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P/D/Lt C, Frank Sebree, SN
Chairman of Auction Commit-

Teamwork! New members and steadfast veteran members pooled their efforts to make our only annual fundraising event a success. 9-11 created an austere business environment and local industrial firms were unable to donate as many high value items as they had done in previous years. We are very appreciative of those who have contributed in the past and who contributed this year as well.

Please support our contributors.

The following are those who worked diligently and made this auction successful.

First, you can't hold an auction without a place to have it. The management and owners of the COMFORT INN, Dave Spain, wife Linda, Charlie and Esther Eaton are power squadron members who give us the use of their newly remodeled and enlarged facility for this and numerous other occasions. Our utmost thanks and appreciation to them and to their steadfast employees, Jody and Gregg.

Next, whoever heard of an auction without an auctioneer? Bill Suggs has conducted the CPPS auction competently and knowledgeably and he and his wife, Joyce, have provided their services freely for seven years. Words can't convey our appreciation.

I couldn't have managed without George Hess, co-chairman and my "right arm", who acted in my absence (and even my presence). With the best group of "volunteers" that promises of merit marks would buy, we had a smoothly running team who organized a great event! The Coco-Nauts provided refreshments, and though they contributed to making us a few pounds heavier, they are deserving of our appreciation.

HERE'S THE WHO'S WHO OF OUR WORKING TEAM:

SOLICITORS: The folks sally to places of business and appeal to their management for support. It's a tough job. We salute JoAnn and Gary Monai, Dave Whaley, Marge And Duane Balkama, Gary Pell, Ted Edson, Marion Sweigart, John Lynn, Paul Pfadenhauer, Bob Mattauer and Dan Matthews for their efforts. The ads of contributors appear on pages 7-13. Those folks deserve many thanks.

Joe Auchter, Doris Valentine, Jane Sebree, Bob and Marilyn Flannigan, John Mulkey, Ed and Carolyn Bonnett, Marcia and Duane McConkey, Lea and Dave Collins, Gene and Barbara Millner, Bud Miller and Steve Winter performed tasks ranging from clerical to whatever needed doing. Attaboys are in order for all.

I hope I didn't miss anyone but if I did, call me, remind me, and your name will appear in the next issue of the Soundings.

My sincere appreciation to those who worked and those members who donated items for the auction and those who spent-the host of generous buyers from the membership, our friends and neighbors who brought their checkbooks, mad money and their fellowship to insure the success of our worthwhile venture.

With these funds the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron can continue to provide the boating community with quality Safe Boating Education which has saved the lives of many boaters each year.



There'll be lots of fun at the December 3rd general meeting. Do come.

The Harvest Social was a great event. The food was good, the desserts even better and the company was even better. Thanks to all who made it such an enjoyable occasion.



Happy Holidays



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This Commander's major challenge is to stay ahead of the pack in a world where everyone wants everything NOW. With the holiday season upon us and a change of watch in the near future there is more to accomplish than there is time. During this period I think it is necessary for all Bridge Officers and Committee Chairs to take stock of where we are in carrying out our duties and implementing plans which we have made.

Communicating to our membership is a most important task. We must make a maximum effort to publicize all Squadron classes, events, cruises, picnics and special events through the Soundings, e-mail, the web, and the telephone to make members aware of the activities available to them. Some events require pre-payment to guarantee reservations of facilities or for partial payments to caterers, musicians, and those who provide services. It is imperative, then, for squadron members to be made well aware of our activities to assure a successful response. I don't think the Squadron should discontinue sending the Soundings to our members and asking them to "look it up on the Web." Not every member has a computer and many members prefer receiving a paper? District tried this when they stopped publishing the Galaxy and it has resulted in declining attendance at conferences, meetings, picnics and cruises this past year.

I am excited about how we have progressed this year in all areas. I have had very dedicated Bridge Officers whose support has



helped us achieve a good and successful term. We need to review what we have achieved and what needs improvement and to stand behind the new Commander and Bridge to make next year an even a better one.

We have made some rather significant changes this past year to our publications, educational methods and the type of equipment we use for our presentations. We do all this for you, the membership, to keep up with ever changing technology. When you get involved with the Squadron activities you'll realize the importance of these new systems and how the improvements of the equipment and methods aid us in managing our capabilities. We intend to maximize the use of our new equipment to achieve a more successful and practical user friendly approach.

My hitch as Commander is nearing an end and the new Commander will face many of the same challenges. For Evelyn and me it has been a fast ride since March'02. We attended all the national meetings and conferences as well as the district meetings and conferences and the two Squadron meetings each month. It has been a busy and rewarding year.

Nobody is more excited about how we have progressed this year in all areas. I have had very dedicated Bridge Officers whose support has helped us achieve a good and successful term. We need to review what we have achieved and what needs improvement and to stand behind the new Commander and Bridge to make next year an even a better one. My goal is working toward making the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron a name that is synonymous with leadership and fellowship within the USPS.

Evelyn and I hope you all had a bountiful Thanksgiving and have a peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



Everybody who was anybody attended the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Auction. Above left, Joe Auchter and Larry Hatfield examine merchandise.

Center stage Larry Hatfield is exercising while Ed Kydd poses for the camera. To the right, John Lynn is holding a basket of wine & cheeses while Bill Suggs our Auctioneer wets his whistle.



To the left, Bud Miller and John Mulkey are conducting business.

This was a real nice auction and we all had a real good time.

Photographer: Patrick Andrews

THE SEO REPORT P/C Edward Bonnett, SN

The fall season is upon us and it's time to return to the campus. A seamanship class is underway and the first half exams are graded—with 100% passing. Hooray for the class and the wonderful instructors.

A Sail class is also underway at this time. We are looking forward to organizing classes in Piloting, Advance Piloting, and Junior Navigation. I sure wish they'd change that name to something like "Navigation" so people would better understand that it's a stand-alone treatment of the Navigation Science.) The Education Department is also trying to arrange offering elective courses in Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics, two courses I heartily recommend for all boat owners.

So what are our problems?

Well, first there's classroom cost. Unlike other squadrons, we do not charge the students the rent pro-rated over class size. If we did so, our prices would increase beyond affordability for those classes that have few students and that run long-term. I guess one of the solutions is to have more participation from the Squadron members. More members/less cost per student.

And then there is a second problem—our teaching staff. This year we lost some of our stalwarts who have been old reliables for so many years. Some travel, some have gone on to other things, some have health problems, and some are burned out from the burdens of repeated calls to duty.

I guess it's time for younger members to step up to the plate and carry on the teaching of boating courses which benefit the boating community.

We are grateful to 1/Lt Rick Schoonmaker, SN, who taught the Weather course, 1/Lt Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, who taught Instructor Qualification, and Lt Jim O'Malley, AP, who is presently teaching the Sail Course

We need more help. We are canvassing our membership to recruit members to join our faculty. Teaching is rewarding and useful. If you have requisite skills to join our staff and can devote the time to prepare and present any of our courses, we'd like to hear from you. The education department ranks have thinned out and the situation is bleak.

Please call one of the following:

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These members will be there to help you when you need help. They will be your mentors as you embark upon a re-

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NEW CLASSES, NEW CLASSES

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Attention all you genuine students. Several members have indicated a desire to sign up for Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Engine Maintenance, and Junior Navigation. We are in the process of lining up instructors for these classes and scheduling the classrooms. The goal is to get these classes started at the beginning of the year.

In order to have an adequate supply of textbooks on hand, we need a showing of hands. These courses are taught only once a year so those of you who have been holding back need to jump in and get them behind you. Remember, the more you know the more pleasurable your boating experience will be. You will also get to interact with other squadron members resulting in your feeling more at home in the organization.

Please contact:

Ed Bonnett, SN at 784-9366

or Howard Bernbaum, SN at 452-0320

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM RESULTS

To date the Cocoa Beach Squadron has had a very successful Vessel Safety Check Program. Our committee members have completed 264 pleasure boat inspections. Of all of these inspections 71% of the boats inspected were awarded decals for 2002. The national committee has advised us that they are expecting the 2003 decals to be at Headquarters by mid December. If so, we should receive the new decals in time to be ready to roll with the new year.

The 20 hard working members of the committee and the number of boats that they inspected are as follows: John Lynn, P (70), P/C Al Pappas, SN (26), Charlie Dodds, SN (21), P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN (21), P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN (19), Lt/C Bud Miller, JN (13), Bob Flanigan, SN (11), Jerry Abrams, P (11), Dave Collins, AP (10), Lt Gene Millner, AP (10), Maggie Woeber, AP (11), Lt Gary Monai, P, (7), Lt Rich Schoonmaker, SN (7), Lt Sandy Schoonmaker, SN (6), P/C Ed Kydd, SN (6), Bill Howard, AP (5), P/D/Lt Frank Sebree, SN (5), P/C John Valentine, AP (4), Cdr Les Tribout, AP (5), John Klotch, P (1).

I wish to thank all of those committee members who have worked to make 2002 a very successful year for the Cocoa Beach Squadron. With the coming of the new year, all squadron members are encouraged to contact one of the above members to have their boats inspected early in 2003. If any other squadron member is interested in becoming a VSC examiner, please contact me.

P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN
Chairman, VSC Committee

CBPS MEMBERS CRUISE ON THE DELPHINUS

Once again ten CBPS members were the guests of the Dept. of Marine and Environmental Systems of the Florida Institute of Technology. The Halloween Cruise left the New Port Marina at 0900 on a study-work trip for the graduate students to check the sea temperature, air temperature, relative humidity, turbidity (clarity of the water), true and apparent wind readings, etc.

The Delphinus, a 65 foot fishing trawler with full electronics as well as marine research equipment, has taken our members out before on ocean cruises of about 3 hours duration to study many different facets of the sea.

Dr. George Maul, our host and Chairman of that department, a CBPS Honorary Member, was a speaker at one of our meetings several years ago and has been a good friend of the Cocoa Beach Squadron since that time. The next trip aboard the Delphinus will be sometime in March, so if you are interested in going give your name to:

P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN: 783-USPS

These Squadron members spent a day aboard the Delphinus on the 10/31 day cruise. L. to R. are Gary Kingrea, John Lynn, Randy Johnson, Ray Smith, Dave Whaley, Jane Schnoor, Joe Auchter, Pam Johnson, Lynne Schaeffer, and Dick Schnoor.



Use Cellular Phones As Backup System Only



For years the US Coast Guard has been telling boaters to use VHF radio for boating communications. However many boaters have come to rely on cellular telephones due to their ease of use and ability to connect quickly.

But as cellular phones are growing in popularity, their range on the water is decreasing due to the increase in shoreside communications antennas to accommodate the increase in usage. Now a cellular phone that had a 5-mile range last summer may have only a fraction of that range.

For that reason, cell phones should only be used as a backup system on your boat. Another reason why a cell phone should not displace your VHF is if you are in an emergency situation. If a boat is nearby or has just passed you, with your VHF radio you can communicate with it immediately. This way you have a good chance the vessel will turn around and help you.

If you do not currently have a VHF radio, why not put it on your Christmas list and hint that Santa should bring you one. That sure beats a new tie or pajamas. Happy Holidays!

P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN



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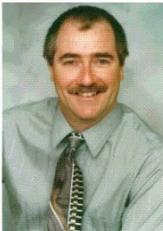
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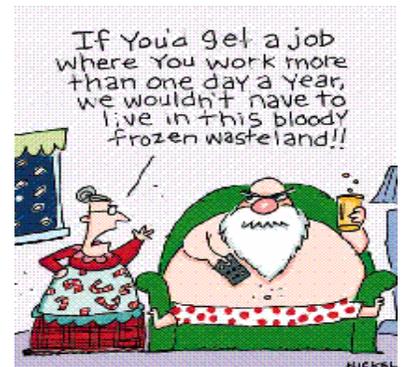
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COCONAUT CORNER

Marcia McConkey, P

Because I missed the deadline for last month's Soundings, I'll bring you up-to-date about the many things accomplished by the Coco-Nauts.

The October meeting was held at Tony Roma's with 10 members present. A short meeting was conducted.

P/P (Stf/C) Carmen Adame, AP, of the Auxiliary Advisory Committee told us about an Auxiliary Guide Book that is being assembled and she asked for our input.

The book is to include *special nautical recipes, successful fund raising events, craft projects, socials, histories, etc.*

As we discussed our activities of the past years we realized we did indeed have a history to share.:

The silent auction, the clever note pads made for the District meeting, and of course our wonderful salad luncheons provided by the Coco-Nauts, were but a few of our past accomplishments.

How about sharing your favorite recipe of one of your salads or a favorite dish brought to one of the Squadron's shared dinners or a special boat recipe? **December 1st** is the deadline so please give a copy of your recipe to Carmen, Marcia, or Carolyn at any meeting before that date to be included in the Auxiliary Guide Book.

A committee is busy reviewing the bylaws and will deliver fresh copies to us soon. Thanks to P/P (P/R/C) Jane Schnoor, SN, and P/P Yola Bercin for their efforts.

On November 13th. The Coco-Nauts held their meeting at Marge Balkema's lovely home. Her spacious and lovely home easily accommodated the 20 women who attended. The ladies were reminded to bring gifts for those in Beverly Nursing Home to the CBPS December 3rd meeting and your special recipes for the Auxilliary cook book.

Hope to see you at the next luncheon meeting at Double Tree Restaurant. on Wednesday, December 11.

A nominating committee is being formed. Please think about your level of involvement in Coco-Nauts. Fresh new ideas and new faces are much wanted to lead the way. We have a good group of women who enjoy getting together, so let's continue the work of our Auxiliary.

The Coconauts voted to take Christmas gifts to a nursing home this year. Small items should be wrapped, labeled and brought to any of the meetings- **December 11th** is the final date for collection. Suggested items: slippers, slipper socks, lap robe, shawl, hair care items—brushes, baby shampoo (no tears), bobby pins/scrunchies. Pam Johnson, Marilyn Mutchler, and P/P Marilyn Flanigan, P, volunteered to deliver the donated items for us the week before Christmas.

A committee is busy reviewing the bylaws and will deliver fresh copies to us soon. Thanks to P/P (P/R/C) Jane Schnoor, SN, P/P Yola Bercin, P, and P/P (Lt Marilyn Flanigan, P. I think we're in good hands.

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Generous oldsters live longer

By Marcella S. Kreiter

Older Americans who are generous with their time and help can reduce their risk of dying prematurely by 60 percent, a new study released Wednesday suggests. It is the giving, not the receiving, that increases longevity.

WE ALL HAD A REAL GOOD TIME



Pam Johnson and a host of helpers threw a super CBPS Halloween Party at the Cocoa Beach Recreation Center on October 26. Larry and Cathy Carr carved pumpkins and collected the admission fees at the door.

Doris Valentine, Jane Schnoor, and Dick Schnoor set up the decorations and tablecloths and assisted in the cleanup. Dick helped judge the best costume contest as he carefully calculated the level of applause the party attendees accorded to the contestants.

Pat Knittel assisted with the games that were played

Jean Gaudreau won the "Place The Wart On the Witches Nose Game". She received scratch off lottery tickets.

The team led by Duane Balkema won the Bowling Ghost Pin Game. They received Baskin Robbins Coupons.

Randy Johnson capably handled the purchase and setting up of the bar and beverages. He cleaned and swept the pavilion kitchen, set up decorations and music, helped clean up and then returned Squadron equipment to the storage room. He didn't win an award for best costume, but Pam and he receive our special thanks for hosting this wonderful event.



AND THE WINNERS WERE.....

The costumes were carefully made by Marge Balkema for herself and her mate and Michelle Anderson for herself and her shipwrecked husband. They were so good the spectators could not choose a first place winner, so both couples placed first.

Photographer: Trent Milliken

COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON SLATE to

To the Squadron Secretary, Committee, Soundings Editor, and members
This is the official notificaton to you as Squadron Secretary as required by our by-laws. The nominating committee will be prepared to read this notice at the January meeting.

The following are the nominees for elected positions in the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron for the 2003-2004 year. All have agreed to serve.

Commander	Lt/C Richard D. Fille, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Robert W. Schaefer, P
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Administrative Officer	Lt Marion A. (Bud) Miller, JN
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Asst Chairman /2 yrs	P/C John B. Valentine, AP
Member	Lt John H. Lynn, SN

Rules Committee

Chairman	Lt Robert B. Grigsby, AP
Asst Chairman	Lt Joseph S. Auchter, AP
Member (3 yrs.)	Lt. David Collins, P

Section 11.1 Of the CBPS By-Law states: Candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Respectively submitted

P/C Ed Kydd, SN, Chairman
P/D/Lt/C Franklin J. Sebree, SN
P/C Larry C. Hatfield, SN

...”Vessels Large May Venture More, But Boats Should Keep Near Shore.” Good advice from a very wise man, Ben Franklin

...The OCEAN

“In it’s mysterious past it encompasses all the dim origins of life and receives in the end, aft, it may be, many transmutations, the dead husks of that same life. For all at last returns to the sea...the beginning and the end.”



Rachel Carson

It is my great pleasure to inform you of a special distinction earned by three of our Squadron Members:

Howard M. Bernbaum
Cert # E036991 25 Years
Wallace Merrill
Cert # E010369 25 Years
James E. Wills Jr.,SN
Cert #E040627 , 25 Years

These members have renewed their dues for the 25th time. In recognition of this distinction, a special gold-wreath 25-year pin was received by your Commander and was presented to each of them.

These recipients deserve our sincerest appreciation and thanks. They have been dedicated to maintaining the USPS standards.

Cdr Les

Welcome to Lee Francis Brabitz, a new member. He and his wife Pamela live at 1720 Canal Court Merritt Island 32953
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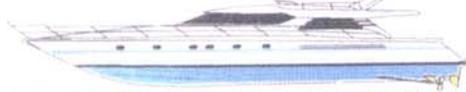
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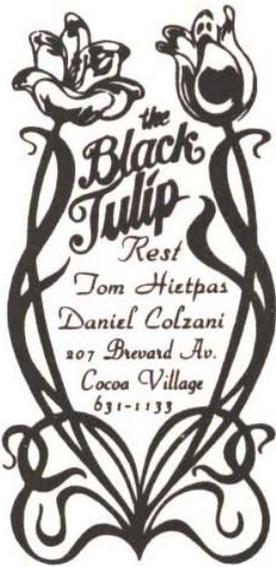
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05-08 DECEMBER

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Ed and Carolyn Bonnett have details

Thursday, 05 DECEMBER

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1900 - 2100
Veterans Memorial Center

Friday, 06 DECEMBER

Blood Drive 
Veterans Memorial Center
Time: 0900 to 1100

Wednesday, 11 DECEMBER

Coco-Nauts Lunch Doubletree Restaurant

Friday, 13 DECEMBER

Time: 1830 -2300
Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn
35th Anniversary/Holiday party

Saturday, 14 DECEMBER

Cocoa Beach Xmas Boat Parade (check
papers for actual start time)

Tuesday, 17 DECEMBER

Time 1900 hours
**Executive Board Meeting
Veterans Memorial Center**

Tuesday, 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

31 DECEMBER

USPS National New Year's Eve Party
Rosen Center in Orlando (Same place as
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02-05 JANUARY

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Tuesday, 07 JANUARY

General Meeting
Veterans Memorial Center
Time: 1930-2100 hours

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

District Council Meeting
New Smyrna Beach. More details to
come

Tuesday, JANUARY 28

Executive Board Meeting
Veterans Center Time: 1900

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The Board Meeting for December will
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Vets Center. This is a week earlier
than normal, but, the 24th falls on
Christmas Eve. Please make a note of
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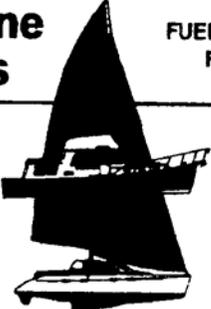
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