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John Zeitlin of ZRD Scheduled Guest Speaker For 02 March Meeting

CBPS is pleased to have as our guest John Zeitlin whose topic will cover Marine Electrical System Design. ZRD is a full service company with the resources and background to deliver and support the smallest of companies with the expertise required of a "Fortune" type company at the most competitive prices. Specializing in electrical, air conditioning, refrigeration, and the best prop line for the sailing environment the company accommodates requests for tailored applications for both sail and power vessels.

Commander Dick Fille AP Conducted Final General Meeting



After the general meeting business was conducted, Cdr Dick Fille, P gave a thought provoking farewell message . He requested that the Bridge members leave the head table except for the Administrative Secretary Lt/C Pamela Johnson P.

Our thanks to D/Lt/George Fontes, AP, a member of the Banana River Squadron and an associate member of the CBPS, who instructed the secretary to read the nominating committee's recommendations for the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron slate of offices. It was an honor to have him officiate.

The New Bridge elect nominees presented were:

Bridge Officers

Commander: Lt/C Bud Miller, JN ; Executive Officer: Lt John Mulkey, P;
Admins. Officer: Lt /C Pam Johnson ,P,Squadron Educ. Officer: Lt/C H. Bernbaum, SN ;Treasurer: Lt/C Ray Smith ,P; Sec. Lt Sandy Schoonmaker SN; Asst SEO: 1/lr Garry Pell Sr. P; Asst Treas: 1/lr Lea Collins P; and Asst Sec. Joan Montfort. S.

Members-at-large, Nominating Committee and Rules committee will be listed in the new roster which is now being compiled. The membership voted to accept the nominations.

Boating education leads to boating safety.

Blood Donors Perform Important Community Service

Blood Bank Chairman Barbara Millner, S

When hearing about the Blood Drive at meetings, new members may be wondering what it's all about. The Power Squadron is in a Credit Program. We are credited for each pint of blood donated to the CBPS account.

There are incentives for having our own Credit Program. There is no charge for this type of "direct donated" blood. Our CBPS account credits (donations) may be used by CBPS members and their family members who reside in Brevard County. This does not necessarily mean immediate family members, but can include uncles, aunts, in-laws, etc. Another incentive is that donors will receive awards at gallon plateaus. *But the chief incentive is the good you accomplish for those in the community who may urgently need blood.*

Blood has a shelf life of 42 days, and the blood supply is continually short; therefore, donated blood is actually released to the Brevard County community rather than stored for use by specific groups. Donations are used at Brevard County hospitals only. All 5 hospitals accept this Credit Program.

Please sign up and donate on March 24th. The sign up sheet will be at the March meeting. If you can't be there and would like to donate, call me at 452-0500 and I'll put you on the list.

Have any healthy friends? Bring them along too.



My Irish friend Bob Flanagan of the CBPS donated his blood. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the Blood Bank colored it green.

Blood Donation Date
24 March, Wednesday

Veterans Mem. Center
Between 0900 and 1100
See Calendar Page for further details



The Commander's Report

Cdr Marion (Bud) A. Miller JN

As I write this article, the countdown for installation of your new Bridge has started. As Commander, I am looking forward to the coming year as one of continued growth for the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron, not only in membership, but in the services we provide to our members and the boating public, and most importantly, the involvement of our members in the operation of our squadron. I remember the old math equation which states that the whole equals the sum of it's parts. That simple and time tested equation describes our squadron, as the more involvement and participation in our operations and activities by all members, the stronger we become. I'll be saying more about this at a later time.

This is a significant period of time for the US Power Squadron, as it is our 90th anniversary. It is ironic that we are somewhat returning to our "roots" so to speak, as this year our Public Boating course will be the 8 week version which many of us took several years ago. This course will provide more in depth education on boating safety, and at the same time provide students an opportunity to get better acquainted with the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron. Many thanks to Lt Pete Schmidt for volunteering to serve as chairman for this course.



Recently elected Commander Marion (Bud) Miller JN, P/C Dick Fille and the rest of the Bridge members will work together to create a CBPS that is successful in its civic, fraternal, and educational endeavors.

I recently returned from cruising down the ICW to Ft. Lauderdale with P/C Dick Fille, AP. I served as his deckhand and chart reader. In addition to having a great time during the 3 day trip, I again realized the true value of the boating education and classes the Power Squadron provides. Reading charts, docking, fueling the boat and navigating through unfamiliar waterways is nothing to take for granted, especially in busy waterways. I might add that P/C Fille proved to be a skillful skipper and the cruise was nearly flawless, but that's what should be expected from our past commander and his JN deckhand.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in a class, at an entertainment event or on the waterway, soon.

Commander Bud Miller, JN Welcome Aboard New Members

Lt Doris Valentine introduced two guests, Bill and Cheryl Quinn and also announced our new members, Betty and Tuck Craven and Kay and Jack Wurst who transferred from other Squadrons.

It is always a pleasure to have new members join CBPS ranks.



Shane Smith and Mark Cashburn were sworn in as new members of the Squadron. They had presented programs about Fractional Yacht Management. Welcome!

Before the installation of officers at the Feb. meeting, Cdr Dick Fille presented Alan Scwichtenberg AP with his 25 year membership pin. Way to go, Alan and may you have 25 more years with the Squadron. He spends many happy hours aboard his ketch the Pelican.



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SEO DEPARTMENT TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2004



SEAMANSHIP	Monday February 9-March 29 Monday September 13-November 1
PILOTING	Thursday March 11-June 3
ADVANCED PILOTING	Thursday February 12-May 13
JUNIOR NAVIGATION	Monday January 12-May 17
NAVIGATION	TBA
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	Monday September 13-November 1
ENGINE MAINTENANCE	Monday March 1-May 17
MARINE ELECTRONICS	Monday April 5—June 17
CRUISE PLANNING	Thursday September 9-October 28
SAIL	Thursday September 9-November 11
WEATHER	Monday November 1 -February 3
USPS BOATING COURSE	Thursday March 4-April 22 Thurs- day Sep. 16 - October 28

THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP!!!

Executive Officer Lt John Mulkey P

The time has come to turn over the duties of Public Boating Chairman to Pete Schmidt. I'm moving on to the Exec Admin office. If Pete gets the same amount of help I did, it should be another great year. The Chairman always needs a lot of help. One person alone cannot make it work.

If I listed all the people that helped with Boat Smart it would look like we were reprinting the Roster. Some people, however, do stand out. Lt. Doris Valentine and her membership committee signing people in and recruiting members. Instructors P/D/C Fred Adame, Paul Pfadenhauer, Lt. Jim O'Malley, Lt/C Bob Schaefer, P/D Lt. Frank Sebree and Stephen Winters all were great. John Lynn and P/C Ed Kydd were great with lines. The Sayyahs, as always, helped grade.

Many members helped as proctors—too many to list. If I failed to mention anyone it is because I already gave all my material to Pete and the memory isn't what it used to be! (editor's note: Whose is?)

Lt John Mulkey P
ex BoatSmart chmn.

SEO REPORT Lt/C Howard Bernbaum SN

We've completed a year on the job and a new year has begun for the newly elected Bridge/. All of you who have listened to me gripe about the amount of time and effort the job takes, deserve thanks for your consideration. I must hasten to add there are rewards and on the top of the list is getting to meet and know the instructors. Without these great volunteers there would be no SEO department. You all see me stand up and give a report at each meeting, but, only those of you taking advantage of the educational program get to meet these marvelous teachers. You students have the added advantage of getting to know some of your fellow squadron members besides learning more about our mutual boating passion.

Where do we start? We teach 11 courses besides the BoatSmart course and some of these teachers serve double duty. We can always find Fred Adame SN at the boating course as well as teaching JN and N. Frank Sebree SN has taken on AP. Sue Kneeland SN has taught Piloting in the past and we hope we can persuade her to teach the next P course. Both Dick and Mary Jane Schnoor SN's have taught Seamanship as has Bob Mittauer P. The Schoonmakers, Rick and Sandy both Sn's, have taken on the Weather course and Instructor Development. Gene Millner AP has taught Engine Maintenance, Gary Monai P Marine Electronic, Al Pappas SN Cruise Planning, and Jim O'Malley AP the Sail course.

These dedicated members give up a good deal of their time teaching these courses. You would not believe how much time goes into the preparation. USPS courses are all in a state of flux with new texts being added to the mix each year. We are also getting more heavily involved in Power Point presentations which takes additional skill and preparation on the part of the instructors. This year marks the advent of the USPS' entry into the 21st century. We are beginning to see the introduction of GPS into our courses. The new Marine Electronics course will be taught in a two module format and has info on GPS. We also have received a GPS seminar on disk and hope to present it to interested students later in the year.

Thank again to all our instructors for their time and dedication. I can't emphasize enough, there would be no educational program in the squadron if it were not for these people.

Similarly, it is you, the students who make the program work.

Let's each of us take at least one course this year.

CO-OP CHARTING CHAIRMEN SUBMITS PLANS FOR CO-CP CHARTING AND SEEKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Having retired from the Bridge I have undertaken the Chairmanship of the CO-Op Charting program for this year. As you know this program began in 1963 and is the program of civic service performed by the Power Squadron in cooperation with NOAA, and other Federal agencies. The program is conducted by supplying information to the Marine Chart division of NOS. We supply info to correct chart data, info regarding marina services, etc. Also we are engaged in work with the National Geodetic Service in locating geodetic markers. Specifically the list of field services is providing information re Nautical Chart items; Small Craft Facilities; Tidal currents; Depth surveys; coast pilot public info; geodetic mark recovery and aeronautical chart items.

It seems that we have ignored the nautical chart work on the water. We have adopted chart 11476 (Banana River) to survey. A check of the past record does not indicate a lot of interest in on the water work. I hope to change this and have our members become involved in on the water activities. Several members have already volunteered. As we begin the work I will mention those members who are participating.

I would like also to undertake the depth soundings of the various channels in Cocoa Beach. The city has a waterways map and I have had it made into an electronic chart. After taking depth sounding the City will redo the Auto-Cad version of the chart (showing the depths) and a new electronic chart will be made for use by the boating public.

This is a civic service we can perform and is in keeping with the triangle of Power Squadron civic, fraternal and educational programs.

At the March meeting I will be signing up members for participation in our endeavors and will thereafter have a seminar at which the various facets of the program will be explained by past participants and plans will be made to undertake the "fun" on the water and on the ground.

For the effort Credits are earned by the members and the Squadron. With enough credits we earn recognition by the District and National. I look forward to sharing this program with all our members and call on those who are interested to **SIGN UP.**

Lt Robert Schaefer P

SAFETY REPORT P/R/C Mary Jane Snoon SN

There is a new product on the market which may be of use to anyone who trailers his/her boat. Because of an accident he had a few years ago when a lady rear-ended his boat on its trailer, Bill Whipple of Orlando got to thinking of ways to better protect his outboard motor. His motor jutted 5 feet from the back of his boat. He had lights on his trailer so he was meeting the state requirements. When Bill started to get larger boats, he really got concerned and got busy trying to devise a light that could be placed on the motor itself. After trial and error, he came up with a design he called the Piranha. It consists of an LED light bar that slips over the motor's cavitation plate and is strapped to the lower unit with a nylon strap. He got a patent on the product which is now manufactured by the Peterson Manufacturing Co. in Missouri. Locally it is sold at Harris Bait and Tackle on Michigan ST at Ferncreek Ave. Orlando for \$39.95. It can be ordered on line at www.pmlights.com. It should be showing up in Cabela's catalog shortly. Even if it is legal to have no light on the end of your motor, having one might save you a great deal of money and trouble.

One other thing to think about now that spring is finally here. Have you had your boat inspected yet by one of our qualified examiners? If not give Bob Flanigan a call today to find out the name of the examiner who lives closest to you. Let's be sure all of our CBPS boats display that Coast Guard decal this year. It is the best way to encourage other boaters to think safety.

The Vessel Safety Check Program is a new joint venture between the USPS and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. For folks who would like to have a trained eye examine their boat to be sure it meets all federal and state safety requirements the Vessel Safety Checkers conduct exams at no charge. It is not a requirement for the operation of a boat and has no legal implications, but serves only to increase the peace of mind of the owner and his or her guests.

Vessel Examiners attend a class, then are required to perform an exam on five boats. Examiners must perform five exams per year to maintain their qualification status. Lt Sandy Schoonmaker will conduct the class. How about joining the Safety Vessel Check committee? You can schedule safety checks at your own convenience

**Call Bob Flanigan SN, VSC chairman, for further information: 452-4602
He's always eager to provide information.**

EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND

Lt/C Ray Smith is presently serving as CBPS Treasurer having been re-elected after his term in 2003.

He hailed from Staten Island, New York. Fifty five later he moved to Satellite Beach, then, Suntree, then Cape Canaveral, FL.

Ray joined the Staten Island Power Squadron in 1975, but after he relocated to FL he became inactive. He reactivated his member by joining the CBPS in 1998 and we're sure glad to have this charming salt in our Squadron.

His 1st vessel was purchased in 1974 in Kittery, ME and was an exciting time. This twin driven Matthews (Gingham) was used in NY & NJ waters until 1977 and was sailed to FL in 1977 and was sold a year later.

He purchased his second vessel in 1998 in Melbourne, a 26' Sea Ray named Sea Hawk which he sold in 2002 because he was not well. He takes his job as treasurer seriously and is an asset to CBPS.

The editor would like to present brief biographies of our members, new and old. It is a chance to get to know about each other as we share our enjoyment of boats and the desire to be active in boat safety education, so necessary to safe boating in our increasingly crowded waters. Please submit information to Soundings. See Page 2 for address.

LT/C SANDY SCHOONMAKER SN - NEW BRIDGE SEC. - HER BIOGRAPHY

Raised in Dixon, Illinois on the banks of the Rock River, Sandy's boating experiences began with her father's purchase of a small wooden boat and outboard engine. Since bailing was a major part of that experience, the family moved up to a 16 foot Lone Star aluminum boat which provided them with years of enjoyment that included fishing, water skiing, and numerous adventures on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.

After college came marriage to Rick Schoonmaker and numerous other activities outside of boating. Ownership of a Piper Tripacer gave way to two children, rural property, two horses, a pony, numerous cats and dogs. When IBM transferred the family to Binghamton, NY in 1979 home became a

150-acre farm and still more horses, cats, dogs, a few head of beef cows and the joys of gentlemen farming.

When both children were safely off to college the "empty nest" was filled by a 21-foot cuddy cabin inboard that was berthed on Cayuga Lake in Ithaca, NY. It was at this point that they took a boating course and joined the Susquenango Power Squadron. Long trips along the Erie Canal system made it apparent that a larger boat with better amenities was needed. A 25-foot Thompson cruiser became their weekend home until 1998 when early retirement brought them to Florida and a bigger boat. They currently reside upon their 47-foot Chris Craft Motor Yacht, the Serenade, at Harbortown Marina on Merritt Island.

Sandy and Rick have enjoyed taking

the USPS courses together and are both ranked SN. While with Susquenango PS, Sandy served a term each as secretary and treasurer, assisted Rick for the four years he was the Chairman of Local Board of Boating and taught Cruise Planning. After transferring to Banana River Squadron she taught Instructor Development, a section of the Public Boating Course, and assisted with a youth safe boating program. Now an 11-year member of USPS, Sandy continues to be active as not only our new secretary but also as the ID instructor and a VSC examiner.

Though it is written in third person this piece was written by Sandy, a very dynamic Squadron member.



Coco-Nauts Corner

Barbara Millner, V. Pres.



The Coco-Nauts continue to be a busy group and are planning their next back-by-popular-demand Card/Game Party Luncheon to be held at the Veterans' Center. The date to mark on your calendar is April 2nd. Tickets will be sold at the March meeting, or call Doris Valentine at 452-1835.

Ladies, remember to take your items for the Silent Auction to the March Power Squadron or Coco-Nauts meeting. The chairman for the Silent Auction will need time to sort and organize the items. Last year we had a great response to our request for "treasures" and hope you'll dig through closets and drawers to help us once again.

Another date to mark is March 13th for our long-awaited cruise on Mark & Michelle Anderson's *Blue Dolphin*. We've had a lot of enthusiasm shown for this event.

An added feature to the Coco-Nauts Corner this year is the inclusion of the birthdays for our members. I've talked to many, have e-mailed, and telephoned others, but there are still a few birth dates that I don't have. So, if you'd like to be put in with this group who are admitting to adding another year, please give me a call at 452-0500, and I'll put you on the list.

LOTS OF BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH. MAY THEY BE HEALTHY AND HAPPY!



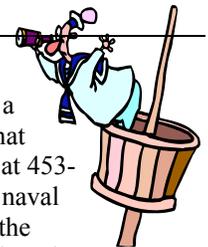
5th Jane Schnoor 6th Pam Johnson 09 Betty Craven 14th Pat Clay 14th Barbara Millner 18th Nancy Gordon 22nd Sylvia Smith 26th Kay Hance 28th Penny Fille 28th Evelyn Tribout

THE MARCH 10TH MEETING OF THE COCO-NAUTS WILL BE AT THE COCOA BEACH PIER AT 11:30 AM. YOUR CALLER WILL GIVE YOU ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU'LL NEED.

I'm on the sea! I'm on the sea!

I am where I would ever be,
With the blue above and the blue below,
And silence wheresoe'er I go.

Barry Cornwall (1787-1874)



Bulletin Board

Deckhand Available: If you need a deckhand to hank that jib, sweat that halyard or trim that sheet, call me at 453-7719. I am a retired engineer and naval architect. My favorite design was the "Geriatric Windsurfer Chaser". Though my wife Edie and I travel frequently, we usually can be reached at home.

Many folks would like to take their boats out more often if they had a little help from a friend, particularly on a windy day, or they just might like to have congenial company. Perhaps a list could be compiled with the names of people (like me) willing either to go along for the pleasure of sailing or acting as crew or motor boat aficionados and another of folks with motorboats or sailboats who might enjoy having the pleasure of our company.

James Wonnell 453-7719

Please submit your names for the above-mentioned lists, or send articles about boating, or letters-to-the-editor to the Soundings. This is your newsletter.

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CBPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004

MARCH

02 Tuesday 1900-2100
General Meeting
Veterans Memorial Center

05-07 Friday, Saturday, Sunday
USPS Spring District Conf. 2004 &
Change of Watch
Gainesville—Sounds Great!

10 Wednesday 1130
Coco-Nauts Lunch
Cocoa Beach Pier

13 Saturday 1300 (1:00 PM)
Coco-Nauts cruise on the Blue Dol-
phin
with Mark & Michelle Anderson.
Directions below

24 Wednesday 900-1100
Blood Bank information in
right hand column.



APRIL

02 Friday 1100 – 1500
Coco-Nauts Card/Game Lunch-
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Veteran's Memorial Center
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

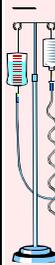
05 Monday 1900—2100
Marine Electronics Class
Veteran's Memorial Center

06 Tuesday 1900-2100
General Meeting
Veterans Memorial Center

14 Tuesday 1130
Coco-Nauts Luncheon

17 Saturday 1400-1700
Commander's Reception
Where else but at the Millner's
residence

27 Tuesday 1900—2100
Executive Board Meeting



CBPS Blood Drive Days

If you are fortunate enough to
enjoy good health, please help
those who are not as fortunate
to regain their health.

SAVE THESE IMPOR- TANT 2004 DONATION DATES

**MARCH 24-
WEDNESDAY
MAY 20-THURSDAY
JULY 22-THURSDAY**

The Bloodmobile is stationed at
the Veterans' Center to make it
easier for our members, but we
are required to have at least ten
members signed up.

Please consider being one of our
donors so we reach the required
number.

They are with us still who remain in our heart

Our condolences to Duane and Marge Balkema . P/C Duane L. Balkema's
mother passed away on January 3, 2004 . Barbara A. Koontz of Merritt Is-
land, a former member of the CBPS and Coco-Nauts also passed away. We
extend our condolences to her family also.

Welcome aboard new members,
Wales Craven and his wife, Elizabeth.

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Joan Montfort's new email address is:
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COCO-NAUT BLUE DOLPHIN EXCURSION

Reported by Lt/C Pamela Anderson Johnson

At the January 14th Coco-naut meeting it was decided that we would use the
proceeds from last year's fundraiser to go on the Blue Dolphin Cruise operated
by Mark and Michelle Anderson. For more information visit their web site :

<http://www.spacecoastrivertours.com/>

This outing will be on Saturday March 13, 2004 at 1:00 pm.

Directions To The Blue Dolphin

- a.. From Orlando or I-95, take the Beeline Expressway (SR 528) heading east.
- b.. After crossing the Banana River, take Port Canaveral Exit B onto George King Boulevard
- c.. Take the immediate first left onto Dave Nisbet Drive
- d.. Turn left onto Mullet Drive
- e.. Turn right onto Scallop Drive (about 1/2 mile)
- f.. Follow Scallop drive to the big Cape Marina sign
- g.. Park your car and come to the covered picnic area
- h.. The Blue Dolphin is located in front of the picnic area in Seawall Slip #2

The alternate inclement weather date is March 20th. Call Pam Johnson at (321)



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gain!)

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cookbook](http://www.usps.org/national/auxiliary/cookbook)

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Vessel Safety Checkers
Call Bob Flanigan 452-4602

THE ILL - FATED VOYAGE OF CARPE DIEM by Steve Caylor

Carpe Diem translates to “Enjoy Today” in English and is a lovely name for a sailboat. Barbara and I found Carpe Diem on the web and purchased it without actually having sailed it. A friend volunteered to help us sail the boat home from Panama City. Loading his van with supplies and personal gear we arrived at the seller’s home and moved the boat to the nearby Yacht Club where we transferred the contents of the van into the boat. The seller then came aboard and provided us with about 3 hours of check out sailing the boat around St. Andrews Bay. At about 9:00 pm we dropped him off and sailed out to an anchorage in the bay.

The next morning when we tried to cook breakfast we discovered no alcohol for the stove so we sailed into Panama City Marina for additional supplies. Shortly after noon we finally got underway and headed for Port St. Joe, the first leg of our journey. With brisk winds and seas running 3 to 5 feet we motor sailed under main and engine. The boat sailed very nicely with just a touch of weather helm. That evening we came across Crooked Island anchorage and had the choice of anchoring or continuing to Port St. Joe, another 20 miles further on. Even though it was getting late we opted to continue.

Darkness fell before we reached our destination. We called the Marina and reserved a slip for the night. We subsequently called the Marina again for directions to their entrance channel.

They were closed, but, a tow company operator answered and supplied us with the information. Using a powerful search light we scanned the shore side for the entrance. We spotted some official “channel markers” which we thought marked the entrance to the Marina. Heading for the markers we were in 22 feet of water when suddenly the depth gauge alarm went off and we found ourselves hard aground with waves and wind urging us further up on the shelf. With a wing keel getting ourselves off presented a problem. We contacted the towing company again and requested help getting off.

When the towing company showed up, we apprised them of our situation and advised that this was a wing keel boat. A line was passed to us and a tow member started to pull us off. With the line on the bow he tried to swing us around when suddenly something snapped. My wife, who was down below, yelled we were taking on water. I went below and found a massive inrush of water. The boat was sinking. Skewing the boat around had pulled the keel off the boat and cracked the hull. Barbara grabbed her clothing bag, my camera bag and her purse and scooted up on deck. The three of us, Barbara, our friend, and I jumped on the tow boat which had pulled alongside and were taken to Port St. Joe Marina.

After a awful night as we tried to find

accommodations and to decide what to do next, we were finally able to contact our insurance company. The company made arrangements to attempt to salvage the boat, but, Carpe Diem was doomed. Ultimately a barge with a crane was hired to pick her up off the bottom and deposit her in an oversized dumpster ashore. The tow company diver did recover my wallet and money clip but everything else was lost.

We learned from our misadventure. It was probably an over ambitious plan to sail an unfamiliar boat home over unfamiliar waters. Sailing at night in unfamiliar waters also compounds the problems. Those official “channel markers” were set in place by a housing development indicating a channel where there was none. They were somebody’s idea of a nice decoration. When it comes to private markers, “Caveat Emptor”. Local knowledge is an important requirement for boat safety..

However, we thank the lord for having survived our stupidity. Things can be replaced, but, death is final.



*The sea! the sea! the open sea!
The blue, the fresh, the ever free!*

Barry (Bryan W. Procter) Cornwall
(1787-1874)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Steve Caylor, the author, has been sailing for over 20 years. He and his wife Barbara are in their late 50's. They have resided in South Merrit Island home with its beautiful view of the Indian River for over 23 years. They purchased the ill-fated Carpe Diem, a 30' O'Day via the internet. The boat was lovely. The journey was not. His present boat is a 28' Hunter 280. He anticipates taking Squadron boating courses and intends to become member when he retires in about 3 years.

Yo, Steve and Barbara, why not now? We'd love to have you aboard!



Calling all kids! The 7th Annual Poster Contest Has Begun

Specific details and entry forms can be found on the Web at www.usps.org (Youth Activities). Be sure you follow the specific rules Deadline for submission to the District Admin Officer for judging is 15 May at the Summer Council so get on your painting smock.

WATER SMART + BOAT SMART = FUN is the theme

The contest is open to any child between the ages of 6 and 14. Be sure to do rough sketches of your ideas and when you come up with a great idea, paint the real thing.

HAPPY PAINTING!

GALAXY 23 MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE Incoming D/C Ann Fields SN

The D23 Spring Conference and Change of Watch is coming up 5-7 March and will be held at the Holiday Inn West Conference Center in Gainesville. I know both the Gainesville and the Ocala Power Squadrons have worked very hard putting together the Conference weekend, and I hope to see many of you there!

The USPS Annual meeting in Orlando in January gave us all a chance to learn more about some of the new things going on in USPS. We had a good turnout from D23 - everyone left with lots of information from the meetings and Expo, enjoyed the Wednesday and Thursday evenings entertainment provided free to members, and enjoyed the great Hospitality Room that D23 hosted Friday evening.

District 23 members and Squadrons received several special awards at the Annual meeting. **Dick Sullivan** (Banana River) and **Matthew Bandilla** (Titusville) both were recognized for Outstanding Contribution & Support for the Vessel Safety Check Program, 2003. Both are members of the 'Century Club' - they each performed over 100 VSCs in 2003, and this is the second year for Dick! **Fred Adame** (Cocoa Beach) received an award for Meritorious Service as Chairman of the Operation BoatSmart Committee, and **Mike Scallan** (Seminole) received an award for Meritorious Service as Chairman of the Curriculum Development & Coordination Committee. **Don Clark** (Harris Chain) was awarded the **Raymond A Finley, Jr., Sea Scout Service Award**, presented to members of USPS

who provide significant service to both USPS and Sea Scouting. Don was instrumental in working on the MOA between USPS and the Sea Scouts which was signed during the Annual meeting, with Don participating in the event. Congratulations to all these members! D23 squadrons and 'the district' also received awards at the Annual meeting. The District 23 publication, **The Galaxy**, and nearly every one of the D23 Squadron newsletters were recognized for **Excellence in Journalism!** In addition, five squadrons were recognized with the **Website Award for Excellence: Banana River, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Ocala, and Seminole**. A big thanks to our squadron editors, webmasters, and all the folks that contributed articles and helped earn us this recognition. District 23 was presented with a plaque for 3rd Place in 2003 'For Excellence in Promoting Operations Training' - a big thanks to D23 OT Chair **Bernie Sechen** (Ponce Inlet) and all squadron OT chairs for making this award possible.

These awards wrap up a very successful year for District 23, and I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year to continue our growth and achievement. Your 2004 D23 Bridge and Committee members have listened to your suggestions and have planned activities for the year based on what you said you would like.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NOMINEES FOR 2004 DISTRICT OFFICES

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3 years P/D/C Robert C. Flint AP &
P/C Robert B. Small AP

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Planning Committee

1year P/R/C Michael C. Scallan SN

3 years R/C Richard M. Peoples SN &
P/D/C George M. Ammon SN

Respectfully submitted,



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N/Mar/PR/Com

Past Chief Commander James Hinton Pou Bailey, one of the United States Power Squadrons® most memorable members passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2004 AT THE AGE OF 86. Commander Bailey was born in 1917 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a member of Raleigh Sail and Power Squadron. P/C/C Bailey served on the District 27 Bridge completing his tour as District Commander 1968. CDR Bailey served in numerous capacities for the Power Squadron at the national level, finally as Chief Commander during 1980 and 1981. Commander Bailey had a reputation of being to the point and had an opinion on about every subject relating to USPS and its business. He served as mentor to many young Power Squadron members aspiring to serve in any capacity, but particularly at the national level. Chief Bailey was instrumental in the move of USPS headquarters to Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bailey's father, the former U.S. Senator Josiah Bailey, gave his son a copy of the U.S. Constitution to read during the first grade and kindled his love of service to our country. He entered school in North Carolina and finished in Orange, Virginia. He served summers as a Merchant Marine and once as Third Officer on the freighter SS Argentina, thus began a lifetime love of the sea and boating. Following law school he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent, serving in various posts until enlisting in the Army to serve in World War II. After training he went ashore in France on June 6, 1944 ("D-Day"). He served with distinction throughout Europe before volunteering for the planned invasion of Japan. He received the Silver Star during his duty and was discharged honorably with the rank of Captain.

Bailey entered private practice following his military service Raleigh and represented Wake County in the state Senate from 1950 to 1954 and practiced law until 1965 when Gov. Dan Moore appointed him as a judge. He served as judge of the Superior Court for the Tenth Judicial District of North Carolina until he became the Senior Resident Judge and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1985.

Survived by his wife Ann, his wife of 31 years, a sister Elizabeth Bailey Prim; four children, James Bailey, Jr., Katherine Wooten Bailey, Edwin Bailey, Susan Hunt Bailey and two step children, Marty Thomas Collins and Kenneth Collins Warren plus seven grand children and one great grand child he will be remembered as a man who served his country, his family, and USPS with honor.

As I read the above article I knew that he was one of those special people who enriched the lives of all those who knew him.

NATHANIEL BOWDITCH



Born: 26 March 1773 in Salem, Mass.

We honor the memory of a man so important to the development of American Physical Astronomy.

BOWDITCH'S NAVIGATOR: THE BOOK AND THE MAN

Looking through Bowditch's Navigator was a wonderful experience. I thank Garry Pell, P, for sharing this volume, a sixth edition of the New American Practical Navigator written by Nathaniel Bowditch, LL.D and published in 1826.

If I were a seaman living at that time and could bring only one book aboard my vessel, Bowditch's Navigator would be the book I would choose. The publisher describes this excellent volume on the title page as an Epitome of Navigation.

Biography material from an article by: J J O'Connor and E F Robertson found on the Web.

Nathaniel Bowditch's father, Habbakkuh, was a cooper. He made and repaired wooden casks. The family moved to Danvers, Massachusetts, when he was a baby, then returned to Salem when Nathaniel was seven.

The Bowditch family fell upon hard times financially. Nathaniel went to school until he was ten and then began working in his father's cooperage shop. He worked for his dad two years, then became an apprentice clerk in the ship's chandler shop of Hodges and Ropes, which was a shop dealing in provisions and supplies for ships. In 1785 seventeen year old Bowditch went to work in the shop of Samuel C. Ward.

Then, there was an event that changed his life. A privateer from Salem had captured a ship bearing the library of Richard Kerwin, an Irish Chemist, and brought his books back to Salem. The library became available to Bowditch and he taught himself Calculus, Latin and several other languages in order to study mathematics in those languages. *The United States of his time offered very little opportunity for research in astronomy and mathematical physics.*

Between 1795 and 1799 he made four sea voyages on merchant ships, and in 1802 he was in command of a merchant ship of which he was also a joint owner. While at sea he continued his studies.

Bowditch married Elizabeth Boardman in 1798. She died seven months after they were married. He then married Mary Ingersoll. Together they had eight children. He gave up his career as a sailor and became president of the Essex Fire and Marine Insurance Company in Salem. Under his direction the company prospered. During those years this brilliant man undertook mathematical and astronomical investigations which gave him a high reputation in the academic world. His New American Practical Navigator(1802) began as a project to correct and extend the work of John Hamilton Moore. After publishing and correcting many volumes of Moore's work, he determined that it was sensible to publish a work under his own name.

Bowditch had received high recognition for his academic contributions, including election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1799. He was offered the chair of mathematics and physics at Harvard but turned it down. Scientific publication after scientific publication added to his renown as a man of stature in the scientific world.

Bowditch's memory lives on. There is a Nathaniel Bowditch Museum in Salem. He is part of Salem History and the children in the Massachusetts' schools learn about this self-taught man who rose above the poverty of his youth to become so important to American physical astronomy during the first half of the 19th century.

Compiled by Rhoda Bernbaum

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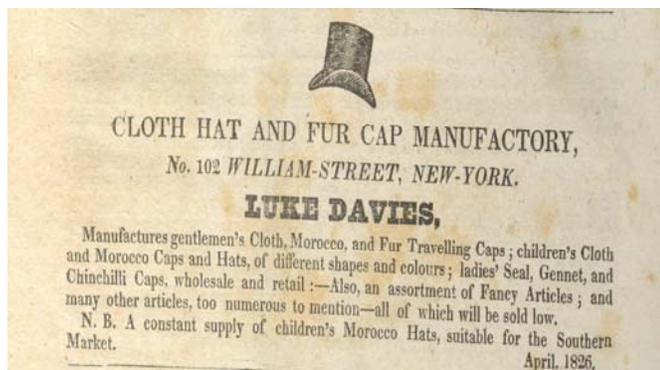
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An ad appearing in Bowditch's Navigator. Notice the headgear worn by the gentlemen of that time. The ads defrayed publishing costs. Looking at the ads was like peeking into Americana in the 1800's.



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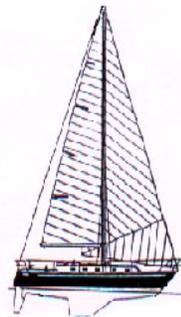
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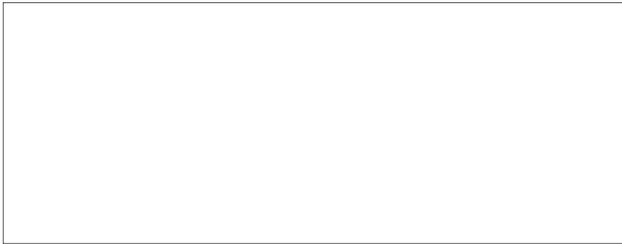
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Meet USPS' New Chief Commander The headline above is the title of an article appearing on pages 28 and 29 in the February Issue of the Ensign. It is concise, and well written. The author is none other than P/R/C Jane Schnoor, SN, who is everything a Power Squadron member should be. She is knowledgeable, active in all phases of Power Squadron activities, articulate, capable, and is an asset to the Cocoa Beach Power Squad-



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