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SAFE BOATING WEEK

19-25 May 07

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 01 May 2007, @ 1900

Brevard Veterans Center

400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy.

Merritt Island

"ALL ABOUT MERMAIDS"

Ed Baranowski is an expert on the subject of mermaids. He is a boater and rumor has it that he has had many sightings. We may learn what (or who) resides in his swimming pool.

(Note: P/C Al Pappas, SN has heard this presentation and highly recommends that you come, and be prepared to LAUGH!).



Attention on Deck

P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN and Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN will be moving to Chattanooga, TN . Effective immediately, P/C John Mulkey, P will assume Sandy's position as SEO and Lt/C Marsha Kirkwood will assume Rick's position as Treasurer.

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THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

We welcome comments, boating stories and any articles of interest you'd like to submit...

E:Mail an Attachment to boosterx2002@yahoo.com

AT THE HELM

Commander Mike Stone, P



The Meet the Bridge Picnic held on March 31st was a resounding success, largely in part to the efforts of P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, the Entertainment Chairman, and the volunteers that assisted her in organizing the day. The weather cooperated nicely and the park pavilion was perfect. There were approximately 60 members attending the event. The culinary masters of the CBPS Bridge grilled gourmet hamburgers and hot dogs. Other members brought side dishes to share that were exceptionally tasty. My thanks to all that participated in making this such an enjoyable and successful event.

The April General Meeting was our last in the Cocoa Civic Center. As a reminder, one of the reasons why we are moving, was the serious lack of parking due to another event being held at the Civic Center at the same time as our meeting. Be sure and mark your calendars for the change in meeting place. The May meeting will be at the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island on May 1st at 7PM.

As you should already know, at the recently held USPS Annual Meeting, the majority of the squadrons voted to accept the new membership requirements for a three year trial period. This new procedure allows boaters to become members of the USPS without taking a Boating Course or passing a Boating Course final examination. Each squadron will have to vote to accept the new procedures or retain the old method. The CBPS Executive Board will meet in April to review the changes and make a recommendation to the general membership at the May General Membership Meeting. What would this mean to CBPS? The new procedures allow you to ask any of your boating friends to join the USPS without their sitting through a boating course or taking a boating exam. All they have to do is apply for membership, be approved by the Executive Board, pay their dues and they become members. The new procedures are designed to allow people who have some boating experience to take advantage of this new procedure. It allows you to talk to your fellow boating friends, and members of any other boating organization to join with us. The new procedures are in fact designed for boating people. It is still highly recommended that prospective members with no boating experience take our Boating course which we will offer as we have in the past. Of course, these experienced boating people can take this course if they so choose. Invite your boating friends to one of our general membership meetings, talk up the fact we are a group of dedicated boaters who are educationally oriented who at the same time have fun as members of CBPS. You will be an important means for getting new members and you will be providing a valuable service to your boating friends. The new procedure, if accepted, will only work if you, our members, get the word out! If we vote to follow the new procedure, this will be a perfect opportunity to increase our squadron's membership. Lt. Doris Valentine is our squadron Membership Chairperson and she will have the membership applications.

I attended the District 23 Spring Conference held in Altamonte Springs at the Holiday Inn. On Saturday afternoon, awards were presented. It was my great pleasure to make numerous trips to the podium to accept awards for Cocoa Beach Power Squadron and individual CBPS members.

As you all know, the only way we can reward the people that support the squadron is special recognition. It is very gratifying to be able to recognize those that contributed significantly to the betterment of the squadron.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C J. P. Longway III, S



At the last General Membership meeting on 3 April, I reported the results of the Executive Staff Working Session which reviewed the staff's responsibilities and status of same, and identified areas or functions that potentially offer opportunities to improve. We were able to discuss status and areas that needed attention to successfully fulfill our collective responsibilities. Briefly, we identified the focus of each staff position as such:

- Public Relations = Communicate, Communicate, & Communicate CBPS's efforts/ activities.
- Coop-Charting = Continue to support/participate in upgrading map & charts, and take credit for same.
- Safety = Promote emphasis on Boating Safety throughout the community, schools. Libraries, events, etc..
- Boat Show = Identify, support & participate in boating related events to "Pass the Word" about CBPS.
- Liaison = Set in place the means to identify local points-of contacts, i.e., USCG, Law Enforcement, etc..
- Vessel Safety Examinations = Promote & offer free recognized inspections to ensure safety reqmt's are met.
- Radio Technical Committee = Determine how to facilitate action on radio/electronic matters for squadron.
- Legislative Committee = Determine the means to communicate boating legislative matters to the squadron.

The Harbortown/CFW Flea Market and Boat Show took place on 14 & 15 April. Thanks to all those who facilitated our efforts & booth set-up, and those members who manned the booth. Additional kudos to the examiners who provided free boat inspections at Harbortown Marina and Kelly Park for the sake of Boating Safely.

Please have your boat inspected ASAP, and ready to participate in the "Blessing of the Fleet" In addition, solicit your neighbors / marina mates to take advantage of this free service provided by qualified CBPS members.

SEO REPORT

P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN



As we approach the "merry month of May" boaters everywhere are returning to the waterways. Those of us in Florida are blessed with an abundance of choices from fishing the Indian River Lagoon to sailing across a portion of the Atlantic Ocean to the Bahamas. But before we take off, we need to ask ourselves, how educated as boaters are we?

The 15 people enrolled in on-going Piloting Course recognize the need for classroom education to compliment their on-the-water experiences. Hopefully, they and several others of you will continue with navigation education by enrolling in the Advanced Piloting Course that begins on June 20th at Cocoa Library under the direction of Lt. Jim O'Malley, himself an experienced boater. Since books need to be ordered one month in advance sign-ups are underway.

The previously announced Sail Course has been postponed until July 9th when it will be taught by Lt. Tom Schrader at Wuesthoff Hospital. For this course we already have several students but more are needed. This course is taught in two four-week sessions and is a must for anyone who is interested in sailing. Even the most experienced of you will learn from it.

To sign up for either course, members are encouraged to contact the new SEO, P/C John Mulkey, P, at J_mulkey@bellsouth.net.

I have resigned as SEO due to re-location to Chattanooga, Tennessee where Rick and I have purchased a home and hope to soon join the Chattanooga Power Squadron. I take with me my continued enthusiasm for the boating educational opportunities that are available through membership in USPS. I encourage each of you to remain active in the education department by either teaching or taking courses. After all, being safe, educated boaters is what we are all about.

On the behalf of both Rick and myself, I wish to thank the members of CBPS for all the friendship, support, and opportunities to enjoy the Florida waterways that they have provided us. We will miss you all.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Joe Derrico, P



Great Job!!! P/C Susan Kneeland, SN, with the "Meet the Bridge" gathering at Kiwanis Park. The food, drinks and desserts could not have been better. Many of you came out to eat Hot Dogs and Hamburgers cooked by your Bridge. By having your officers do the cooking, it demonstrates our willingness to work for you. Inasmuch as you are the benefactors, each and everyone of you should take advantage of us and participate in the many Squadron functions.

Lt. Jim Wonnell, AP, and Dr. George Maul, Phd., Honorary Member are setting up some informative and interesting programs which are to be presented prior to each monthly meeting. Get there early to get a good seat. Check the Soundings for the next program. If anyone has a particular interest or idea about a program, Speak to Jim and we will try to fit it into our schedule.

Our boating activity co-chairs, Lt. Denise Stone P, and Lt. Barbara Milner S, arranged a very special Blessing of the Fleet, April 21 & 22 2007. Our very own member Reverend Charles Lane offered the Blessing of the boats and the sailors that were board. The Millners made special arrangements for docking space for those who wanted to stay overnight and party.

Saturday May 12, May 12, May 12(Put it on Your Calendar) cruise or drive to Titusville for District 23 Picnic and Rendezvous. Meet Power Squadron member from the neighboring community as well as the District 23 Officers.

Our next boating activity is May 26-27 to the Chart House , Melbourne Harbor, Those Captains that are attending, please call a neighbor or a fellow Power Squadron member to share the experience. The MORE the MERRIER.

NORTH AMERICAN SAFE BOATING CAMPAIGN

How does National Safe Boating Week serve as a kick-off for boating season?

National Safe Boating Week is a great way to kick off what will be a fun and safe summer on the water. From May 19th-25th we're asking boaters to pay EXTRA attention to their boating safety behaviors, and especially to ALWAYS wear their life jackets. Remember... even the most experienced boaters fall victim to boating accidents.

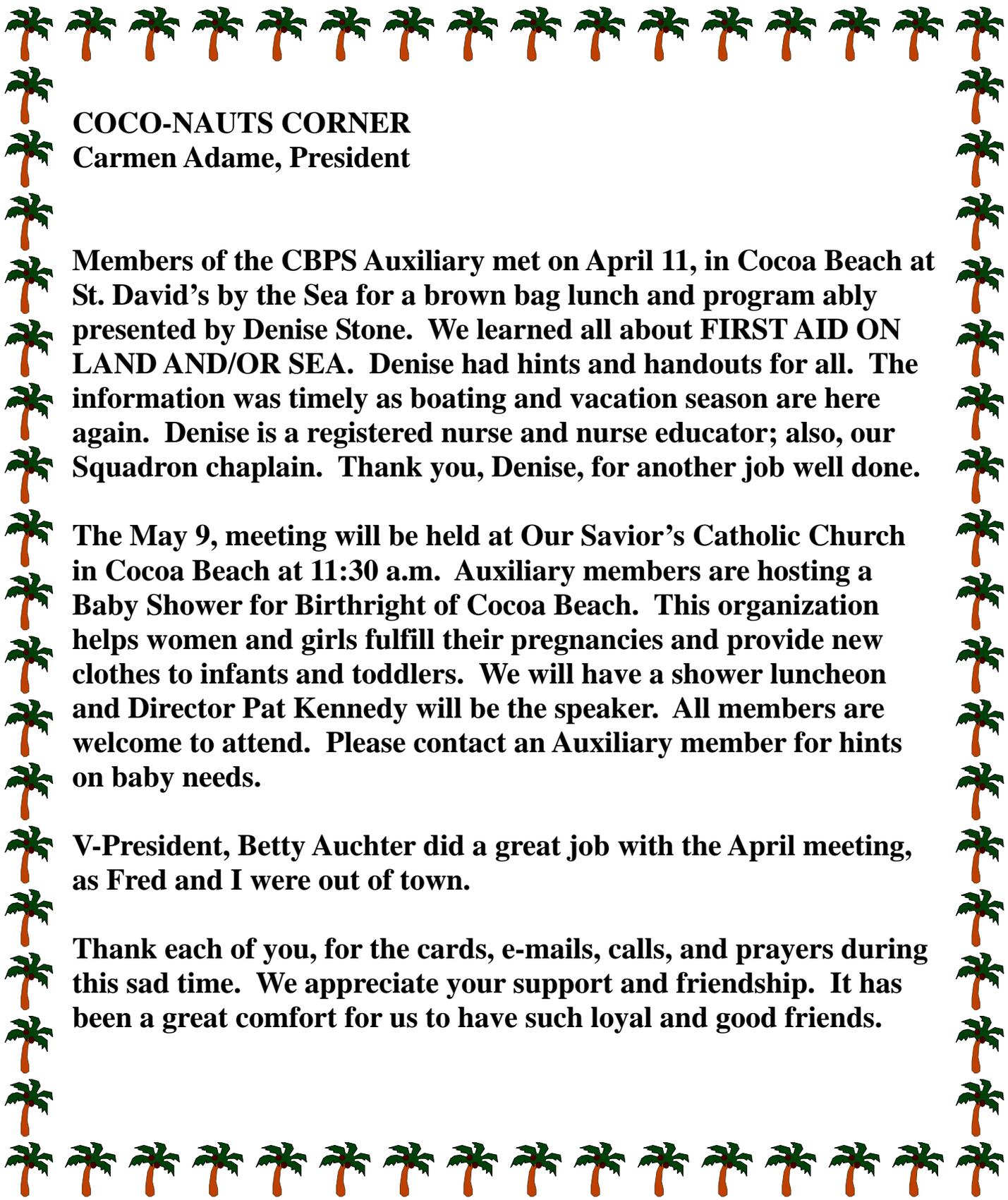
What is the goal of National Safe Boating Week?

The goal of National Safe Boating Week is to heighten awareness among recreational boaters of the importance about ALWAYS wearing a life jacket.

This includes informing boaters that they have options when it comes to today's modern life jackets. This includes new inflatable versions that offer a complete range of movement. There are even jackets customized for hunting, angling, and paddling, or high impact water-sports, such as water-skiing, wakeboarding, and riding jet skis. There are no excuses for not wearing one.

Who produces this event?

The North American Safe Boating Campaign is produced by the National Safe Boating Council in partnership with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators in collaboration with the Canadian Safe Boating Council. The campaign is produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration (Wallop-Breaux) Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



COCO-NAUTS CORNER
Carmen Adame, President

Members of the CBPS Auxiliary met on April 11, in Cocoa Beach at St. David's by the Sea for a brown bag lunch and program ably presented by Denise Stone. We learned all about FIRST AID ON LAND AND/OR SEA. Denise had hints and handouts for all. The information was timely as boating and vacation season are here again. Denise is a registered nurse and nurse educator; also, our Squadron chaplain. Thank you, Denise, for another job well done.

The May 9, meeting will be held at Our Savior's Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach at 11:30 a.m. Auxiliary members are hosting a Baby Shower for Birthright of Cocoa Beach. This organization helps women and girls fulfill their pregnancies and provide new clothes to infants and toddlers. We will have a shower luncheon and Director Pat Kennedy will be the speaker. All members are welcome to attend. Please contact an Auxiliary member for hints on baby needs.

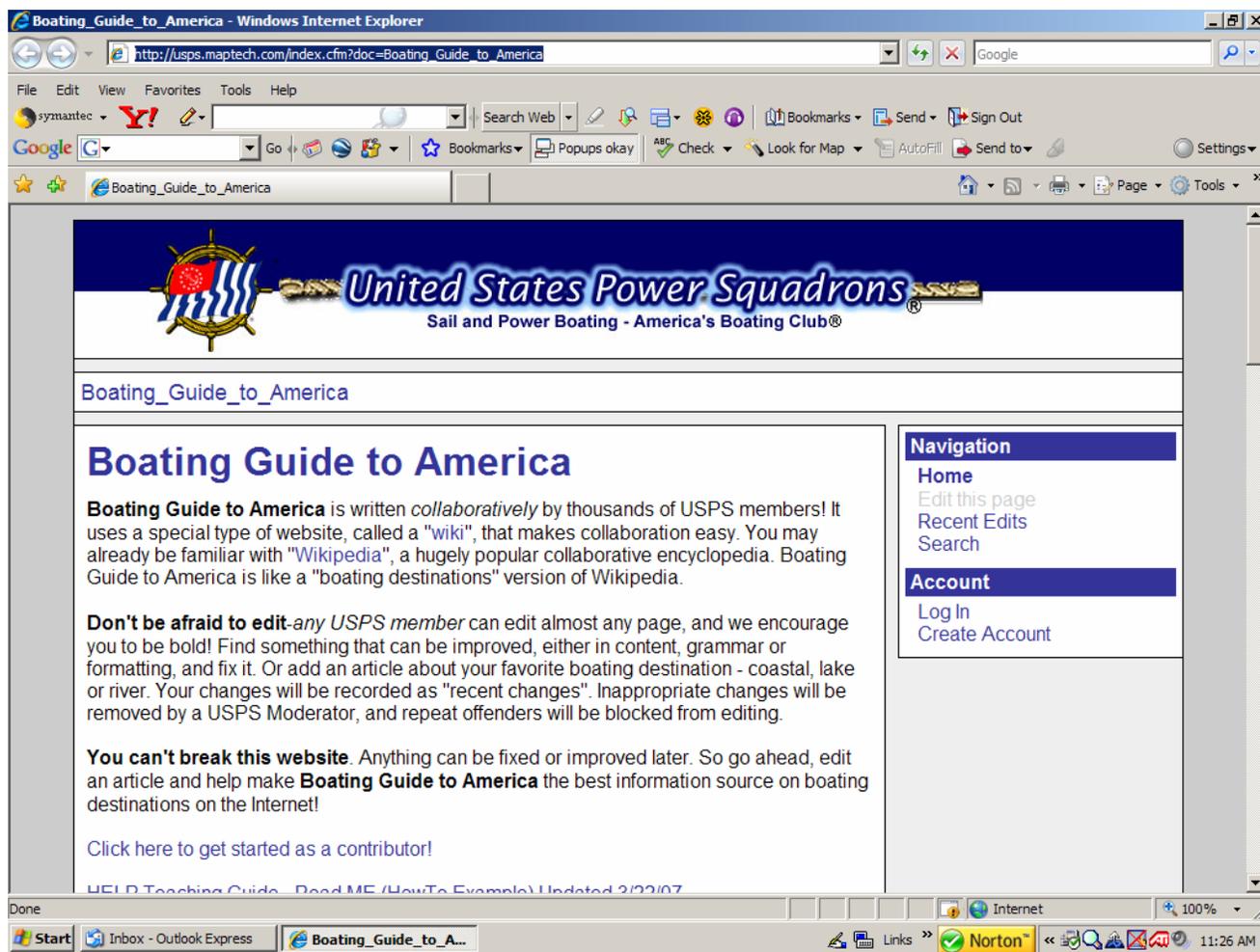
V-President, Betty Auchter did a great job with the April meeting, as Fred and I were out of town.

Thank each of you, for the cards, e-mails, calls, and prayers during this sad time. We appreciate your support and friendship. It has been a great comfort for us to have such loyal and good friends.

CO-OP Charting Report Lt. Robert W. Schaefer, P

As Chairman of the Cocoa Beach Power Squadron's CO-OP Charting Committee, I invite each and every member to become involved in some capacity. Although National has done away with the program of locating geodetic markers, there are numerous other programs CO-OP Charting does. Last year, P/C Duane Balkema, AP, received an award primarily associated with the reporting of marker problems on the water or uncharted navigation obstructions. P/C Al Pappas, SN, P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, and Lt/C Rick Schoonmaker, SN, each completed Marina Reports. The marina can be anywhere you find them in your travels by boat or car. I can furnish interested members with the form and do the reports, and train those members as to having the know-how. A more involved aspect is the Depth Wiz program involving checking depths shown on charts. Ernst Hoffman of the Banana River Sail & Power Squadron, whom is my district CO-OP Charting co-chairman, has a team already working this program, and is more than willing to do Depth Wiz work in our area and train members as well. Our Squadron has adopted Chart 11476 and is responsible for keeping it up by checking all markers and information shown on the chart. This can be a group or team effort between the Squadron's..

A "New" program created in cooperation with Maptech, identified as the Boating Guide to America, is something you can do at home and does not require any boating activity. Please refer to the following Web-Site. It is a compilation of activity completed in several sections of a given city and its marine connections. For instance, see Florida and Cocoa Beach , as an example of what I started researching in Cocoa Beach. Any city or town can be initiated and edited if that is your area of focus/interest.



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Play Nice

5 UNWRITTEN RULES OF BOATING THAT SHOULD BE CARVED IN STONE.

STUMBLER ON A POD OF FISH FEEDING
I frenetically on the water's surface. I positioned the boat alongside the bust, killed the engine, and stepped to the bow. Just as I cocked the rod ready to cast into the boiling water, a guy in another boat trolled right through it, dragging his umbrella rig over the fray and putting every single fish down for the duration. He looked at me and waved as he trolled past, smiling until I shouted at the top of my lungs the politically incorrect version of “YOU IDIOT!”

What crime did this guy unknowingly commit against boating humanity? He violated one of the unwritten rules of the water: Thou Shalt Not Drive Over Feeding Fish. This incident made me realize that while boaters can get schooled ad nauseam on the formal rules of navigation—from the Coast Guard, Power Squadron classes, state-sponsored boater's education, and *Chapman's*—when it comes to the informal ones, they're on their own. Here, then, are four more unwritten rules that every boater should heed.

Thou Shalt Not Congest the Boat Ramp

If you're one of those guys who backs his boat down, then stops to undo the straps, put in the plug, and run back to the truck to get the cooler, fishing rods, and whatever, know this: The boaters waiting behind you are not amused. You're worse than the people in the lunch line who wait until they get to the counter before finally looking at the menu. Prepare every aspect of your boat before you approach the ramp, then unload quickly and get your tow vehicle parked and out of the way.

Thou Shalt Help People at the Dock

Some boaters aren't the most adept at handling their boats around docks. It's one of those intimidating situations that drive people away. So when you see a guy trying to bring his boat side-to a tight docking space, and he can't quite make it happen, don't stand there like a spectator watching a golfer choke on the 18th green. Give the guy a hand. Offer to catch his lines and help pull him safely into the spot. Eventually he'll have to learn how to squeeze in there on his own, but until then give the guy a break. The owners of the boats fore and aft of him will thank you, too. (Note: If said boater happens to be a jerk and cuts you or anyone else off to get that spot first, the above rule doesn't apply.)

Thou Shalt Not Anchor Too Close to Me

Some people just don't get the concept of personal space. Some of these people own boats. They're the ones who anchor right next to me when I've set up for fishing, or crowd me away from working a spot that I discovered. Even if I'm anchored and just chilling with my crew listening to music, I'm not looking for another boatload of new friends. As a general rule, leave enough space so that the boat next to you has room to swing around its anchor with the tide. Try to leave more if you can.

Thou Shalt Not Circle Me on a Waterbike

Most bikers are pretty cool, but a boisterous few—like punk snowboarders terrorizing a ski hill—give the sport a bad vibe. Don't be one of those and circle dangerously close to my boat while underway. I may not be able to stop in time if you fall off. Or you may force me to rapidly change course, which puts my crew in danger. And if I'm on a flat setting up to cast to spooky fish, don't come roar-



ing out of the channel and blast by me just to see what I'm doing. In the Florida Keys, I'm pretty sure you could be shot for this and no one would press charges. (There's another unwritten rule for you.)

There's one common theme to these fine rules that every boater should learn and learn well: Play nice, and we'll all get along. †

ARTICLE FROM “BOATING MAGAZINE”

ANNOUNCING THE USPS UNIVERSITY

In the past year, USPS has undertaken several new education initiatives by creating the USPS University. This new concept includes several new educational venues that are geared toward enrolling new members, as well as creating new opportunities for current members.

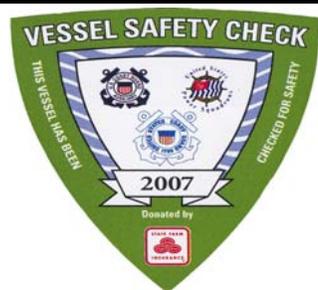
The organization is announcing a series of Two-Hour Seminars that will be taught to both the current members as well as to the public. Currently four seminars are available: “How to Use a Chart”; “Using GPS”; “Using VHF& VHF/DSC Marine Radio”; and “Onboard Weather Forecasting”. Several more of these seminars are planned and will be applied to the acquisition of a Boat Operator Certificate.

Being endorsed by the marine industry and the US Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety, these internationally recognized Certificates are geared to the recreational boater who wishes to illustrate their boating proficiency. There will be four levels of Certification, each building off the successful completion of the others. The four categories are: Inland Navigator; Coastal Navigator; Advanced Coastal Navigator; Offshore Navigator.

Each category will require the completion of selected courses from the current core of Advanced Grades and Elective Courses as well as a series of the two-hour seminars. In addition, the candidate will be required to exhibit proficiency in operating a boat of the size and type in which they are applying.

At this time, Regional on-the-water certifiers are being identified and will be trained by National. The certifiers will be individuals with both on the water experience, as well as holding the rank of SN or the rank of AP with all electives completed. Any member interested in being involved in this is encouraged to contact the District Education Officer, D/Lt/C Linda Trent Legg, SN, at Legg-sofFla@earthlink.net.

The first level of certification, Inland Navigator, will soon be available. Watch for up-dates in the *Ensign*.



“CHARLIE’S CORNER”

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM

**DO YOU HAVE YOUR 2007 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL? IF NOT, CALL:
Lt CHARLIE DODDS, JR., SN @ 757-7787.**

**AS OF APRIL 14th, THERE IS A TOTAL OF 110 BOATS THAT HAVE BEEN INSPECTED.
THE MOST RECENT INSPECTIONS COMPLETED WERE 25, PERFORMED AT THE HARBOR-
TOWN FLEA MARKET & BOAT SHOW. “LET US INSPECT YOUR BOAT”.**

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

Check the web site and your email for updates!

April:

- 21 & 22 - Sat (Sun), 1130 - 1400, Blessing of the Fleet Cruise, Millner's Estate/Marina**
- 24 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 28 - Saturday, D23 Bridge Meeting, ARC Center, Dayton Beach**
- 28, Saturday, Educational Seminar, ARC Center, Dayton Beach**

May:

- 01 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 02 - Wednesday, 0900, Blood Donations, Florida Blood Center, Rt. 1 Rockledge**
- 09 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts' Luncheon, Our Savior's Catholic Church, Cocoa Bch**
- 12 - Saturday, Council Meeting, La Cita Country Club, Titusville**
- 12 - Saturday, District 23 Picnic, Rendezvous & Council, Titusville (SPS)**
- 16 - Wednesday, Boat Smart Course starts, Cape Canaveral Hospital**
- 19 - 25, Sat to Sat, National Safe Boating Week**
- 22 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**
- 26 - 27, Sat/Sun, Chart House & Melbourne Harbor Cruise**

JUNE:

- 05 - Tuesday, 1900, General Membership Meeting, Brevard Veterans Center**
- 13 - Wednesday, 1130, Coco-Nauts Luncheon**
- 26 - Tuesday, 1830, Executive Board Meeting, Merritt Island Library**

CBPS members are invited to meet and eat each Wednesday at 1130 at the Cozy Corner Café at 2425 N. Courtenay Pkwy. Breakfast and light lunches are available.

OFFICIAL CBPS BOATING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2007-2008

Date	Day	Event
May 26 th -27 th	Saturday-Sunday	Melbourne Harbor Cruise
July 14 th	Saturday	Sunset Café Lunch Cruise
September 15 th - 16 th	Saturday-Sunday	CBPS 40th Anniversary Cruise Eau Gallie Yacht Club
November 9 th -11 th	Friday-Sunday	Cocoa Village Marina Cruise
January 26 th	Saturday	Captain Hiram's Cruise to Pelican Island

Contact Denise Stone at 453-5807 or Barbara Millner at 452-0500 for details.

**THE NEXT BLOOD DONOR DRIVE IS MAY 2ND, 0900 AT THE FLORIDA BLOOD
CENTER ON RTE. 1, IN ROCKLEDGE**



TOP-10 MYTHS OF LIGHTNING SAFETY

1. **MYTH:** Lightning Never Strikes The Same Place Twice
TRUTH: Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall isolated object. The Empire State Building used to be used as a lightning laboratory, since it is hit nearly 25 times a year. Place prone to lightning are places to avoid when thunderstorms are nearby!
2. **MYTH:** If It's Not Raining, Or If Clouds Aren't Overhead, I'm Safe From Lightning
TRUTH: Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or even the thunderstorm cloud. 'Bolts From The Blue', though infrequent, can strike 10-15 Miles from the thunderstorm. Anvil lightning can strike the ground over 50 Miles from the thunderstorm, under extreme conditions. Lightning in clouds has traveled over 100 miles from the thunderstorm.
3. **MYTH:** Rubber Tires Protect You From Lightning In A Car By Insulating You From The Ground
TRUTH: Lightning laughs at two inches of rubber! Most cars are reasonably safe from lightning. But it's the metal roof and metal sides that protect you, not the rubber tires. Thus convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open shelled outdoor vehicles, and cars with plastic or fiberglass shells offer no lightning protection. But closed cockpits with metal roof and sides are safer than going outside. And don't even ask about sneakers! ☺
4. **MYTH:** A Lightning Victim Is Electrified. If You Touch Them, You'll Be Electrocuted.
TRUTH: The human body doesn't store electricity. It is perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give them first aid. This is the most chilling of lightning myths. Imagine someone dying needlessly, for want of simple CPR or mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, when their chances of survival was ~90%!
5. **MYTH:** If Outside In A Thunderstorm, Go Under A Tree To Stay Dry
TRUTH: Being underneath trees is the third leading activity for lightning casualties in FL – enough said?!
6. **MYTH:** I'm In A House, I'm Safe From Lightning
TRUTH: While a house is a good place for lightning safety, just going inside isn't enough. You must avoid any conducting path leading outside, such as corded telephones, plumbing, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, metal doors or window frames, etc. Don't stand near a window to watch the lightning. An inside room is generally best.
7. **MYTH:** When Playing Sports And Thunderstorms Threaten, It's Okay To Finish The Game Before Seeking Shelter
TRUTH: Sports is the activity with the fastest rising rate of lightning casualties. No game is worth death or life-long severe injury. All people associated with sports should have a lightning safety plan and stick to it strictly. Seek proper shelter immediately when lightning threatens.
8. **MYTH:** Structures With Metal, Or Metal On The Body (Jewelry, Watches, Glasses, Backpacks, Etc.), Attract Lightning
TRUTH: Height, pointiness, and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes virtually no difference on where lightning strikes. Mountains are made of stone, but receive many strikes each year. When lightning threatens, take proper protective action immediately. Don't waste time shedding metal off your body, or seeking shelter under inadequate structures. But while metal doesn't attract lightning, touching or being near long metal objects (fences, railings, bleachers, vehicles, etc.) is still unsafe when thunderstorms are nearby. If lightning does happen to hit it, the metal can conduct the electricity a long distance (even over 100 yards) and still electrocute you.
9. **MYTH:** If Trapped Outside And Lightning Is About To Strike, Lie Flat On The Ground
TRUTH: This advice is decades out of date. Better advice is to use the 'Lightning Crouch': put your feet together, squat low, tuck your head, and cover your ears. Lightning induces electric currents along the top of the ground that can be deadly over 100 Feet away. While lying flat on the ground gets you as low as possible, which is good, it increases your chance of being hit by a ground current, which is bad. The best combination of being low and touching the ground as little as possible is the 'Lightning Crouch'. But the 'Lightning Crouch' should be used only as a last resort. Much better would be to plan outdoor activities around the weather to avoid thunderstorm exposure and to have proper shelter available.



In lightning safety, a "myth" is not as good as a mile ☺. Distance and proper shelter is your best protection from lightning.

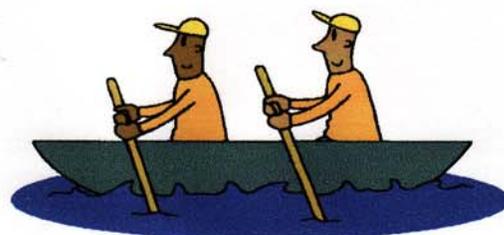
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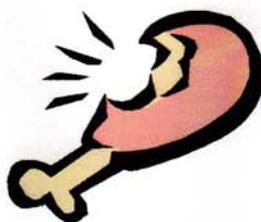
Memorial Day Cruise

May 25, 26, 27, 2007

Big ships or Little ships One and All should come for the Fun that will be had at the Melbourne Harbor Marina!



On Friday the 25th, we will have happy hour in the park and eating at Ichabods restaurant by the marina.



Then guess what? Saturday 5/26 the drinks and snacks start all over again. At 5PM we will be eating at a local restaurant

On Sunday, 5/27 we will have Brunch in the Park at 9AM

*** Don't forget to bring chairs for eating in the park

To sign up call Barb at 452-0500 or Denise at 453-5807

Your Cruising CoChairs Barb and Denise



Galaxy 23

From the District Bridge
D/Lt/C Stanley G. Hartman, AP
Executive Officer

Well here we go again another month has slid by and where did it go? This is for the May issue of your squadron newsletters so I will start out with the May 12th District 23 picnic. I don't know if all you understand why we use this specific time or year for this event. It seems the corn that we get for the picnic is at its best during this month and so P/D/C George Hunt, AP has been getting this corn delivered to all of those hungry people for several years. Picnic Chairman Greig Lindner, P has been hosting this party along with the Titusville Sail & Power Squadron for many years. The last few years it has been at the Sand Point Pavilion as it will be this year. It is a good time to come out and be with your fellow USPS members and maybe win a raffle item at the same time. There have been around a 150 people at these picnic's the last couple of years but I would like to see that number be a lot more.

The Summer Council meeting will be at the La Cita Country Club again in the morning just before the picnic. Commanders should have all received your flyers by now and I hope you are promoting this during your squadron meetings. Your Spouse is invited to the Council meeting and breakfast this year so bring them along and also your committee chairs. I'm sure they will enjoy the meeting and the \$10.00 a head breakfast. La Cita is a beautiful place!

May is also "National Safe Boating Week", starting on the 19th and going through the following Saturday the 26th. Our District 23 PRO P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN is available to help all squadron PRO's who might need some suggestions for activities. National will again be doing a national media blitz. All three of the Goodyear blimps will be running the USPS logo and name on them for the week as they fly around the country. One of them is stationed at Miami so we might be seeing it fly over our area. Did you know that the CEO of Goodyear is a member of the USPS?

The problem with the national media blitz is that the local stations have the right to schedule what they want when they want. There will be a press release available on the national web site that you will be able to give to these TV stations. They will be able to access it from the non-member section of the site. All we need is the people to get out there and make a pitch for these stations to run our stuff. Any of you PRO's got some contacts?

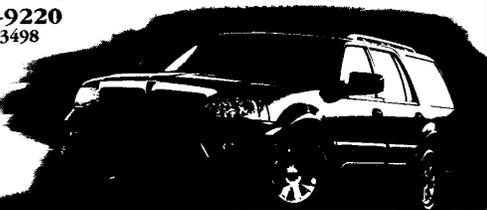
I hope all of you have already ordered your free hand outs and other items from the web site that was sent to all of the commanders by the D/C along with your "Safe Boating Week" form for the Safety Officer of your squadron. D-23 Safety Officer D/Lt Tom Fruda, AP will be hounding you Safety Officers to get this form in so the district will have 100% participation again this year. For information on Safe Boating Week try the USPS website. Go to usps.org. When the home page comes up go up to the very top and click on site index. On the next page click on Executive and scroll down to Recreational Boating Safety and click on that. When the next page comes up on the right hand side at the top is Nat'l Safe Boating and click on it. This is a real interesting site. Go through all of it. You will find a lot of stuff you can use, get or try including forms!

I would like all of you to try this new USPS website. Try going through the site! Try the one for your office or your committee. There is something there for everyone and it has been made easier for you to use!!!!!!

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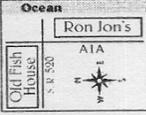
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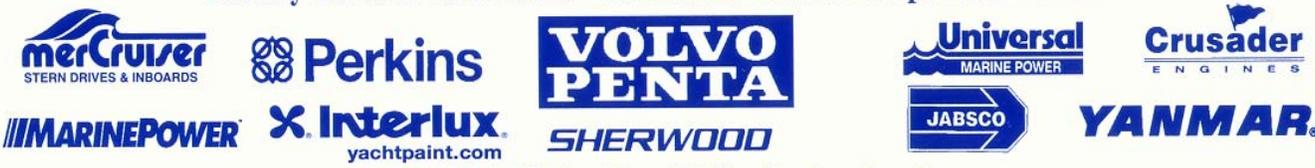
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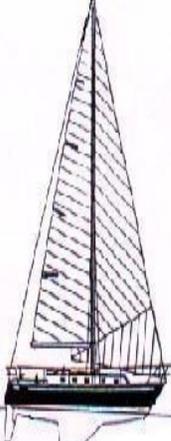
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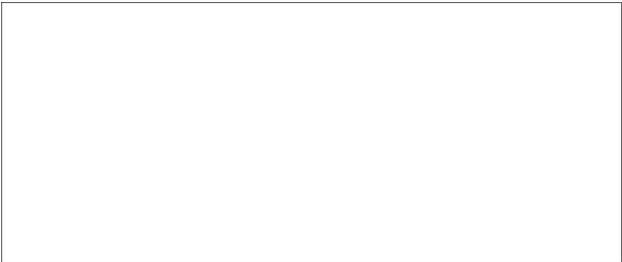
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