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General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 01, @1900
Brevard Veterans Center
400 Sykes Creek Parkway Merritt Island, FL

Sean McCoy, Brevard Sheriff's Dept.

Sean McCoy of the Brevard Sheriff's Department will be our guest speaker this July. He will speak on boating safety and how to protect the environment while boating. .

Attention on Deck

We are asking that all members take inventory of their unwanted marine equipment items. We would like to have a fund raiser (silent auction) in the fall on behalf of the Brevard Veterans Center. The proceeds would be donated to help with their expansion and Memorial Park plans. Thank-you for your consideration. More information will be provided at a later date as we near the timeframe.

Please remember our senior members who would like to attend our monthly meeting and/or functions that may need a ride. If you know of a member that needs to obtain a ride, please make yourself available to accommodate them. They are our anchors!

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boating stories and any
articles of interest you'd
like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander J. P. Longway III, P



As we approach “the dog days of summer” we are seeing the results of same, i.e., hot, humid, no significant rain as of yet, snowbirds fleeing the area, vacations for others, and less members at the General membership meetings.

As for recent squadron activities, our D23 Commander, D/C Richard Leatherman, SN attended our 3 June General Membership meeting. Dick presented his concept of the “Chain Of Success”, which emphasizes the advertising of our Boat Smart / other educational courses and seminars to promote public awareness so as to gain interest in acquiring new members to become part of safe boating initiatives. This requires the combined efforts of the Nominating Committee selecting the right people, Publication Relations having the wherewithal to effectively get the word out, Knowledgeable Instructors/ Proctors ensuring class attendees are well prepared to pass same, Membership Committee providing information to encourage the attendees to become a Squadron member, and all with the full support of the Commander. We have just completed a Boat Smart class on 4 June that had a total of 20 attendees. We immediately signed up 2 new members and have 4 who are seriously considering joining as well. Congratulations to all who contributed to this “Chain of Success”, as well as the attendees who passed the course.

Please note that we have several fraternal and boating activities coming up in June and July. By the time you received this issue, we will have had the opportunity to enjoy a fun & hopefully rewarding day, set-up by the Coco-Nauts on the Sun Cruz Casino Cruise on Saturday, 14 June. Then on Friday, 4 July, we will have the annual Squadron Raft-up for the Fireworks display at Cocoa Village River Front Park. Finally, on Saturday, 19 July we will have a Squadron Rendezvous at Sunset Grill. Thanks to all the members/ Coco-Nauts for making the plans/arrangements for a busy summer.

Congratulations to our new AP’s , Lt Adrienne Goldstein and Lt/C James Green.

Just a reminder, that the Rules Committee is presently reviewing the Squadron’s Permanent Rules for opportunities to improve or make more effective. The committee will present their recommendations to the Executive Board for their review at the Board’s July meeting. If any member has any thoughts/changes that they would like to recommend for consideration, please feel free to contact the committee’s chairman P/C John Mulkey, P.

Wherever you may spend this summer, ENJOY!!!! If its here, please take advantage of the aforementioned activities and support the efforts of the organizers.

Peace (V)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Lance H. VandeBerg, P



Our vessel examiners have completed 138 inspections so far this year. We have ordered some examiner hats and badges to help promote this important function.

Life vests (PFD's) are available through our squadron at wholesale prices, courtesy of Bill Bickerstaff. All types are available. Savings should be 15-20% off retail prices. For more information or how to order call me at 321-456-5799.

Harbortown has announced its gasoline supplier is converting to 10% ethanol by June 15. Most boats will experience no problems with this conversion, however some older boats may have issues. Gene Millner has informed us that BJ's on Merritt Island still does not use alcohol. You are encouraged to check your owner's manual or contact your vessel's manufacturer. You may also check the National Marine Manufactures Assoc. website at www.nmma.org or get additional info on ethanol-blended fuels at www.ethanolFRA.org.

The USPS District 23, 2008 Fall conference will be held in Daytona Beach at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Resort on October 10-12th. The event rate is \$89.00 city view & \$99.00 for ocean view. For reservations call 386-255-5494. Reservation forms are available.

SEO REPORT

P/D/C Fred P. Adame, SN



The most important educational and public service activity of a member squadron of the United States Power Squadrons is it's public boating class. In the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron we teach the Boat Smart® course, a four week course of Power Point® presentations and demonstrations of the basic knowledge that every beginning boatman should possess. We just completed the recent course, at Cape Canaveral Hospital, on 4 June and the results were good. Of 20 students registered, 18 passed the course and there is the possibility of at least two more.

Fortunately, each time we present this course, our squadron manages to muster up a willing and enthusiastic crew. P/C John Mulkey, P, the Chairman of the Local Board for Boating (chairman of the boating course) led the team of presenters Steve Winter, P, Lt Johan Neve, P, this SEO, and even himself, in enlightening and even entertaining, the students each Wednesday night of the course. Lt Marion Sweigart, AP, and Lt Doris Valentine registered the students and Lt's Bob Flanigan, SN, and Joe Auchter, JN, proctored the students at their tables. 1/Lt Paul Ragusa, P, and Lt Fran Ragusa, P, provided computer and moral support and helped Lt Howard Bernbaum, SN, with grading examinations. Of course our good turnout was do to the work of our PRO, Lt Joan Montfort, S.

Next member classes on the horizon we will be an Instructor Development course and a Seamanship course. Both courses await the return of instructors who have departed on cruises to the Bahamas so they should be well experienced when they return. Following these we plan to offer Piloting and Marine Electronics in the fall. Navigation course students are now in the throes of preparing for their final open and closed book examinations that will take place early in July.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Jim Green, P

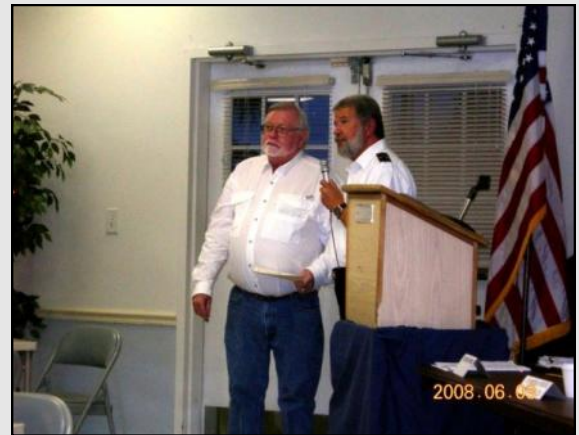


It's that time again! Summer temps are here. So, let's get out and boat! Let's enjoy the beautiful Florida sunshine. We are certainly looking forward to an active year on the water. Carolyn and I had a great trip to the Bahamas; we only made it as far as Vero Beach due to engine problems, but it was a great 5 days on the water anyway.

Sean McCoy of the Brevard Sheriff's Department will be our guest speaker this July. He will speak on boating safety and how to protect the environment while boating. In August our speaker will be Mark Nelson of Port Plastics. He will tell us how he fabricates custom boat parts.

Be sure to take advantage of the Education Department's offerings. Where else can you get such great information and materials to make our boating lives safer and more enjoyable?

Have a great July and August!



Photos taken at the Jun 3, 2008
General Membership Meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Lt/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



As I mentioned in the previous newsletter my report for the July-August issue of the Soundings would be to supply you with the necessary corrections or additions to the roster that was printed earlier in the year. The changes will be listed on pages (5-6) and I hope they will be of help to you in keeping your roster up to date. If you have any changes in the future, please notify me prior to the 10th of the month so that the change will be reflected in the Soundings.

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Delete boat name-The DJ's

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GRADE CHANGES

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FLEET ROSTER:ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Hurry Cane/Larry & Debra Burleson/19' Deck Boat

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**Be Responsible as you celebrate
July 4th!**



Galaxy 23

From the District Bridge

D/Lt/C Kim Fruda, AP

Administrative Officer

I have always loved the question is the glass half full or half empty. We all know that, logically, it is both. This is to clarify ones perspective. For me, however, this question goes beyond perspective to possibility. The point is regardless of your perspective the glass still isn't full.

Sometimes I feel we as a group need to look beyond this, we all need to think out of the box when it comes to membership, membership involvement, membership retention, etc. We as a district ought to start doing things with other squadrons in close proximity. We also need to encourage involvement and attendance at the conferences. Not only are the conferences educational but they are a lot of fun. I know I look forward to seeing people that I saw last time and sharing stories and building new memories.

We are all part of the District and your individual squadrons, and we all join for a reason, perhaps not the same reason, but we have joined. If we all do one little something a lot can get done. We have the District Fall Conference coming up in October and King Neptune's arrival at Banana River soon after. Flyers will be in your newsletters soon. Let's make a strong appearance at these activities. And if you are able, the National Fall Governing Board will be held in Detroit the first week of September

Each squadron has its unique and different purpose that makes it stand out. Sharing ideas may be useful in finding a way to bring growth to your squadron. We all need to realize that the same few members can't keep doing things and that if we get a few people to help complete one task then none of the few people are overwhelmed and tired. I encourage you all to work together and increase our memberships across the board. Let's all enjoy the year and focus on helping this organization as a whole.

Safe boating everyone!



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

JUNE:

24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting- Merritt Island Library

JULY:

01 - Tuesday, 1900, CBS&PS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center

04 - Friday, Squadron Raft-Up for Fireworks at Cocoa Village River Front

19 - Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous at Sunset Grill

22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting- Merritt Island Library

AUGUST:

05 - Tuesday, 1900, CBS&PS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center

16 - Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous & Picnic at CBCC Pavilion

26 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting- Merritt Island Library

SEPTEMBER:

02 - Tuesday, 1900, CBS&PS General Membership Meeting – Brevard Veterans Center

03-07 - Wednesday - Sunday, USPS Governing Board, Detroit Michigan

10 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon @ Red Lobster, Merritt Island

20 - Saturday, Squadron Rendezvous at Conch Key Grill

23 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting - Merritt Island Library

OCTOBER:

01 - Wednesday, 1900, Boat Smart Course - Cape Canaveral Hospital

03 - 05 - Friday - Sunday, District 23 Conference - Daytona Beach

07 - Tuesday, 1900, CBS&PS General Membership Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center

08 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon - St David's, Cocoa Beach

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**2008 Cocoa Beach Sail & Power
Squadron Boating Schedule**

	Event	Date	Day
1	*Ski Island Landing & Hot Dog Roast	26-Apr	Sat
2	Traditional Blessing of the Fleet	17-May	Sat
3	Indian River Cruise to Chowders	28-Jun	Sat
4	Cocoa Fireworks raft up	4-Jul	Fri
5	Squadron Rendezvous at Sunset Grill	19-Jul	Sat.
6	Cruise/drive to Cocoa Beach Pavilion At CB Country Club	16-Aug	Sat/ Sun
7	Conch Key Grill Cruise & Party Indian River/US1 South	20-Sept	Sat
8	Melbourne Harbor Cruise & Overnight for weekend	24-26 Oct	Fri-Sun
9	Old Florida Grill & Cruise Party - Frontenac	22-Nov	Sat
10	Samson Island Park off Grand Canal- Satellite Beach	24-Jan	Sat
Co-Chairmen Duane Balkema 452-5892 & Duane McConkey 454-6841			

BLOOD DONATION

*The next blood donation will be on 23 July at 0900 at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1.
All donations are appreciated!!!!*

Carbon Monoxide and Diesel Engines

Starting in 1998, the American Boat and Yacht Council Standards began requiring carbon monoxide (CO) detectors on boats with gasoline powered propulsion engines and/or generators. The statute doesn't apply to boats with diesel engines, which produce only about 10% of the CO of their gasoline counterparts.

While diesels are certainly far safer, there is at least one situation where a diesel powered boat could easily become surrounded by a deadly cloud of carbon monoxide - when it's rafted with other boats that are using gasoline generators. In that situation, CO from the exhaust of one boat could easily be pulled into the vent on another.

Certainly, any boat with a gasoline propulsion engine or generator, sleeping accommodations should have a CO detector installed in the sleeping compartment. But if you own a diesel-powered boat and raft-up with gasoline powered boats, it would be smart to also install a CO detector. The only safe alternative would be to anchor away from the raft-up before going to bed.

**Article submitted by
Lt Robert Flanigan, SN, Safety Chairman**

Life Jacket Proven to Save Lives

National Safe Boating Week for Florida started Sunday May 18th, and for good reasons since the state led the nation in boating fatalities in 2006. Florida recorded 69 fatalities in 2006 as well as 77 fatalities in 2007.

Brevard County ranked 9th among the top 10 Florida Counties for the number of boating accidents in 2007 and 8th out of 10 in 2006. Brevard recorded one fatal accident in 2007, seven accidents with injury and 15 without injury. The 2006 numbers were 4 fatalities, 12 accidents with injury and 9 without injury.

Monroe County ranked first in total accidents in 2007 and 2006. It recorded four fatal accidents in 2007, 27 accidents with injury and 43 without injury.

"The frequency of boating accidents in Florida would probably be a shock to most people," Lt. Ed Cates of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement said in a press release. "The ultimate goal is to change accident trends and reduce the number of accidents, injuries and deaths on Florida waters."

Nationally, nearly half of the fatal accidents involved boats less than 16' such as open runabouts, personal watercraft, Jon boats and paddle-powered craft. U. S. Coast Guard statistics show of the 474 deaths in 2006 42 % (201) involved boats less than 16'. Statistics at www.wearitflorida.com said approximately three-quarters of the boats involved in accidents were less than 27'

Partial article from Florida Today 05-18-08

BOATING SEASON KICKS OFF UNDER THREAT OF NEW EPA PERMIT PROGRAM

Solution Moves a Step Forward But Boaters Need to Speak Out Now

ALEXANDRIA VA, May 27, 2008 - With the Memorial Day traditional start of the recreational boating season now passed, you'd think the owners of this country's 18 million boats would be in good spirits.

However, under threat of a new, onerous and potentially costly EPA permit program to be in place by September 30 of this year, recreational boaters and anglers have only a short time to encourage their Senators and Representatives in Congress to support the "Clean Boating Act of 2008." The bill would retain a 35-year-old exemption under the Clean Water Act of 1972 for "normal operational" discharges from recreational boats, such as deck run-off from rain or engine cooling water.

The EPA has been required to develop the permit program as a result of a lawsuit originally intended to prevent the spread of invasive species from abroad by targeting ocean-going commercial vessels carrying ballast water. The proposed Clean Boating Act of 2008 does not weaken any existing environmental laws that restrict the overboard discharge of oil, fuel, garbage, or sewage.

The Senate version of the bill, S. 2766, moved out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on May 21 following an identical House version, H.R. 5949, which moved out of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on May 15. Both bills are now headed for full Senate and House votes, respectively, in the next few weeks.

"We have jumped over two huge hurdles in both the Senate and House Committees," said BoatU.S. Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. "However, with only nine weeks left in the Congressional session before September, we are facing a tight timeline. Everyone who enjoys boating needs to ask their legislators for their support when it comes to a floor vote. We need constituents to speak up now - even if they have done so in the past year," she added.

BoatU.S. also said help is needed to convert the 93 House sponsors who had previously co-sponsored a similar House bill, H.R. 2550 - now dormant - to be co-sponsors of the newest version, H.R. 5949.

To easily contact your federal legislators or learn more about the issue, go to <http://www.BoatBlue.org> or <http://www.BoatUS.com/gov>

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**Article submitted by
P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby, JN**

Boating Report by Co-Chairman P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

As reported at the meeting June 3rd, we have scrubbed the planned Saturday, June 28th Cruise to Chowders. It is between 2 events 34 days apart, making for too busy a schedule. Therefore our next planned Boating Committee Event is the July 4th Raft-up for the Cocoa Fireworks. Just show up with your boat in the water just south of Lee Wenner Park at the Hwy 520 Indian River Bridge. Just cruise around and look for Squadron Members and tie up with them sometime between 4 and 8 PM. The Fireworks start at around 9 PM and look really great from so close. Looking forward to having a good group of boaters. July 17th is the Cruise to Sunset Grill on the Banana River, meeting there at 11:30.

The Blessing of the Fleet with Banana River Squadron had 18 boats blessed in the procession + 1 by VHF. It was a good day. Gene Millner's Sea Eagle, Joan Montfort's SeaJoan and Lance Vandenberg's Island Hopper (by VHF) were from CBS&PS. Of the group Millners stayed overnight at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club docks. Members eating an excellent meal there were Johnny & Ann McCandless, Kermit & Susan Forbes, Trent & Carmen Milliken, Gene & Barbara Millner, and Mike & Denise Stone.



The Blessing of the Fleet was held West of Dragon Point jointly with BRS&PS on May 17, 2008. A buffet luncheon followed at the Eau Gallie Country





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10-12 October 2008
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10-12 October 2008
MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Meal reservations must be received no later than 19 September 2008

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SATURDAY EVENING - Plated dinner - Choice of Pork Loin, Grilled Fish, Chicken Marsala
 Oven Roasted Pork Loin w/garlic & Herbs # _____ Grilled Mish w/Lemon Butter # _____ Chicken Marsala # _____ @ \$27.00 _____
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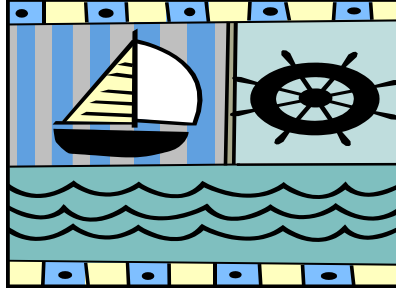
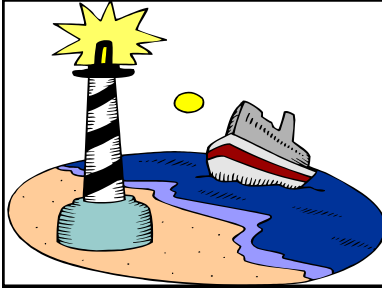
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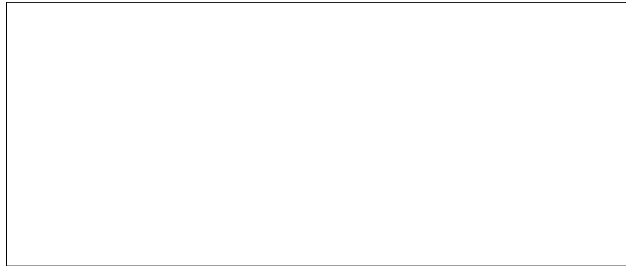
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