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Membership Meeting

Tuesday 05 July 2011 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy.
Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Bill Roeder will speak on lightening at the July 5th meeting , and member Winifred Crawford, JN, who is a meteorologist will speak on weather at our August 2nd meeting.

Attention on Deck

There is a sunset cruise planned on the Blue Dolphin for the evening of 25 August starting at 8p, to see bioluminescence. For details and reservations, please contact Captain Mark Anderson, AP @ 321-652-1052.

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like to submit...

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AT THE HELM

Commander Kermit Forbes, P



We had a very successful June with two safe boating classes and hopefully several new members in the near future. John also has a class scheduled for July. Any of our members that have not taken our seamanship course, should consider taking it when offered later this year, and hopefully our piloting course soon after.

Our next boating rendezvous is traveling to the Old Florida Grill on the Indian River, on Saturday August 20 for lunch. This is one of my favorite places to go. I hope that many boats can make the trip. Please call Duane Balkema, and let him know you will be bringing your boat. Those not having a boat, but would like to go by boat, please let Duane know so he can make arrangements with someone taking their boat. We also want people to come by auto, again let Duane know what your plans are.

Those of you that watched the fireworks by boat, I am sure that you had a great time.

Continue having a safe and enjoyable boating season

New Junior Navigators



L-R: Cmdr Kermit Forbes, P, Ken Charles, JN, Carmen Adame, JN, Adrienne Goldstein, JN, Winifred Crawford, JN & P/D/C Fred Adame, SN (see additional photos on pg 13)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LT/C Gerard Meunier, JN



P/C Lance VandeBerg, P, reports that we have reached more than 50 Vessel Safety Inspections as of June 23rd. Lance and I will review the results to-date to see if and how that number can be increased.

The next VSI program will most probably be on Friday July 29th from 8 to 9 AM at the Riverside/Lee Wenner Park in Cocoa Village

Our CBSPS.com web site has a few pages that need to be updated. Please check it out and send your comments and suggestions to me at MeunierCBSPS@att.net.

The Executive Board decided that a CBSPS brochure is necessary to better communicate our goals to the public. More on that very soon.

I hope you all have a nice Summer wherever you are.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



Hope all of you have a great summer. Here are some changes for you to make in your Rosters. If you do not have the new Roster, they will be at the monthly General Meetings for you to pick up.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER / Please add to you Roster

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 Rockledge, FL 32955
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 Mate: Vanessa

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Paul Rowe
 email: karlrltd@aol.com
 Mate: Charlotte
 Boat: Irish Mist 38' Sail

Change Email:
 Marian Sweigart: granoldswag@bellsouth.net

Add Cell Phone:
 Brian Grigsby: 321-626-2718

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C John F Mulkey, AP



I am honored to introduce our newest Junior Navigators. They are:

**P/R/C Carmen Adame, JN
Winifred C. Crawford, JN
David D. Keene, JN**

**Kenneth G. Charles, JN
Lt Adrienne Goldstein, JN
Scott S. Sievers, JN**

By the time this is published we will have completed two ABC 3 Boating classes. On June 11 we had a one day class at Boaters Exchange in Rockledge, and on June 18 & 25 a class was held at Light House Christian Church on Merritt Island.

The next ABC 3 Class is scheduled for July 16 & 23 at Cape Canaveral Hospital.

The Instructor Development class is almost over and the tests have been ordered.

Summer is always a slow time for the Education Department. Snowbirds return home, people with RVs head for the hills, and the rest of us plan our vacations. Still, we try to please. If there is a course that you are interested in taking please let me know. Anytime we can get five members that want to take a course, we will do our best to hold it for you.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Lance H. Vandenberg, P



Our next quest speaker for the July 5th general meeting will be Bill Roeder. Bill will be speaking on "lightning". Winnie Crawford will be speaking on weather for the August 2nd general meeting.

On Thursday August 4th we have a scheduled Sunset cruise on the Blue Dolphine to see bioluminescence. On August 20th we have scheduled an Old Florida Seafood Grill rendezvous on the Indian River. Contact Duane Balkema (321-452-5892) for more information on these two events.

Members of our squadron participated in the Relay for Life cancer walk in April of this year, in Cocoa Village. Next year our squadron will have a booth set up for the April 2012 event, and hope to have more participants to take part for the cause!

Our executive board meeting will be held on August 25th at 6:00pm at the Merritt Island Library.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and having a safe boating experience.

Coco-Nauts Corner
President, Lt Debra Burleson, S

The Coco-Nauts had their last meeting at the IslandTiki Grill, which is located in the Island Lincoln Mercury dealership in Merritt Island. It was such a nice quiet location, with such a reasonably priced menu, that we decide to have our September meeting there as well! We also discussed that in the future, we might hold most of our meeting there too!

In order to increase our “operating funds”, we are going to sell tickets for the Macy’s Shop for a Cause Event on August 27th! The tickets are \$5 each, and we keep the money for each one we sell! The tickets allows you 10% & 25% off on items all day, in addition to being able to enter your ticket, when finished to win a \$500 Macy’s gift card. I have the tickets on hand, so please contact me to help out the cause. This is Macy’s contribution to help out non profit organizations across the nation!

The Harvest Party this year will be held 6 November at the Space Coast Association of Realtors, at 105 Mcleod St., in Merritt Island from 2p-5p. Thanks to Lance Vandenberg for allowing us to secure this location!

I hope your summer is off to a great start!

July Birthdays
 03 - Susan Kneeland
 06 - Francesca Ragusa
 13 - Debra Burleson
 22 - Marian Sweigert
 26 - Adrienne Goldstein
 27 - Doris Valentine
 30 - Carmen Adame

August Birthdays
 07 - Genevieve Link
 08 - Peggy Guerrero
 27 - Marsha Kirkwood





**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:

July 2011

- 04 - Monday, Rendezvous in Cocoa Beach off Sunset Café' for fireworks**
- 05 - Tuesday, 1900 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**

August 2011

- 02 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veteran's Center**
- 20 - Saturday, Old Florida Seafood Grill rendezvous on the Indian River**
- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library**
- 25 - Thursday, 2000, Sunset cruise on the Blue Dolphin to see bioluminescence**

September 2011

- 06 - Tuesday, 1900 CBSPS General Meeting - Brevard Veterans Center**
- 14 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts luncheon meeting, Island Tiki Grill**
- 15 - 17, Thursday - Sunday, USPS Governing Board, Greensboro NC**
- 22 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting - Merritt Island Library**
- 24 - Saturday, 1300 Treasure hunt in CB canals , meet S. of 520 bridge - prizes**
- 30 - Friday, District 23 Conference - Deland, FL**

October 2011

- 01 - 02 Saturday-Sunday, District 23 Conference - Deland, FL**
- 12 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts luncheon - Merritt Island Moose Lodge**

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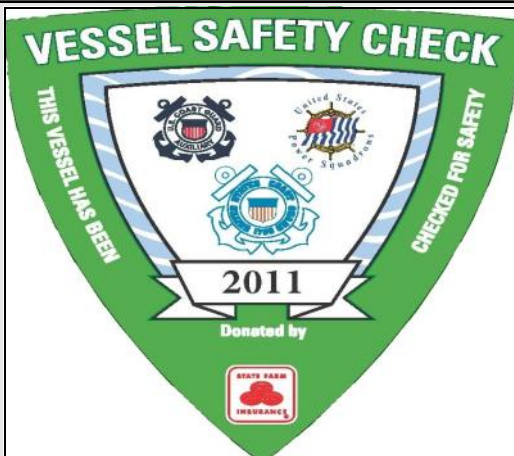
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June Boating Report P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP

CBSPS Boating Report by P/C Duane L. Balkema, AP
At our Blessing of the Fleet in May, which was really nice to watch, we had a funny event happen that could have hurt someone. I had the 14 or so boats making a big, very orderly, circle in preparation to go past the anchored Blessing Boat. In the circle of boats was the Coast Guard Lead Vessel, which was not the biggest boat, but made us very official in my opinion. The Marine Patrol in their big twin outboard powered boat on a routine patrol of the Banana River coming from the south spotted this circle of boats and got excited this was something big going on, hit full power and arrived at the circle with huge waves and all. It happened that the Coast Guard Boat was at that point the closest to them. They throttled down quickly, bouncing about, and had a talk together. Then after the talk, away the Marine Patrol went at full power. I would like to have heard what the four young Coast Guard Regulars said to them. It didn't look so clever to CDR Forbes or me out there, the aggressive manner they took. And one or two boaters in the area that would have been blessed did not do so and left immediately. But the Blessing went extremely well as did the gathering at CDR Forbes Home later. Pictures are on our website.

July 4th, 2011, Monday Evening we plan a "Raft-up to Watch Fireworks" will be past by the time you read this.

August 20, 2011, Saturday We cruise north on Indian River to "Old Florida Seafood Grill" for an eatout at 11:30 AM. You order off the menu & pay separately. You can come by land or sea. Call 452-5892 to give a count if attending.

August 25, 2011, Thursday Evening 8:00 PM Kelly Park Departure on "BLUE DOLPHIN" Captain Mark Anderson will take us out looking for BIOLUMINESCENCE in the water. The moon should be right. This should be a great event. Call Mark or Michele directly to book at 652-1052. Price is \$29 or \$25 Seniors, there is a bathroom on board and refreshments. Bring neighbors and have a party.

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

Blessing of the Fleet 21 May 2011 (more pics @ <http://cbsps.com>)





CBSPS ANNUAL ITALIAN NIGHT



When: 6 September @ 1800 prior to meeting

Cost: \$6 p/p

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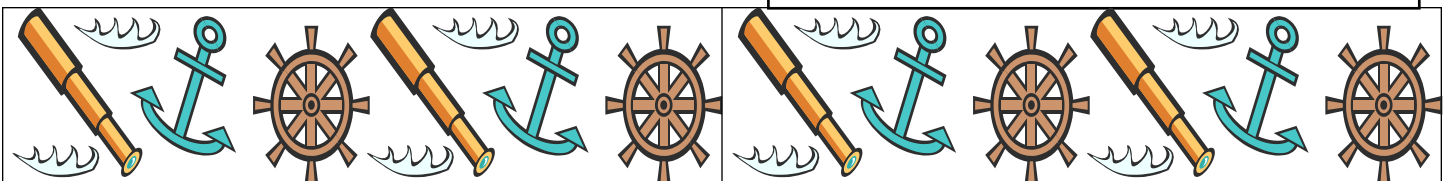
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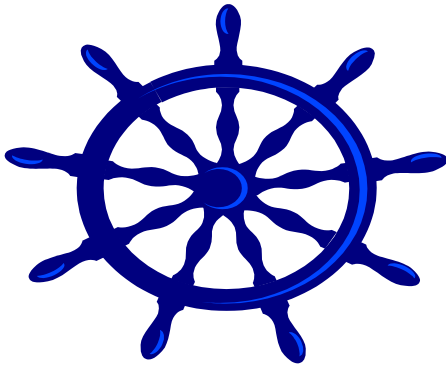
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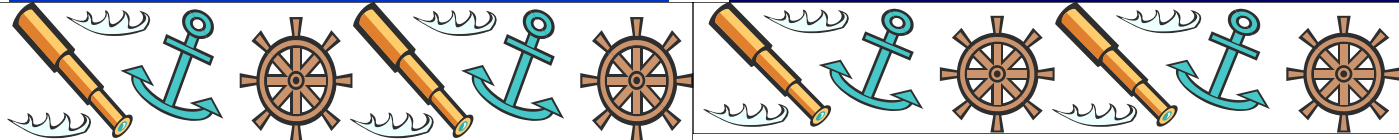


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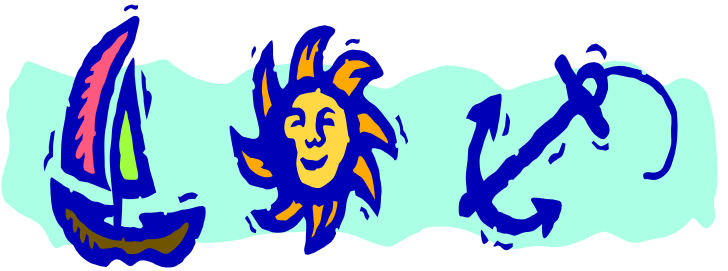
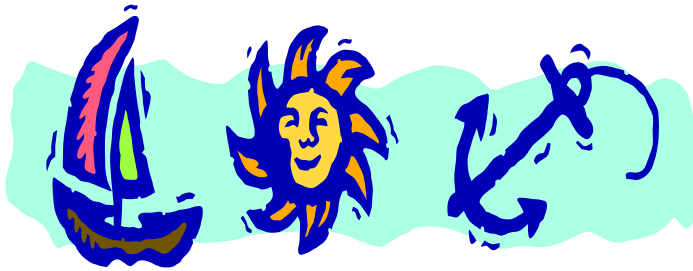
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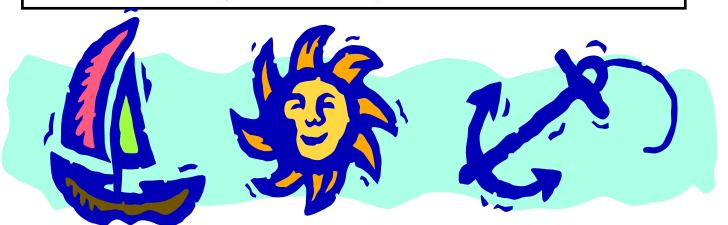
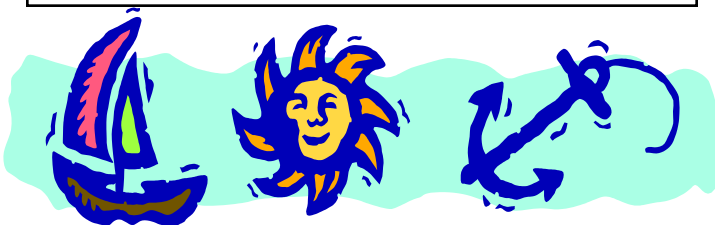
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