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MEET BILL QUINN

Our new Program Committee Chairman is a new member as well. Bill Quinn recently relocated here from the Columbus, Ohio area. He is a licensed realtor in the State of Ohio where he was involved in commercial real estate. Active in the boating community for the past twenty years he was formally an officer with the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club.

Bill has yet to acquire a boat here because he would like to get the feel of the area and types of vessels prior to making a purchase decision. Hence, he probably would not turn down a boating invitation from another member.

Being new to the Program position and to the area, Bill would appreciate speaker suggestions from the membership.

Because he and his wife Cheryle plan to spend the fall of the year in Las Vegas, Nevada, he is also seeking someone to fill in as Program co-chairman during that time period.

He recently changed his e-mail address to :

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JACK PARKER, BREVARD COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER, TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT TUESDAY GENERAL MEETING JUNE 1

Cocoa Beach Power Squadron is pleased to have Jack Parker, Brevard County's Public Safety Director and candidate for Sheriff of Brevard County address our members at our Tuesday, June 1st General Meeting. Jack Parker's topic for the evening will cover the all important homeland security issue and how it affects us all as individuals.

The Public Safety Department is the largest department in the County with an annual operating budget of more than 52 million dollars. They are responsible for providing Criminal Justice Services, 911 Emergency Ambulances, Fire Rescue Services, Ocean Lifeguards, School Crossing Guards, death investigations, and autopsies.

FROM PAM'S PEN - - Report by Lt/Cdr Pam Johnson Admin. Officer

At the June 1st Meeting there will be have a sign up sheet available for all boaters who wish to participate in the Marker 21 overnight cruise and overnight raft up on June 12th.

Marker 21 is located between several islands on the ICW in the Palm Bay-Malabar area. If you don't want to stay overnight, come for the day. You'll have a lot of fun and a great opportunity to test your navigational skills. More details will be forthcoming at the General Meeting.

One of our all time favorite boating events is the annual Fireworks Raft Up beginning at 1700 - 1800 (5pm-6pm) located off Cocoa waterfront and Lee Wenner Park in the Indian River. Bring food to share with your fellow members.

You won't want to miss the fabulous fireworks display from the water while enjoying the company of friends. For more information about boating events contact your Boating Chairman P/C Duane Balkema, AP at 452-5892 or Lt/C Pam Johnson, P at 783-0560.

The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron will be hosting a Reverse Raffle, a major fund-raiser. 200 tickets will be available for sale at the June meeting. Keep August 21st open between the hours of 5:30 pm -7:30 pm. Appetizers, finger food, beer, and wine will be served. The event is still in the planning stage, but by the June meeting the planning committee will present more details.

Please join us for all the Squadron social events. It is your opportunity to be with our very friendly group. Pam Johnson

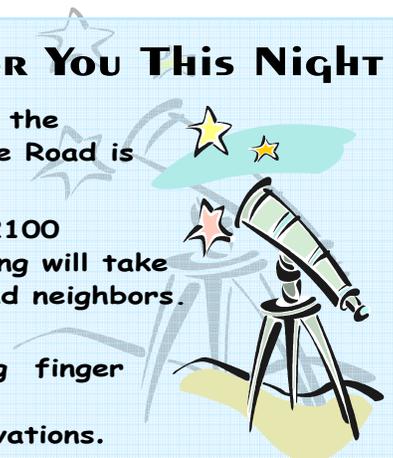
THE HEAVENS WILL ALIGHT FOR YOU THIS NIGHT

A night at the BCC Planetarium located at the Brevard Community College- 1519 Clearlake Road is an annual CBPS event.

On Thursday evening July 8th, at 1800-2100 (6-9PM) once again this delightful happening will take place. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Children enjoy gazing up at the stars.

The cost is \$8.00 per person. Please bring finger foods to share.

Call Ann McCandless, 253-6243 for reservations.



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THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.**



At The Helm

Cdr Marion (Bud) A. Miller JN

Where on earth is all of this wind coming from? I always remember that March was a windy month, but April and now May? What gives? It certainly did play havoc with the recent Poker Run. Oh well, the season is still young and we still have many other exciting events planned ahead.

I'm in a thank you mood as I write this and would like to thank Lt/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, supported by the hard work of P/C Duane Balkema, AP, and Lt. Paul Whitney, P, Supply Officer, for revving up advertisements for our Soundings newsletter, and sales at the Ship's Store, respectively.

Also, I would like to thank both Lt. Bill Quinn and Lt. J.P. Longway for accepting the positions of Programs Chairman and Squadron Public Relations Officer. Bill and J. P. are both recent members who "stepped up to the plate" when asked, to become new leaders in our squadron. These are both important functions, and I am sure that I can count on all of you to support them.

By this time, Safe Boating Week should be well in process or over. Of course, Safe Boating doesn't end or begin during that week. Designating a week for safe boating is actually one way to emphasize an awareness to the boating public for safe boating. The Cocoa Beach Power Squadron is deeply involved in creating this awareness for safe boating on a continuous basis. One example is the annual Blessing of the Fleet which is a traditional event for us. Other examples are the safe boating courses we teach to the public, numerous courses offered to further educate our members, performing Coast Guard vessel safety inspections, and publicizing safe boating at local boat shows and marine events. Maybe we should change our name to the Cocoa Beach Safe Boating Squadron.

I'm pleased to report that we recently completed a very successful eight week Safe Boating course. Approximately 40 students took the course and all appeared to be enthusiastic about the subjects and appreciative of the opportunity. Course Chairman, Lt. Peter Schmidt, the instructors, proctors, Coco-Nauts and others who participated did a marvelous job and we thank you! P/D/C Fred Adame, SN, distributed certificates to the four members who completed Operations Training. Present to receive were Lt. Peter Schmidt, P, and Lt/C John Mulkey, P. Peter Collette and Sylvia Smith were the others to complete the course.

Our Power Squadron is similar to most organizations in that it is made up of people. However, we happen to be a non-profit organization and the functions that we perform are done by volunteers! A further distinction is that we are dynamic and functioning continuously, not just holding a monthly meeting. People (the members) are our primary resource. Because of the non-profit status we can't reward those who volunteer their time monetarily as is done in a business organization. One way we do recognize and reward members who volunteer their time to squadron functions, or make significant contributions, is the Merit Mark. I would compare the Merit Mark to receiving a commendation or achievement award before I retired. It is a selective award based on significant contributions, time served and is awarded annually by the USPS National Headquarters. The squadron recommends the candidates to receive a Merit Mark in November, but they are approved and issued by National. If any of you would like to find out how to earn one, please contact me or one of the other Bridge Officers. Believe me, there are opportunities infinitum.

I wish that all your boating adventures be safe, fun, and windless.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION The Executive Board approved a proposal to e-mail membership meeting minutes to all members who have listed their addresses with P/Lt/C Brian Grigsby, AP.

E-mail: rbgrigsby@aol.com Phone: 783-8303



Though Safe Boating week has come and gone

Safe boating practices should be carried on.

TO STAY AFLOAT

DON'T DRINK AND BOAT!

Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C John Mulkey, P

Chairman/Co-Op Charting - P/ Lt/C Robert W. Schaefer, P
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Chairman/Safety Committee - P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN
Chairman/Boat Show Committee - P/C Larry Hatfield, SN
Chairman/Legislative Committee - Lt. Edward Noble, SN
Chairman/Liaison Committee - Lt. Eugene B. Millner, AP
Chairman/Vessel Safety
Check Committee - Lt. Robert F. Flanagan, SN
Public Relations Committee - Lt Jay Longway

Welcome to two newcomers to the committees under my command:

Edward Noble, who is serving as Liason Committee chairman, has been a CBPS member for 15 years and had served as Safety Officer. He had worked for Corning Glad Wrap Corporation for 42 years in Labor Relations. He has helped whenever time has permitted. We are happy to have him serve in this capacity.

Jay Longway and his mate Donna, were born, raised and educated in New Hampshire. Additionally, Jay served 6 yrs in the US Marine Corps as an Underwater Reconnaissance/Demolition Diver. Eventually, Jay retired in Oct. 2003 from Martin Marietta/Lockheed (25 yrs), after spending a total of 40 continuous years in the Defense and Aerospace industry. During this span, they resided in Nashua, NH; Washington DC; San Diego, CA; Santa Maria, CA, Denver, CO and Orlando, FL., eventually choosing Merritt Island's, Sykes Cove for their retirement home. Their family consists of three sons & one daughter, (all out of the nest ?), as well a dog, bird, and salt water fish. This past year was their first venture into owning a boat so they chose the CBPS as the basis for obtaining their knowledge and increasing same. The added benefit of establishing new friendships and socializing with same has been a big plus in being members.. They acquired a 19' Wellcraft Bowrider as their first learning vessel, and have chosen to name it "The Holy Moly". Jay is looking forward to continuing the positive efforts of his predecessors in promoting/publicizing safe boating and education on behalf of the CBPS membership.

Mary Jane Schnoor has written a very nice article for Florida Today about boating safety. Hats off to this talented woman.

Larry Hatfield and his helpers signed up about 50 people at the CFW Flea Market on April 24 and 25 who would like to take a boating class.

At the general membership meetings Eugene Millner reported information about problems on the Intracoastal Waterway. Lt. Gene Millner, AP, Liason Officer, discussed the loss of a life of a boater who was avoiding the shallow area of the ICW. He pointed out that the cost of the rescue was greater than the cost of dredging the channel.

Robert Flanagan will have his vessel safety inspection crew at the Blessing of the Fleet on May 22, 2004.

Thanks to all for your diligent efforts.

Lt Cdr John Mulkey, P

SEO REPORT

Lt/C Howard Bernbaum, SN

A Parable

Many years ago in the land of Northamusa, there existed a beautiful country bounded by blue oceans on its coasts and majestic mountains in its interior. The natives were industrious, self sufficient and yet generous. And Northamusa became a leader among nations. As the country prospered the people found time for recreation and found they enjoyed their new avocations. They found by organizing clubs they could find other folks with similar interests. Sharing these activities with others enhanced their enjoyment and brought pleasure to themselves and the other members.

However, as time went by, the people began to get older and didn't have the energy for their sport and, sometimes, even their interest flagged. They tried to get newer and younger members to carry on the tradition and thought that was the answer. However, it didn't work. The younger people didn't know why the elders had formed the clubs nor did they particularly care. They had joined for their own reasons and carrying on the traditions was not that important to them. Learning how to be better at their recreational activities took an effort and the newer members had other priorities.

As a result, the concept of club membership and its activities faded and, with time, the clubs withered and ceased to exist. For a while, the citizens went about their lives, perhaps a little less enriched, and as time went on found that they just weren't having as much fun as their parents did. They never did figure it out and their society ultimately vanished.

The End

At the general meeting, Cdr. Miller recognized the members who had helped with the Boating Course by asking them to rise. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lt Pete Schmidt, P.



IF YOU WANT IT, WE'LL TRY TO OFFER IT

Marine Electronics, Advanced Piloting, and Junior Navigation courses continue. No new course starts are scheduled for the balance of the summer. Depending on interest we can offer Seamanship, Piloting, Cruise Planning, Weather, Sail, and Instructor Development in the fall. At any time, if 5 or more members get together and indicate an interest in a particular course we will try to find an instructor and a classroom.



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Coco-Nauts Corner

Barbara Millner, President

The May 12th meeting of the Coco-Nauts was held at the Red Lobster on Merritt Island. Members brought good used summer clothing to donate to the Women's Abuse Center. From the amount of clothing collected, there must be a lot of clean closets in our members' homes! Thank you, ladies, for your generous donations to a most worthy cause. New member, Linda Granger, coordinated a collection of clothing at Sea Ray, which was added to what we received from the Coco-Nauts at the Red Lobster.

Our June 9th meeting will be at the Moose Lodge on Merritt Island, and is to be a salad luncheon. So, get out the recipes you've been wanting to try and whip up something new. If you aren't courageous, bring a tried and true one. Either way, we hope you'll come and join us. Doris Valentine and Marilyn Flanigan will bring the drinks, and Marcia McConkey and Angie Vilardebo will provide desserts. We're asking members to bring canned goods or other non-perishable foods to this meeting. These will be given to the Sharing Center.

The date and place for working on the bear project is June 30th at 3665 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island. The Coco-Nauts will make stuffed animals to be given to a local nursing home. At the June meeting we'll send around a sign up sheet so we'll have some idea of how many are interested in working on this fun project. Valerie Hachtel, our bear coordinator, assures us that you don't have to be a real seamstress to take part in this activity.

Since April we've had several ladies join our group. We'd like to extend a big welcome to our newest Coco-Naut members, which include Alice Benton, Linda Granger, Judy Hutcherson, Mary Beth Mittauer, Judy Miller, Merri Mulkey, Barbara Norris, and Denise Stone. We're happy to have you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES

June 2st—Kay Wurst
June 4th—Doris Hess

Many thanks to P/C Larry Hatfield, SN, for his efforts at the CFW flea market 50 people signed up for squadron classes. Thanks also to the following members: John Lynn, John & Ann McCandless, Marian Sweigert, Joe Auchter, Lea and Dave Collins, John Mulkey, Paul Pfadenhauer, Pete Schmidt, Duane & Marge Balkema, Charles Vilardebo and Ed Kydd

Co-op Charting Report Lt /C Robert Schaefer, P

There will be a co-op charting seminar at the Vets center on Monday May 17, 2004 starting at 10: a.m in the small room. We'll be online with the electronic NAV software too. We can sign up members for co-op charting and walk thru the various phases of the programs. All are welcome.

Lt Robert Schaefer, P

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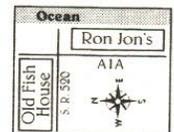
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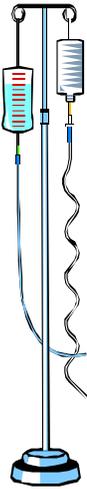
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Blood Bank Lt Barbara Millner, S

It may surprise you to know that red blood cells have a shelf life of only 42 days, and platelets have a shelf life of only 5 days. Therefore, it is important that the blood supply in our Blood Banks needs to be constantly replenished. Your donation is usually transferred to a patient within 72 hours. Please consider being a donor in our next Blood Drive. Our May 20th donation date may be past by the time you receive the Soundings. If so, mark July 14th (a Thursday) on your calendar and join the regular donors. It doesn't take long, is greatly needed, and is a way to earn a merit mark.

YES, WE HAVE NO BANANAS

Yes - We have no bananas, but we do have mugs, burgees, caps, sweatshirts (very useful while boating), a belt, license plates & various insignias & jewelry. We also have 3 copies of Chapman's (1992 ed.) & several commemorative issues of the Squadron's 25th anniversary in 1992.

Merchandise from the Squadron may be ordered at any meeting, with payment for the order being made at that time. Samples of items will be available at the meetings.



Paul Whitney, Supply Officer

Government Recall Information For All Products Including Boats.

A recent issue of Boat U.S. states that the National Marine Manufacturers Association has collaborated with the Consumer Product Safety Commission to set up www.recalls.gov, as a clearing house Web site for government recall information of all types of products including boats. The U.S. Coast Guard's own web site at www.uscg-boating.org/recalls/recalls_database.htm is also available to check for recalls. Boat U.S. publishes new recalls on a monthly basis at www.BoatUS.com/recall.as they are issued by the Coast Guard.

Owners can also register their boat and engine information on the Boat.U.S. National Recall Alert Registry at this site. The secure database makes it possible for marine manufactures to locate owners in the event of a safety defect recall. The recall period for boats was extended from 5 years to 10 to allow owners adequate time to seek remedies when defects are found.

Here 's a little bit of good news. Thanks to boaters who threatened to boycott the Bahamas and from pressure from U.S. and Bahama boating industries, the Bahamian government has modified its fee structure which went into effect last July 1st. Effective last January boaters can now make 2 trips to the islands in a 90-day period for one permit fee. The new fee schedule came as a shock to many boaters.

The fees are: \$150 for boats up to 35 feet; and \$300 for boats over 35 feet.

P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN, Safety chairman

Safety Report.

THOUGH HIGH WINDS CANCELLED THE POKER RUN, ALL THE BOATERS HAD MUCHO FUN

On May 1st, we had 30 enthusiastic people participating and 11 boats on the Banana River for the annual Poker Run a boating event. But alas, a mean 20 to 25 knot SE wind was too dangerous for them to navigate comfortably between card pickup points. Some boats scattered and others rafted up. I spent the night in a raft-up and found the wind just as bad the next day.

Thanks to boaters, Gwynne and Vince Barbers on "Love It" , the Schnoors & friends, Duane McConkeys on "Conch Key II", Bud Miller & son Scott aboard "Jubulation", Jack Szymkuks on the "One-Eyed Jack", Pam Johnson's "Islandia" with Judy Hutcherson and Gary and JoAnn Monai aboard, Chuck Conklin on "Sea Squared", John Mulkey and his son, Brian, and his son-in-law, John Arnoldy aboard "Meri-Time" , Sandy and Rick Schoonmaker on "Serenade", P/C Duane Balkema, SN, on "Prime Time I" and "Prime Time II" with Doris and P/C George Hess', SN, Carolyn and P/C Ed Bonnett, SN, and Arlene and Lt Harry Bestow. Many thanks to George Link, Howard Bernbaum, Robert Lawton & Bob Schaeffer who volunteered to man the dock and card pickup points.

P/Cdr Balkema, AP, Boating Chairman



- THE HISTORY OF THE USPS PORT CAPTAIN PROGRAM- PAST AND PRESENT-

The Port Captain program originated in the mind of P/C/C Bruce M. Steere, SN prior to his rise to the role of USPS Chief Commander in 1984. As a yachtsman who each year made the round trip between Palm Beach, FL and Harwich Port, MA aboard his 65 foot sailing yacht the Magic Carpet, he often thought of how nice it would be if USPS had a program to assist members. Likewise as a yachtsman who cruised extensively along the East Coast and the Bahamas, he could see how nice it would be to have member contacts throughout the US. His thoughts included giving assistance in various ways as they cruised around the USA, the Bahamas and elsewhere.

In 1985 the Port Captain program, under the newly established Boating Activities Committee, of which I was the first R/C, would include a roster of members from all squadrons published in a directory which would be available to all members. The members who volunteer are to offer information and assistance to members, and yes, friends of members, are listed in the directory by geographic location. For example in our area we have a member covering each of the following Port Canaveral, Indian River and the Banana River from lets say the NASA Causeway to Dragon Point. The type of assistance typically offered covers such things as where is a boat yard where I can get some engine work done or we have a leak which needs attention, where can I get in touch with a good dentist to fix a broken tooth, what is a good restaurant in Cocoa, I'm coming up from the Bahamas and need a marina to put my yacht up for the summer while we go north. And the list goes on and on. Other parts of the boating activities program included members volunteering to be crew members for boat moving, etc., and having squadrons and districts publish their cruising schedules in THE ENSIGN so members in other squadrons could join in the event to meet and socialize with other USPS members.

As a local Port Captain since setting up the program some 20 years ago, the program has evolved as USPS membership levels and interests have changed. Over the years I averaged about 2 to 3 calls each year for various reasons. The program still has about 800 members nation wide and the roster is now available only on line where it can be downloaded. While the cruising schedule is still being published in THE ENSIGN, the crew assistance program never quite took off **P/R/C Dick Schnoor, SN**

Gene Millner has had many rewarding experiences while helping others. He has been a Port Captain for over 15 years and plans to continue. With Barbara and Gene's location on the ICW, it is deemed only natural for him to hold this position. He's helped disabled boaters and provided dockage for the night while repairs were being made. Sometimes he's made trips to the gas station to buy fuel. One of the CBPS former members broke down near his pier and was able to drift in. That boat spent a week on the Millner lift before he was towed to a launch ramp.

Gene remembers the time he spotted an overturned sailboard with two people who could not get it righted. It was cold and getting dark. He called a passing boater on the VHF who backtracked several miles out of their way to rescue the boaters and bring them to his dock. They left their boat overnight and picked it up the next day. This young couple sent a beautiful plant to the Millners with a note expressing their gratitude. He's met many appreciative boaters while serving as Port Captain. Most of his experiences have been gratifying but there is one incident he just can't forget:

"Several years ago, I got a call from a boater staying at a marina about 12 miles away. He needed help and asked if I could assist. He and his wife had recently purchased a 48-foot trawler and were on their way from somewhere in the Carolinas for an extended cruise to the Bahamas. When plugging in to the shore power, the end of the 50-amp cable fell apart. Neither the marina nor any of the local supply houses had a replacement single 50-amp cable. It was a very hot day, and they were not looking forward to a night aboard without air conditioning. This is where I entered the story. They had found my name in the Port Captain Roster, told me of their plight, and asked for my assistance..

I suggested he contact a friend of mine who had a rather large yacht docked at that marina, as I thought he might be able to help. It should be noted that a new cable is approximately \$500. My friend was able to locate a new cable end (about \$75). He took it to his shop and attached the new cable end, and returned it to the distressed boater. This good Samaritan didn't charge a penny for his service, and saved him a considerable amount of money. The boaters were able to spend a comfortable night aboard thanks to his efforts.

The next day, I got another call from the same boater who requested additional help. I drove to the marina, took him to a hardware store to buy tools and to a grocery store for needed food supplies. Barbara and I were asked to join them for a dinner out that evening and to talk about cruising in the Bahamas. We were able to provide them with our cruising experiences while going over the Bahamas charts. After this we drove them to dinner at a very reasonably priced restaurant where we ate and paid for our own dinners. On the way back to the marina we missed our turn in Melbourne Beach, wandered into a school zone (it was about 9:00 PM), and got a speeding ticket for driving 25 in a 15 MPH zone.

After numerous phone calls, driving about 60 miles, and saving these people at least \$400, all we had to show for our efforts was a speeding ticket of \$95-- and they didn't offer one word of thanks. We will never forget those people. However, their boorish actions were offset by the many boaters who appreciated my services as Port Captain." **Lt Eugene Millner, AP**

CBPS thanks Dick and Gene for their years of dedicated service in their capacity as Port Captains.

Thank you for rendering assistance to those who seek it.

At the present time the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron Port Captains are Eugene Millner - Intacoastal Waterway, and newly appointed Port Captains, P/C Duane Balkema-Banana River and Charles Dodd, SN, Port Canaveral. We appreciate your stepping forward to perform this function.

CBPS CALENDAR OF

JUNE 2004

01 Tuesday 1900-2100
CBPS General Meeting
 Veterans' Memorial Center

09 Wednesday 1130
Coco-Nauts Meeting Moose Lodge
 Bring favorite salads, ladies.

12 Saturday Come when you may
Marker 21 Overnight Cruise

19 Saturday 1130-1330
Coral Bay Rendezvous
 Covered Cabana—Always enjoyable

22 Tuesday 1900-2100
Exec. Board Meeting
 Veterans' Memorial Center

Every Wednesday at Power

JULY 2004

04 Sunday Raft-up
 Lee Wenner Park
 Fireworks and Fun

06 1900-2100
General Meeting
 Veteran's Memorial Center

08 Thursday 1800-2100
BCC Planetarium Show
 Admission \$8.00 . Bring snacks



22 Wednesday 0900-1100
Blood Bank
 Veteran's Memorial Center

27 Tuesday 1900-2100
Executive Board Meeting
 Veteran's Memorial Center



31 Saturday 1100-1600
Ski Island Picnic: Always fun for everyone!

Chaplain's Report
 Lt Denise Stone, P

Denise Stone regretfully informed the membership at the May 4th general meeting that Leon Bazmakian, AP, a member of our Squadron, has passed away. Our condolences to Barbara, his wife, and their family.

Another death is that of Bob Flanigan's brother. Larry. We extend our sympathy to the Flanigans.

Many members were ill. We offer our wishes for a speedy recovery to Ray Smith, Mary Dodds, who is recuperating at Sea Pines following back surgery; Fricky Vaughn, recovering from knee surgery, Jerry and Ruth Kadanbach, Arlene Gage, Gloria de Fluiter, Genevieve Link, and Yola Bercin,

To our members who have been ill: A doctor offers medicine for your body



I SEE IN YOUR FUTURE

THE COCOA BEACH POWER SQUADRON
ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday July 8 6pm to 9pm

BCC Planetarium \$8.00 per person. Sign-up sheet available now.
 Please bring snacks to share

Sunday August 1

MANATEES BASEBALL GAME Viera Stadium

Tailgate Party 12:30 pm Game Time: 1:35 pm

Tickets \$5.00 per seat Sign-up sheet available now

Tuesday August 3 (regular meeting night)

ITALIAN NIGHT Bring your favorite dish to share \$5.00

I'm hungry just thinking about it.

SAVE AUGUST 21 FOR A FUND RAISING ACTIVITY NOW IN THE PLANNING STAGE. YOU'LL HEAR MORE ABOUT IT AT THE JUNE MEETING

Saturday October 23 3—6 pm

Hot food buffet including salad and dessert. German and American food included. \$18.00 per person. **CASH BAR.**

Titusville and Banana River Power Squadrons are invited.

Friday, December 17 (More details to follow)



MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE FABULOUS CBPS PALM COAST RENDEZVOUS
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DATES; OCTOBER 8, 9, 10 AND 11

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THOUGH NOT A FEDERAL HOLIDAY, FLAG DAY IS CELEBRATED JUNE 14TH

Flag Day recognizes the June day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted the "Stars and Stripes" as the official flag of the United States. In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote a poem, "Defense of Fort McHenry," when he saw the flag still flying the morning after an attack by the British. Today, that poem is known by another name: "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Flag Act of 1818 states that a star be added for any new state on the Fourth of July following that state's admission. Flag Day was observed for the first time in 1877, the 100th anniversary of the adoption of our country's red-white-and-blue banner.

Congress officially recognized Flag Day by passing the National Flag Day Bill in 1949, during President Harry Truman's administration. In 1983, the world's largest flag was displayed in Washington, D.C. The flag, which measured 411 feet by 210 feet, weighed 7 tons! Each star measured 13 feet across!.



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DEO D/LT/C Clara L. Ross, SN

The Educational Department has started this fiscal year with a BANG. Our Educational Seminar was held on 10 April with thirty-three (33) in attendance. This included NEO V/C Spencer Anderson, SN, most of the District Bridge, ALL of the SEOs, some ASEOs, Cdrs and other members.

The seminar started with DEO D/Lt/C Clara Ross, SN presenting the responsibilities of the SEO. The District ABC Coordinator, Lt/C Michael McKinney, AP explained the procedure for students who have purchased the Americas Boating Course. P/C Linda Trent-Legg, SN explained the basics of Power Point presentations and how to enter Teaching Aids at District and National Conferences. D/Ch/AG D/1/Lt Stephen Perusich, JN discussed methods of handling the paper work for the Public Boating Classes and the latest issues of the Advanced Grades Courses. D/Ch/EC D/1/Lt Heinz Boden, AP presented information on the latest versions of the Elective Courses. Stf/C Walter Fields, SN gave an over view of the new P and AP courses which will be available this fall. D/C Ann Fields, SN spoke of the changes taking place in the JN and N Courses. P/R/C Michael Scallan, SN spoke about having sufficient instructions within our courses to prepare members to sit for the Captains Licensing exam.

We were fortunate to have V/C Spencer Anderson, SN in attendance. He spoke on various educational subjects to bring us up to date on changes occurring within this dynamic department. Modern Age Electronics is being integrated throughout the courses to meet the needs of current REAL marine navigation.

There was a four (4) hour seminar at the Pittsburgh Governing Board in lieu of the regular DEO meeting to cover the new P and AP courses. As a result, the SEOs requested another seminar to cover this information. It will be held in August and will be monitored by ADEO Erv Dunn, SN. He and Lt/C William Schwartz, N, who arranged for the location of our seminar, will coordinate the August seminar.

By now, your squadron should be preparing your nomination for the Charles Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Every squadron has at least one excellent instructor who should be submitted for the District Award. The District recipient is submitted to National for selection of the top five (5) in the nation. If you have a member who has been previously submitted but did not win, don't hesitate to resubmit that member. Maybe there was only a slight difference between the previous entrants and the resubmitted member way win.

It was very gratifying to have the excellent response for the Educational Seminar. The discussions were interesting and informative. We thank all the members who helped to make it a great success.

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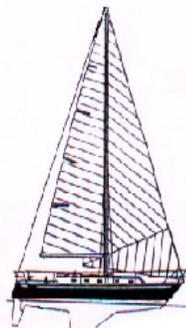
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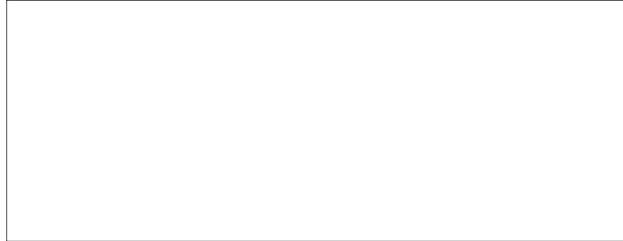
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