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Membership Meeting

Tuesday May 07, 2013 @ 1900
Brevard Veteran's Center
400 Sykes Creek Pkwy. Merritt Island, FL

Monthly Speaker

Russell Jamieson, who is, a CBSPS member, and owner of, Atlas Insurance, will speak, at our next general meeting, on the topic of, boat insurance. Mark your calendars, and plan to attend!

Attention On Deck

The Coco-Nauts are planning to have a card/game party, on May 10th, at the Community Church in Cocoa Beach, for comradery, and a fun filled time. Please contact Debra Burleson, or Marian Sweigart, to buy tickets!

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SOUNDINGS DEADLINE:

**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
debra.burleson@bellsouth.net

AT THE HELM

Cdr. Gerard Meunier, SN



Dear Members,

At our General meeting on 2 April, I had the pleasure to unveil our “220 in 2020” banner which will be flown at every meeting to remind all about our most important goal. We invested a grand total of \$8.64 and a couple “Arts & Crafts” hours by your Commander (see pictures). Let not this small expense belittle our basic objective, namely the survival of our beloved Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

By the time you read this, we will have had a number of activities in April which I hope you enjoyed and there are plenty more coming. In particular, mark your calendars for the District 23 picnic on 11 May at the Fox Lake Park in Titusville (bring a life jacket because a picture will be taken for publication on the Ensign). This is always a fun event even though there will not be a cardboard boat race as Fox Lake is known for its alligators. We might have set a new speed record, but Safety first!!

Closer to home, don't forget the Chart Seminar followed by the Walk for Life tent event on 27 April. The former from 1000 to 1200 at PCYC and the latter, conveniently arranged just for you to have time for lunch, from 1300 to 1800 at Riverfront Park in Cocoa.

And then, of course, it will be Safe Boating Week from 18 to 24 May with our traditional Blessing of the Fleet. If you do not have a boat or can't get a ride, come and visit our CBSPS booth at the Kiwanis Safety Fair. We can then regroup at noon at the Island restaurant for lunch. Who says that we don't try to please everybody?

Finally, I want to thank all who are working feverishly for CBSPS to host the most successful D23 Fall conference ever. Thirty-six “to do” items have been identified so far. By publication time, we will have the hotel and music locked in, the Flyer and Registration forms done and a number of items in progress. Many more volunteers will be required and it is my hope that you will help with this project.

And, last but certainly not least, congratulations to our seven (7) new Advanced Pilots. The files on the About CBSPS page of www.cbsps.com have been updated. Take a look!!



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LT/C Robert Rutgilano, AP



The Public Relations Committee has worked very hard to compile all the facts and figures necessary to present a report on the movie theater advertising. I am hopeful that by the time you all read this, that information has already been presented, discussed and voted on.

Our squadron is taking the lead on the Orlando Boat show coming up in September. We are in the process of contacting Titusville, Central Florida and Banana river squadrons in an attempt to join forces in this endeavor. More info as we get closer to the dates.

As mentioned at the April 2nd. meeting, we are looking to expand our vessel safety check program to have the capability to cover multiple boat ramps on the same day. Areas like Lee Wenner park in Cocoa Village, the public ramp at the Port just east of the 401 bridge and the ramp at Grills. My goal is to place VE's at these ramps to cover a larger number of boats. To do this we need more examiners. If you are interested in joining our VSC program, please contact P/C Kermit Forbes, AP, to sign up for the next class. We sure can use your help.

April 20th the squadron took part in the Keep Brevard Beautiful Trash Bash. This event is part of the Annual Keep America Beautiful. Since this report is being written before the Trash Bash takes place, the results will be reported at the May 7 general meeting.

Any one needing a Burgee for your boat, and if you have a boat, you need a Burgee, see P/C Kermit Forbes, AP. He has them for sale at the back of the room.

The bridge is asking your help to come up with new ideas to better our squadron in all aspects. I am requesting all members to e-mail any ideas you have to me. I will present them to the board each month for discussion and possible implementation. Remember there are no bad or silly ideas. The idea you might think is silly just might lead to a better idea that helps build the squadron into the best in the district. Let me hear from you.

As of 04/11/13 the recycle fund raiser has raised \$539.40. Not bad for just 9 days after being announced at the meeting. I still have a few members who need larger items picked up. Call me if you need something picked up or you have a question about what you can recycle. At the rate we are going and with the Coco-Nauts donation we should have no problem reaching our goal for the scholarship fund. Thank you to all who have at this point donated. All small items such as aluminum cans, clean food cans, small appliances, metal coat hangers, old pots & pans, etc can be brought to the May meeting where I will have a trailer waiting to haul everything to the recycle yard to be cashed in. Let's fill that puppy up.

See you on the water (as soon as the winds die down)

SEO
P/C Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN



In the first quarter of 2013, the Education Department completed two Advanced Grades classes, one ABC class, and one seminar. At the time of this publication we will have underway one Elective Class, one Advanced Grades class, one more ABC class and one more seminar. The people hours which are expended for this type of effort is truly impressive.

We have always recognized the instructors and proctors who make these classes possible. It is obvious that without their dedication there would be no education department.

What we often overlook is the dedication of the students. In today's busy world, it is not always easy to spend two hours a week in class and uncountable hours doing homework. For some this becomes an impossible situation and they are forced to drop out or to not achieve the maximum benefit of the material. For others, it is a challenge but they manage to hang in there and succeed. For each group, there is a commendation for making the effort

I have spoken with members who aren't able to take classes due to the lack of time. It seems this is an issue that we should be able to solve. Any person in this situation should speak with the instructor or with me about this. While missing classes may a problem in some courses, there is no requirement for 100% attendance. If you need some 1:1 tutoring because of missed classes, an instructor can be found. If the normal classroom setting isn't workable, home study is an option for most of our courses. If you just need a little extra time to finish your class work, tests can be ordered singly as well as in a group. With a little creativity, the lack of time can be over come.

Another issue not so easily solved is the relevancy of the subject matter being covered in the Advanced Grades courses. In truth, there are some courses that one takes just for a personal quest for knowledge and the sense of achievement. But for most of our classes the information may seem irrelevant while sitting in a classroom but on the water when the unexpected happens, it may be life saving knowledge. It is hard to predict what will be relevant in our future experiences.

As SEO, I believe that USPS has a roster of excellent courses and I am dedicated to doing all that I can to meet the needs of our members who wish to participate. Please let us help to make it work for you!

CONGRATULATIONS

The following members have successfully completed the Advanced Piloting Course and may proudly display the rank of AP. A special congratulations, to John, and Jan Scholtz, who each scored an amazing 99%!!! An additional thank-you, goes out to instructor, P/LT/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN!

LT Robert Brown, AP
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LT/C Louis Harlow, AP



The Entertainment Committee brought together an outstanding picnic / Meet the Bridge all had a great time at Kiwanis Park. On 18 May our traditional BLESSING OF THE FLEET will take place. The location will be the same as last year ----south of the Rte 520 bridge on the Banana River. More information will be available at the general meeting and on our website.

Please let it be known if you have a guest speaker in mind. All ideas are welcome and let your interests be known.

Vessel safety checks are an important starting point for boating safety. Please get the word to family and friends that we will do vessel safety checks just for the asking.

Sail safe, always give someone a general idea where you are going and an estimated time of return to the dock.

SECRETARY
LT/C Marilyn Flanigan, P



This is a very short Secretary report this month. I hope everyone has had a chance to view their Membership Roster, and The Yearbook for 2013-2014. If you have not taken the time to look at them, please do so now. If there are some changes you would like to make in your information, now is the time to contact me. My phone # is in The Soundings on page 2.

Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating a Birthday in May 2013.

Michele Anderson 5/12
Clay Bernichon 5/28
Harry Bestow 5/15

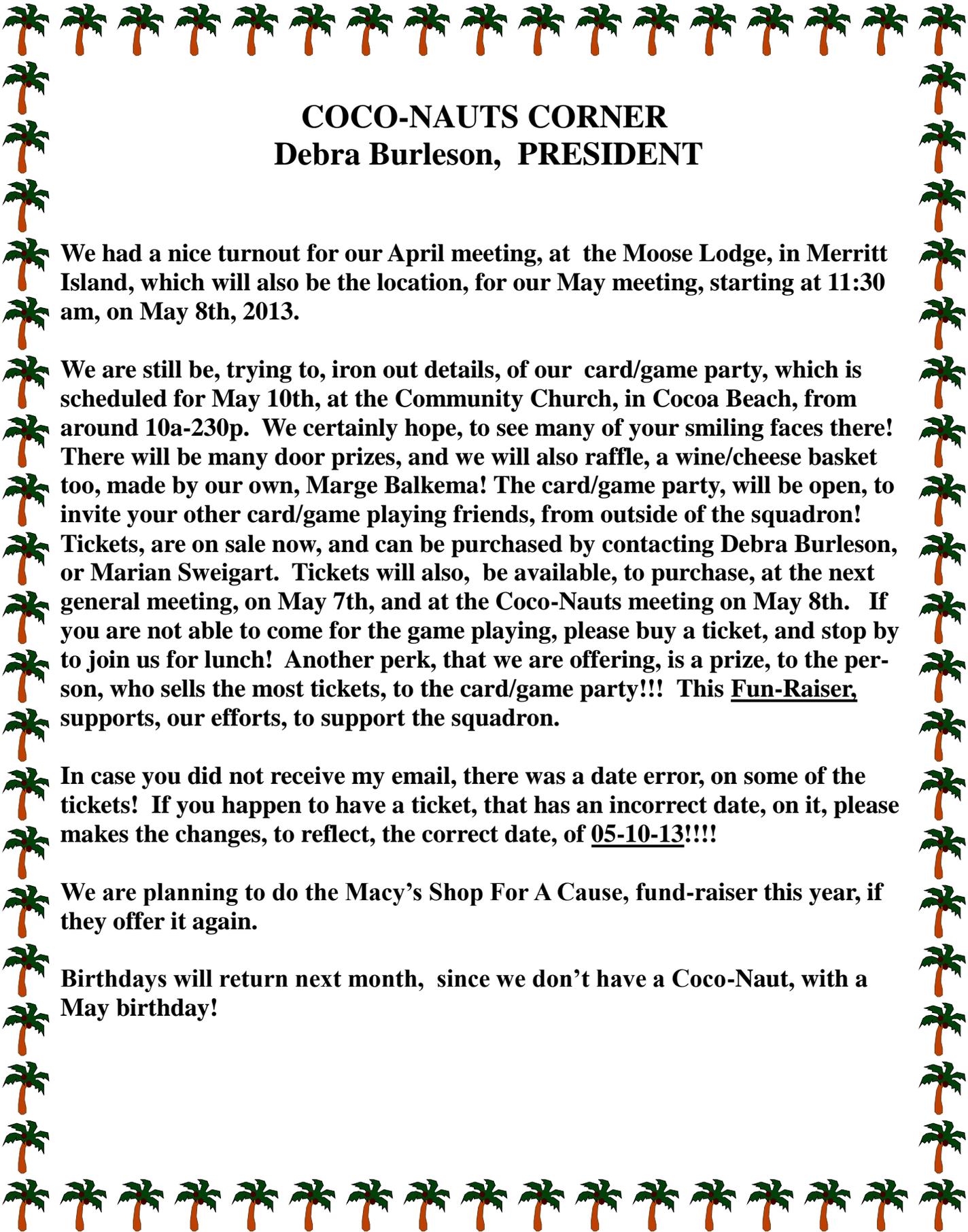
Carol Hays 5/17
Elissa Watts 5/22



Speakers for April 02, 2013 meeting: l-r: Pete Van Etten, Ezequiel Rodriguez, and Justin Morgan, with Cdr. Gerard Muenier, SN



Donald Weir receiving membership award, from Cdr. Gerard Muenier, SN



COCO-NAUTS CORNER
Debra Burleson, PRESIDENT

We had a nice turnout for our April meeting, at the Moose Lodge, in Merritt Island, which will also be the location, for our May meeting, starting at 11:30 am, on May 8th, 2013.

We are still be, trying to, iron out details, of our card/game party, which is scheduled for May 10th, at the Community Church, in Cocoa Beach, from around 10a-230p. We certainly hope, to see many of your smiling faces there! There will be many door prizes, and we will also raffle, a wine/cheese basket too, made by our own, Marge Balkema! The card/game party, will be open, to invite your other card/game playing friends, from outside of the squadron! Tickets, are on sale now, and can be purchased by contacting Debra Burleson, or Marian Sweigart. Tickets will also, be available, to purchase, at the next general meeting, on May 7th, and at the Coco-Nauts meeting on May 8th. If you are not able to come for the game playing, please buy a ticket, and stop by to join us for lunch! Another perk, that we are offering, is a prize, to the person, who sells the most tickets, to the card/game party!!! This Fun-Raiser, supports, our efforts, to support the squadron.

In case you did not receive my email, there was a date error, on some of the tickets! If you happen to have a ticket, that has an incorrect date, on it, please makes the changes, to reflect, the correct date, of 05-10-13!!!!

We are planning to do the Macy's Shop For A Cause, fund-raiser this year, if they offer it again.

Birthdays will return next month, since we don't have a Coco-Naut, with a May birthday!

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS:

April 2013

- 22 - Monday, 1900 Seamanship class, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 25 - Thursday, 1800 Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 27 - Saturday, 1000-1200, Basic Charting Seminar, Port Canaveral Yacht Club
- 27 - Saturday, 1500 Cancer Walk, Riverfront Park, Cocoa Village

May 2013

- 07 - Tuesday, 1900 General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island, FL
- 08 - Wednesday, 1130 Coco-Nauts Luncheon, Moose Lodge, Merritt Island, FL
- 10 - Friday, 1000-1400, Card/game party, Community Church, Cocoa Beach
- 11 - Saturday, D23 Picnic, Fox Lake Park, Titusville
- 18 - Saturday, 1100 Blessing of the Fleet (same location as last year)
- 18-24, Saturday, Safe Boating Week
- 23 - Thursday, 1800, Executive Committee Meeting, Merritt Island Library
- 25 - TBD, Flare demonstration, location TBD

June 2013

- 01 - Saturday, 1700, Blue Dolphin Cruise, Kelly Park, Merritt Island, FL
- 04 - Tuesday, 1900, General Meeting, Brevard Veteran's Center, Merritt Island, FL
- 08 - Saturday, 0930 - 1300, ABC3 class, day 1, Cape Canaveral Hospital
- 10 - Monday, Marine Electric System, Wuesthoff Hospital
- 12 - Wednesday, Coco-Nauts Luncheon, TBD
- 15 - Saturday, 0930-1300, ABC3 class, day 2, Cape Canaveral Hospital

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

check website (cbsps.com) or e-mail for updates

THANKS TO OUR BOOSTERS

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

April 13, Saturday, we “Cruise to Water Ski Island” near the Locks arriving 12 to 12:30 for a picnic and then we can idle cruise over towards the cruise boats. Have your Burgee on the boat. Please come self contained and enjoy.

May 18, Saturday, Our “Blessing of the Fleet” event takes place at 11:00 Sharp, be there in line at 10:30. This is your chance to show off your boat, be seen as a Boating Squadron, and receive the blessing that will insure the boat runs well for the season! This is an old Greek (and others) Tradition that was very serious in olden times. The event is on Banana River, just Southwest of the Hwy 520 Causeway Bridge. Non-Boaters can view the Blessing parked along the Hwy 520 Causeway or from the Restaurant nearby. Boaters, this is an easy event to do, a lot of fun, and really, you ought to try and come out for the event. We all circle up the boats at slow idle and at 11:00 when invited pass by the Blessing Boat for the Blessing by Pastor Jay (John) Bergstresser of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection of Cocoa Beach. Following the Blessing some boaters will raft up and others will go to the Island Restaurant (formerly River Roost Restaurant) nearby and order off the menu as desired. Go to the Squadron photos of past events to see how you will do this event.

We planned to have the Coast Guard lead the event as usual but their funds are cut and they are not to participate in such things. The Florida Marine Patrol will therefore lead out boats in the blessing as their schedule permits. Please call me and let me give Pastor Jay a list of boats as they come by. (321-452-5892)

BLOOD DONATION

The next blood donation will be on 01 May @ 0900am at the Blood Center on US Hwy. #1. All donations are appreciated!!!!





Galaxy 23

Information from the United States Power Squadrons



District 23 Bridge

D/Lt/C Bill Fehr, N

Things are happening quickly! It just seems like yesterday we were having the spring conference and now it's time for the spring picnic. As a reminder to everyone there will be no Summer Council Meeting. We voted to cancel this meeting at the last Winter Council. We have a few changes to the spring picnic this year. If you haven't seen the flyers, the picnic will be held at Fox Lake Park in Titusville because the pavilion at Sand Point Park is being refurbished. No cardboard boat race this year due to the gators in Fox Lake but we will be having horse shoes, fishing (with a license), badminton, canoeing/kayaking and croquet. A few changes are also being made to the food. Entrées and sides are being supplied by the district – pulled pork, burgers and chicken fillets, corn on the cob, baked beans, cold slaw and potato salad, lemonade and water. We are asking everyone to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and adult beverages as desired! We will also be doing the "Wear It" campaign photo again this year. We had around 112 members in the photo last year. Let's try to top that number this year! You do not have to power inflate your PFD for the photo. Everyone just needs to don a "legal" life jacket. To submit the photo to the Ensign we are asking that everyone sign in on the colored sheets. We will again challenge the other districts, to "beat" our number of members wearing PFD's-we might even set some sort of record! Don't forget to bring a life jacket to the Picnic. Toss a spare in your car, and you could even help those that may forget. The fun continues with our Craziest 100th Birthday Hat Contest- bring your best birthday hat to the picnic! Please RSVP your squadron commander so that we can get a head counts some we don't buy too much food or "heaven forbid" too little food. I am sending out my personal challenge to all of the squadrons to have someone from every squadron in D/23 at the picnic this year! Please see the picnic flyer for more details and directions.

Safe Boating Week will also soon be here. It starts May 18th and runs through May 24th. I hope everyone has plans in place for getting the word out to the boating public about your Safe Boating Week events. If you don't know what your squadron has planned please check with your squadron executive officer, chief vessel examiner or your squadron safety officer. I have heard from most of the D/23 squadron executive officer and know that there are many great events planned around the district.

See you on the water soon!

BOATING IS FUN... WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW!!

CBSPS Photo Gallery
Meet The Bridge Picnic 04-06-13





Boating Seminars



Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron offers

	<h4>How to Use a Chart</h4> <p>Covers the different types of nautical charts and explains the often confusing symbols used on charts. The use of latitude and longitude in plotting courses will lead students to some basic plot charting techniques.</p> <p>Date: 27 April 2013</p>
	<h4>Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio</h4> <p>Basics of VHF radio are discussed. Boaters are taught how to access Digital Selective Calling (DSC) service with linkage to Coast Guard Rescue 21 System now available in our area. The optional material includes a CD that allows you to practice on your own computer.</p> <p>Date: 22 June 2013</p>
	<h4>Using GPS</h4> <p>Explains the principles of waypoint navigation and how to relate your GPS to charts. A generic description of the functions of the GPS, including the numerous "buttons" and how to access and utilize the different screens are covered.</p> <p>Date: 13 July 2013</p>

When? Registration - 9:30 AM Seminar- 10:00-12:00

Where? Port Canaveral Yacht Club – 910 Mullet Drive
Cape Canaveral, FL

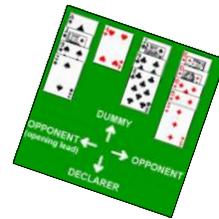
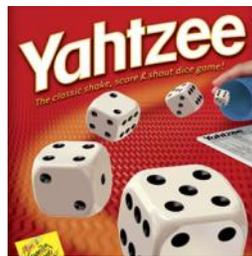
Cost? \$10/family Optional Course Materials available

Preregister & info at SEO@cbsps.com or www.CBSPS.com

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Luncheon, Cards & Games!!!!
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126 S. Atlantic Avenue
(1 Block S. Of Minutemen Causeway On Left)**



**Time: 10 am - 2:30 pm
Cost: \$15 p/p (Includes Lunch)
Tickets On Sale: April 2, 2013**

**Please Contact: Marian Sweigart 321-452-3682
Or
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United States Power Squadrons

DISTRICT 23 Family Picnic 2013
MAY 11th, 2013 11 AM RAIN OR SHINE

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Menu

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LEMONADE DRINKING WATER

CONDIMENTS BUNS AND SETUPS

ALL NEW FORMAT

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT

- TO SHARE Chips pretzels and the like,
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- No Personal Entrées Cooked -

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Every Member is asked to bring your Life jacket to kick off Safe Boating Week and to have our picture submitted to National as being ready for the Annual Safety Event

ALLIGATORS PRESENT



NO PETS NO SWIMMING

BRING YOUR SMALL BOAT - KAYAK - CANOE FRESH WATER LAKE RAMP ON SITE

PLEASE RSVP YOUR SQUADRON

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Cocoa Beach Sail & Power Squadron
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Announces its annual "Blessing Of The Fleet" to be held Saturday, May 18, 2013

Location: On The Water, Banana River, just Southwest of the Highway 520 Causeway Bridge. Go under the bridge South & head Southwest forming into a circle.

Time: Be there at 10:30, Blessing is 1100 Local Time, Sharp

Action: All boaters are WELCOME TO BE BLESSED...

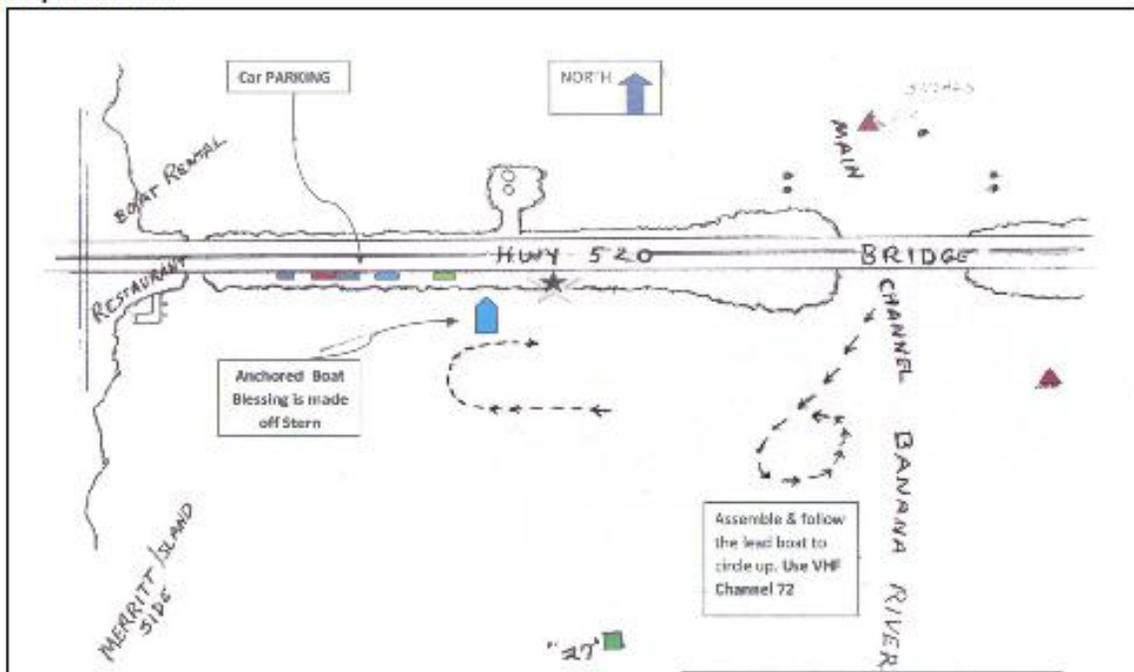
Be on your boat, in the area at 1030 Local Time, and **join up in a "circle of boats"** - fall in line behind the last boat. Listen on VHF Channel 72 for instructions.

P/C Duane Balkema, AP with 23 foot Chaparral will assume the boats Lead Position of Circle of boats in preparation for Blessing.

The Coast Guard will arrive at 1040 Local Time and at 1100 Local Time, Leading All Boats Past the Stationary (Anchored) Boat where the "Blessing" occurs.

As you pass the Blessing Boat, Say your Boats Name, The Captain & Crew names on VHF Channel 72 or shout across, do not stop or change speed. Keep spaced 30 feet Apart in the line and as you pass.

Pastor Jay (John) Bergstresser will "Bless" the Boat & Captain by name as they proceed past. For another year, the plan is that the blessed boat and crew will be safe and have no problems.



2Duane Balkema 452-5892

SAIL INTO THE SUNSET WITH US ABOARD THE BLUE DOLPHIN



When: June 1, 2013

Time: 1700

Price: \$23 p/p

Where: Kelly Park, Merritt Island



*Bring a finger food to share, and bring your own beverages !
Contact Doris Valentine 321-452-1835 if you plan to attend!*



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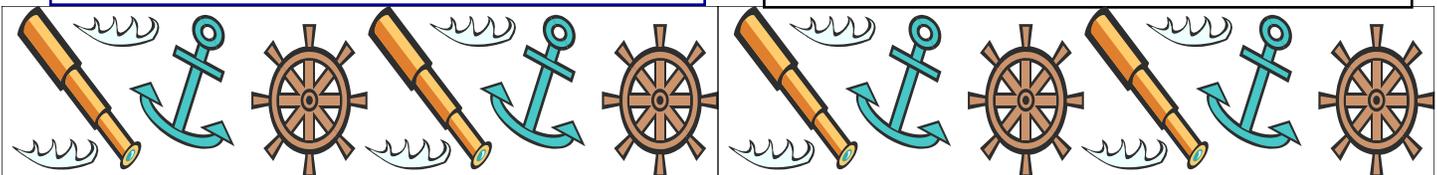
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