a privilege to serve and I sincerely appreciate every one that made this year so successful and smooth for me.







# Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron

A unit of the United States Power Squadrons & District 23 Cordially invites you to the

# 52<sup>nd</sup> Change of Watch Luncheon

Saturday, 9 February 2019 11:00-3:00

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#### **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

#### Lieutenant Commander Mike Glynn, JN



#### Coming to a Classroom Near You!

As 2018 draws to a close, I must say that the Education Department had a very good year! Since last January we have held eight courses, four USPS core courses and four elective courses. By my count, fifty people took these courses. That means there are quite a few of us who now know more about seamanship, coastal navigation, engine maintenance, marine communications, sailing, cruise planning and even celestial navigation than we did at the start of the year. We also conducted three ABC classes that educated over sixty members of the public on basic safe boating practices. A byproduct of those ABC classes was that we picked up seventeen new America's Boating Club members When you consider that all this boating knowledge will lead to better educated, more confident boaters, as well as safer waters for all us to enjoy, it was indeed a very good year.

The Education Department is busy building on the success of 2018 with seven **courses in 2019**. In addition, three ABC3 classes will be offered.

**Piloting** is the introductory hands-on course in coastal navigation. Students will learn how to read a nautical chart, how to plot and label courses and bearings, and how to use a GPS to navigate electronically.

Starts Monday 21 January for 8 weeks at Cape Canaveral Hospital, room D. Taught by SEO Mike Glynn, JN. Cost is \$78.00. Members only.

Electronic Navigation introduces GPS technology from the most basic receiver to chart plotter systems. The creation of waypoints and routes on a desktop computer and downloading to an onboard chart plotter is introduced. The use of navigation apps on tablets and smartphones, and the Automatic Identification System (AIS) is covered. Flyers and sign-up sheets for these courses will be coming out very shortly.

Starts Thursday 24 January for 8 weeks at Cape Canaveral Hospital, room C. Taught by Lt John Tweedy. Cost is \$69.00; \$124.00 for non-members.

# **Boating Education**

#### **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER**

#### Lieutenant Commander Mike Glynn, JN



In February the **Navigation** course will be offered. Navigation is the second of the offshore navigation courses and is open to anyone that has passed the Junior Navigation course. All members with JN grade, please contact SEO.

Marine Electrical Systems starts off with an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ends with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems.

Starts Monday 22 April for 8 weeks at Cape Canaveral Hospital, room C, Taught by P/Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN. Cost is \$57 / \$106.

Weather is a basic course in meteorology that is geared to boaters but may be of interest to anyone just wanting to understand daily weather. The science behind weather is explained along with various weather phenomena and cloud formations and what they mean. Equipped with this knowledge, boaters are better able to predict changing weather conditions and stay safe while out on the water.

Starts Thursday 2 May for 8 weeks at Cape Canaveral Hospital, room C, Taught by Lt Winnie Crawford, JN. Cost is \$.67 / \$121.

In the Fall, we will be offering **Boat Handling**, which was called Seamanship, and **Advanced Piloting**,

Please keep an eye on the Boating Education page of **cbsps.org** for the updated list of course offerings, dates, locations and fees. And please sign up for one or more of these excellent courses. You'll be glad you did!

# Boating Education

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

#### Lieutenant Commander Deb Henry, AP



Merry Christmas! I hope you all have a great Holiday and come back after the First ready to have some fun!

We have organized a potential trip to the "Nights of Lights" in St. Augustine on 19 January 2019! You should have received an email with basic information. If you haven't already, please respond to Pam or myself if you'd be interested in an afternoon/evening or overnight with us so we can make reservations!

We are already starting to plan next year's fun. We are always open to suggestions from **YOU!** We want to have even more participation planning and doing things next year and are looking for ideas and volunteers.

The **January meeting, on Thursday 3 January**, will open with Wine and Cheese then our FIT Scholarship winner, Andrea Taggart will present her project on North IRL Phosphate Levels During the Summer of 2018 Algal Blooms.

I know our schedule has been wrecked with changes due to voting day, Vet Center scheduling conflicts and HOLIDAYS, so I'm hoping this settles down after the January Meeting!

Now that the Holidays are upon us, I've been thinking back on the year about all the people who have helped me. I want you all to know that I really appreciate it! You don't get enough Thank You's and kudos. Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to do half the things we do.

#### Please welcome CBSPS new members:

Robin Jones of Cocoa, Michael & Theda Haney of Merritt Island, Daniel & Shirley Hurtubise of Rockledge (PCYC members), Patricia Czerniak, Martha Valera and Kyle Green from Cape Canaveral.

Also, transfers **Ana, Marcos & Leonardo Cigagna** who keep their 33' SeaRay at Bluepoints Marina. Congratulations to all especially Michael, Theda & Patricia who have already achieved the S grade.





#### ST. AUGUSTINE NIGHT OF LIGHTS EXPERIENCE

**DATE: JANUARY 19-20, 2019** 

# **EARLY DINNER (Meet at 1600 for drinks) SUNSET GRILLE**

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Make your own reservations but let us know if you're going





## **CBSPS Annual Chili Cookoff**

Tues. 5 March 2019 @ 1800 Hrs. (Prior to the VERY Short General Meeting)
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Bring your favorite Chili to share with others
Soups are welcome too!
Members will judge ONLY chili entries!
Plastic ware, soft drinks, beer, wine and crackers will be provided
Prize to the Winner

Signup sheet at the February meeting

### **Boating Report**

#### Past Commander Duane L. Balkema, AP

#### **RECENT EVENTS:**

We had a great picnic on the West Island of the Barge Canal in September. Twenty -two people and 7 boats represented the Squadron and evidently some members of the public joined in the fun.

Since then, we've had some bad luck in the Boating Calendar. Both the October and November events were canceled including PLAN B due to poor weather and lack of known interest. I say 'Known" interest because people have forgotten to show their interest on the sign up sheets. We'll have to work on that!

#### **COMING BOATING EVENTS:**

We rescheduled our event to **Cruise to Sunset Grille**. It is now moved up one week to **January 12**<sup>th</sup> (see page 11)

It was moved to support the Entertainment Committee's attempt to lineup a trip to St. Augustine.

**February 16, 2018 we "Cruise to Samsons Island Park"** on Grand Canal in Satellite Beach. The park is on an Island in the area of some really nice Lansing Island Homes. (see page 12)

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

2019 is on the way, with new schedules, new officers and the like. Do you have a special idea for a Boating Event? Do you have a desire to get involved?

The Executive Committee decided to split the Boating Activities into 4 subcommittees: Sail, Inland Power, Coastal Power & Self Propelled. Each needs a volunteer to help improve our squadron's boating activities. This is a fun and easy way to earn a Merit Mark. So talk to the Administrative Officer and get involved.

I took my first Boating Committee assignment in 1993 and it is now time to pass it on to some hard chargers in the Squadron.





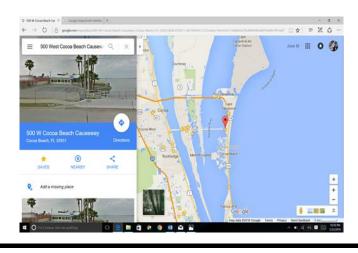
## **Cruise to Sunset Grill**

### Saturday, 12 January 2019

**BY BOAT:** Meet up just south of 520 Bridge on the Banana River at 11:30am and cruise together to Sunset Grill on Cocoa Beach. After lunch, cruise south along Cocoa Beach then exit thru Houseboat Cut.

If you don't have a boat and would like to come for the cruise, please contact Duane Balkema @ 321-452-5892 to find you space on a participating boat.

**BY CAR:** Meet us at noontime (12:00pm) at Sunset Grill located at 500W Cocoa Beach Causeway (SR 520).









## Samson's Island Park Boat Outing Sat 16 February 2019





Cruise to Samson's Island by boat and raft up at the Dock for Lunch and Exploring Arrive by 1200 / Lunch at 1300

COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!
Bring your own lunch and drinks
Tables at the park.

**Contact TBD** 

#### **SECRETARY**

#### Lieutenant Commander Carolyn Green, P



WOW! Time Flies when you are having fun! First of all I would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all the winter babies out there! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

This year has really passed way too quickly. Last November I stepped into the secretary position and did not know what all the job entailed. This year has been a great learning experience for me. As a member of the Executive Committee, I have had the privilege of working with some awesome folks and seeing behind the scenes of how things get done.

"America's Boating Club" is really about working together to educate the people in our community on boating safety. Our club is also a great way to meet like minded folks with similar interests and gathering together to enjoy each others company.

I feel truly honored to be a part of such a great group of people. I look forward to next year to see how our club can grow and continue to be more involved in our community.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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- 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, SN-IN will recycle them for our benefit. While at it, please bring the tabs to Lt Robin Courtney to help Ronald McDonald House.





#### Nominating Committee Slate of Officers

Commander: Lt/C Deborah Henry, AP

Executive Officer: P/Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN

Administrative Officer: 1/Lt Janice Moore, S

Assistant AO: P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN

SEO: Lt/C Michael Glynn, JN ASEO: 1/Lt James Green, N

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Treasurer: Lt/C Marsha Kirkwood, S Asst. Treas: Lt William Wilkening, P

Members at Large: P/C Jose Casals, AP

P/C Tom Courtney, AP D/Lt/C John Mulkey, AP P/C Gerard Meunier, SN

Rules Committee: P/C Gerard Meunier, SN chair

P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN – 2 yrs

P/D/C Roy Merritt, SN - 3 yrs

Nominating Committee: P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN - chair

P/C Tom Courtney, AP 2 yrs P/C Jose Casals, AP – 3 yrs

Auditing Committee: P/C Louis Harlow, SN chair

Ronald Raphael, S - 2 yrs

P/Lt/C Nancy Haslam, AP – 3 yrs



# D23 & National Winter Events



### **District 23 Winter Council & Training**

When: Sat 12 January 2019

Where: TBD

### **USPS National Meeting**

When: 19-23 February 2019

Where: Rosen Center

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### **District 23 Spring Conference**

When: 8-9 March 2019

Where: Guy Harvey Resort

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