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BRSPS CORN ROAST
Ballard Park
Saturday, July 14
11:00 to 2:00



To Antarctica – 5,500 miles, 35 days

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, July 16, 2018

Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:15 pm

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne 32935

Speaker: P/C Earl Gillespie, P

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JR BASIC BOATING

Ages: 11 to 17 years

July 16-18, 2018

9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Satellite Beach Rec Dept

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BANANA RIVER SPS

UPCOMING COURSES



COURSES ON DEMAND: Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org.



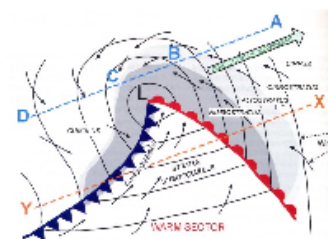
BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

August 18, 2018

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

July 16-18, 2018

- SEAMANSHIP
- PILOTING
- ADVANCED PILOTING
- OFFSHORE NAVIGATION
- CELESTIAL NAVIGATION



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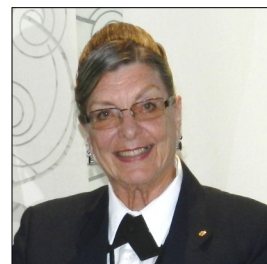
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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP

BIG THANK YOU AND CALM SEAS!



I have had the honor over the last 20 years of working with some really talented and dedicated people in USPS. However, a very special couple will always come to mind. Dave and Lucy Hixenbaugh recently decided to not renew their USPS membership in order to free up valuable time to spend with their family, do some traveling, and enjoy retirement. We all know being an active member of any organization requires dedicating personal time - and Dave and Lucy have dedicated a TON of personal time to USPS, D23, and BRSPS.

It is not only time which they unselfishly gave; it was a lot more. We have all benefited from their wisdom, guidance, encouragement, and most of all friendship!

Lucy has served as BRSPS Commander, Membership Chair, Instructor, and Activities Coordinator to list just a few offices. Three years ago when I attended my first BRSPS Change of Watch, she had organized the event at the Hilton. She knew whom to talk to, what to order, and when to set up everything in order to have a successful event. The next year we had another great COW at Suntree Country Club due to her attention to detail. D23 also recognized her talent as she was their Conference Coordinator for the Fall 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2018 D23 Conferences.

Dave has served several times as BRSPS Treasurer and recently filled the vacancy in 2017. He was instrumental in preparing the 2017-18 budget and passing the financial audit last month. Dave taught Instructor Certification/Recert for many years. While serving on the Bridge, Dave shared his experience and knowledge of D23 and Squadron history so we could learn from it as we moved forward. D23 will also miss his services, one of which was being bartender at D23 Conferences; never a glass was half full!

Dave and Lucy encouraged me to run for Commander last year. Their confidence and support has been a life saver for me and a "squadron saver" for BRSPS. Because of their inspiration, several very talented members have come forth and are now serving on the Bridge and as volunteers teaching classes, coordinating the Christmas Boat Parade, and promoting other boating activities.

BRSPS will miss them, but we will never forget them. We hope they will always feel welcome at our functions and even possibly renew their membership some day...

Dave and Lucy, thank you so very much for all you have done!



FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY SEO P/C Jim Merker, AP

June saw a couple of big milestones for the Education Department, and I can't thank everyone enough who has contributed. From course coordination, class facilitation, to the instructors in front of our students; none of this could happen without your generous contributions!



Our Advanced Piloting students concluded their coursework this month, and most have begun working through the test. As you may or may not know, they have a week to complete an open book multiple choice test and plot a cruise. We are rooting for each of you, and mind the details! Bill Veit has spent a lot of time presenting the course material and working with the students, and we greatly appreciate it!

Next, we held our second Junior Basic Boating Course of 2018 on 25-27 June. Our June JrBB class has historically been our best attended each year, and with 30 students this one kept that trend going. This was a tag team effort, and I continue to be impressed with our educators. We need to recognize Bob Becker, Valerie Dietrich, Earl Gillespie, Ed LeCun, John Pechar, Bill Veit and, of course, Ernst Hofmann for making this another outstanding educational opportunity!

Please help us get the word out:

- Junior Basic Boating Course – 16-18 July
- America's Boating Course – 18 August

**Remember, we do not just offer boating education –
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FROM THE SQUADRON SECRETARY: Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: June 18, 2018

LOCATION: Beef O'Brady's, Melbourne, FL

Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Gail Wall, P; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; SN; P/C James Merker, AP; P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S

Exec Board Absent

Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN

Members Attending: 13

Visitors: Bob Wiley, USAF LtC (R), East Coast Sailing Association

The meeting was called to order at 1915 by Cdr Marshall. The Blessing and Pledge were led by Lt/C John Pechar.

Wally Jones introduced the guest speaker, Bob Wiley, Topic: Introduction to the East Coast Sailing Association, celebrating their 52nd year in Brevard County. It has some overlapping goals with BRSPS including camaraderie via boating activities on land and sea. You must have a sail boat to be a full member, but all are welcome (with boats or without) as associate members.



Commander's Report:

Cdr Marshall announced that new BRSPS member (but long USPS member) Monika Bradley was elected by the Executive Committee at its June 12th meeting to fill the vacant Treasurer position for the rest of the term. Lt/C Bradley is a CPA and has been treasurer at several organizations.

Nancy Adams has graciously agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee for 2018, and nominations for 2019 will be open on July 1.



The Change of Watch is set for Saturday 13 October at River Rocks on US1 and can be reached by car or boat. It will be a luncheon. To keep the costs at \$40.00/person, we must have at least 34 paid attendees.

Admin Officer Report:

Lt/C Gail Wall reviewed upcoming events. On 14 July, the Corn Roast will be held at Ballard Park. Please bring a covered dish to share. On 30 June, the Dragon Point Navigation Challenge will be held. The deadline for signing up is 24 June.

Gail would like to enlist the talents of many of our members in creating new BRSPS activities.

Ed Department Report:

P/C James Merker announced plans for a Vessel Examiners course, possibly for the weekend after the 4th of July on Friday night or Saturday morning. Also planned is an Instructor Training course which would include recertification for existing instructors. Tests are here for the AP course. There is a possibility of a Weather course this Fall.

There is also an upcoming Jr. Basic Boating class on 24 -26 June at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center.

If the Vessel Safety Examiner's (VSE) course can be held before the Corn Roast, the Corn Roast could be used to hold test exams on boats, as each examiner must perform 5 supervised vessel inspections prior to obtaining VSE certification.

Secretary's Report:

Membership is at 66, plus 2 associate members.

New BRSPS name tags have been ordered and should arrive by the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Cdr. Marshall reported checking and savings account balances per ExCom minutes.

Tinker and Stephanie Murphy displayed a number plate that could be used for the

Christmas Boat Parade. They volunteered to print the signs which can be affixed to cardboard for use by the Boat Parade contest participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 2009.

Next General meeting will be held on July 16, 2018 at Beef O'Brady's at 3030 Lake Washington Rd., Melbourne. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on July 10, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy
BRSPS Secretary
June 27, 2018



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FROM THE SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: P/D/C Bob Becker, SN

This month I am going to write about **Member Involvement**..here goes..

Membership Involvement is a broad word in Banana River because it means that you, as a squadron member, have the option of doing many things. You have the option of attending our monthly meetings, you have the option of coming to our social events, you have the option of taking one or more of our educational courses or even assisting at one of the courses. There are many other options for a member **to get involved**.



One of the advantages of getting involved is that you meet fellow squadron members. Many of these members have many years of boating experience. If you have a boat and are having trouble, there is always a Banana River member who has the skills to help you correct the problem. It is nice to know that members always seem to have your back when boating problems arise. A lot of my boating knowledge has come from squadron members. An advantage coming from attending events and getting known by my fellow members.

In looking at meeting and event participation, only the same few members seem to attend. To meet your fellow members and gain their knowledge, you must attend meetings and events. It is discouraging to see only the same few attend an event when so much work and effort has gone into the event.

Our squadron officers changed the monthly meeting location to make it easier for the mainland members to attend. Our squadron educational people put a lot of time and effort into scheduling courses and again only a few members show up.

Look at your schedule. Make a note of our membership meeting dates, jot down the dates of a course you would like to take, and don't forget our "on the water" social events. You won't forget if you mark them on your calendar.

You are a member of the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron so come out and meet your fellow members. We all have something in common....love of boating and being on the water!

GET INVOLVED!!

P/D/C Bob Becker, SN Membership Chairman

**GET
ON
BOARD**



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 16, 2018

Social 1830 Meeting 1915
(6:30 p.m.) (7:15 p.m.)

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S
3030 Lake Washington Rd
Melbourne, FL

Speaker: P/C Earl Gillespie, P

Topic: To Antarctica – 5,500 miles, 35 days

Description – Our trip to Antarctica thru the Straits of Magellan, around the Horn, and thru Iceberg Alley.



MEETING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

If you are a member and need transportation to and from the Squadron General Meetings you are invited to call **Shari Marshall, 734-347-2992** who will gladly make the arrangements for you. There is no charge and no reason needed other than the desire to have a great evening with fellow Squadron members. **Call now and don't miss out!**



BRSPS CORN ROAST

Ballard Park

Saturday, July 14

11:00 to 2:00

The Corn Roast/Picnic will be held at Pavilion #8 at Ballard Park, 924 Thomas Barbour Drive, Melbourne (off the Indian River Lagoon in the Eau Gallie River).

We hope that ALL members will attend -- come by boat or drive over in your care. Easy access!! Covered pavilion!!

MENU

Corn, of course

Hot dogs, buns, mustard, catsup, sauerkraut, etc

Cold drinks and water

We will provide utensils, plates, cups, napkins, etc

PLEASE bring a dish to pass (pasta salad, beans, veges, dessert)

PLEASE bring any other beverage you might want to consume

(beer or wine comes to mind...)



RSVP

Contact Gail Wall at
gail.brsps@gmail.com or 772 418-4507

No later than July 10, 2018



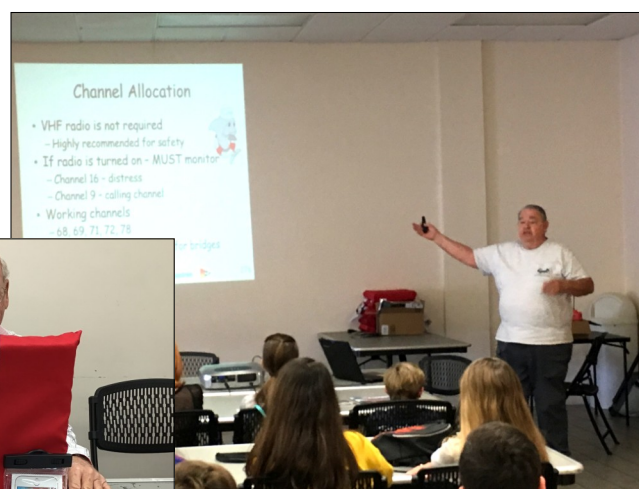
JR BASIC BOATING - JUNE 2018

Satellite Beach Recreation Department

Mon-Wed June 25-27, 2018



Thirty-one teenagers attended the June Jr Basic Boating classes. Of the 29 who took the exam, 25 passed with a high score of 92%. That due to the great instruction by Valerie Dietrich, Bill Veit and Ernst Hofmann, and John Pechar and Ernst (left to right above). Below Earl Gillespie addresses the group as well. Extra help with set up, refreshments, and grading of exams included Bob Becker, Jim Merker, and Ed LeCun shown with Type IV PFD awarded to those with scores of 90% or greater and a waterproof pouch for those with scores of 85% to 89%.



Sample Curriculum Used for JrBB

Know someone between ages 11-17 who might benefit from this course? Next offered July 16-18.

Jr BASIC BOATING COURSE June 2018

D R Schechter Community Center, City of Satellite Beach

Rev June 22, 2018

Slide #	CD Chpt	MONDAY, June 25, 2018	Instructor	Start Time	Finish Time	Allotted Hrs:min	# of Slides
1	0	9:00:00 AM Introduction	E Hofmann	9:00	9:15	0:15	8
9	1	Know Your Boat	V Dietrich	9:15	9:29	0:14	14
23	2	Before You Get Underway	V Dietrich	9:29	9:45	0:16	16
39	3	Operating Your Boat Safely	J Merker	9:45	10:12	0:27	27
		Break		10:12	10:22	0:10	
67	3.1	Getting Underway	J Merker	10:22	10:33	0:11	11
78	3.2	Navigation Lights and Sounds	R Becker	10:33	11:02	0:29	30
108	3.3	Navigation Aids	R Becker	11:02	11:25	0:23	23
Total =						2:25	

Slide #	CD Chpt	TUESDAY, June 26, 2018	Instructor	Start Time	Finish Time	Allotted Hrs:min	# of Slides
		9:00 AM Welcome Back	E Hofmann	9:00	9:05	0:05	
131	3.4	Anchoring	E Hofmann	9:05	9:21	0:16	16
147	3.5	PWC Operation	V Dietrich	9:21	9:35	0:14	14
161	4	Legal Requirements of Boating	V Dietrich	9:35	10:00	0:25	22
183	4.1	Life Jackets	W Veit	10:00	10:20	0:20	14
		Break		10:20	10:35	0:15	
197	4.2	Fire Extinguishers	W Veit	10:35	10:50	0:15	11
208	4.4	Visual Distress Signals	W Veit	10:50	11:10	0:20	16
224	4.5	PWC Regulations and Misc	V Dietrich	11:10	11:24	0:14	14
Total =						2:24	

Slide #	CD Chpt	WEDNESDAY, June 27, 2018	Instructor	Start Time	Finish Time	Allotted Hrs:min	# of Slides
		9:00 AM Welcome Back	E Hofmann	9:00	9:05	0:05	
238	5	Boating Emergencies	E Hofmann	9:05	9:38	0:33	31
269		Communications	E Gillespie	9:38	9:45	0:07	6
277	6	Enjoying Watersports with Your Boat	E Gillespie	9:45	10:13	0:28	29
		Weather Forecasts and Clouds	E Hofmann	10:13	10:28	0:15	24
306	7	Wrap-up	E Hofmann	10:28	10:33	0:05	
		Break		10:33	10:43	0:10	
		Exam Instructions and Tips;					
		Exam	E Hofmann	10:43	11:33	0:50	
Total =						2:33	296

Total 3 days

7:22



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- ▶ VHF Radio Communications
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Course and Boater ID Card required to operate power boat if born after Jan 1, 1988



Only \$20.00

Next ABC3 Course:

Saturday, August 18, 2018
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Class is limited to 15 students

Bring your lunch—refreshments will be served

Ascension Lutheran Church

1053 Pinetree Dr
Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937

Registration with payment required by Aug 13



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Webinar

HURRICANE PREPARATION FOR BOATERS



Hurricane Preparation for Boaters Webinar

If you live in a hurricane-susceptible area, you need to create a hurricane plan for your boat. Given the severity and unpredictability of hurricanes, it's best to act early, even before a hurricane watch is issued. The best hurricane plan is useless if you don't have enough time to implement it.

Remember, other boat owners will be securing their boats, too. Your hurricane hole may be full, your marina jammed, and access roads and bridges may be closed if you wait too long.

The America's Boating Club Webinar "Hurricane Preparation for Boaters" covers

- the hurricane environment
- preparing your boat
- insurance options
- after the storm

Don't miss this timely webinar and the panelist Q&A session afterward. [Sign up today!](#)

Hurricane Preparation for Boaters | \$25 | July 10, 2018 | 8 p.m. ET

United States Power Squadrons

"Hurricane Preparation for Boaters" Live Online Webinar which starts on

Tue 10 JULY 2018 at 8:00 PM

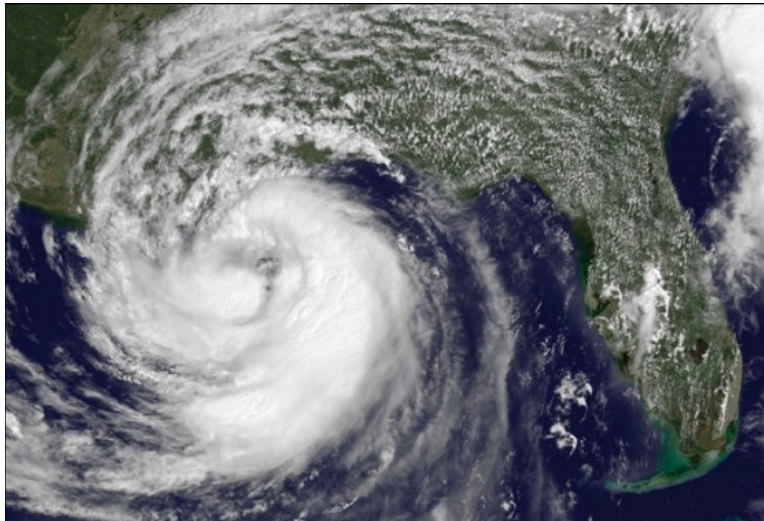
(Member Price is \$25.00)

(Non-Member Price is \$25.00)

Your Price is \$25.00

Additional Notes

If you live in a hurricane susceptible area, you need to create a hurricane plan for your boat. Given the severity and unpredictability of hurricanes, it's best to act early, even before a hurricane watch is issued. The best hurricane plan is useless if you don't have enough time to implement it. Remember, other boat owners will be securing their boats, and many people will be evacuating low lying areas Your hurricane hole may be full, your marina jammed, and even access roads and bridges may be closed if you wait too long. The America's Boating Club Webinar covering "Hurricane Preparation for Boaters" will be presented in five sections discussing; "The Hurricane Environment", "Preparing Your Boat", "Insurance Options", "After the Storm", and "Lessons Learned."



Requires USPS Member Logon at USPS.org, click on Find A Boating Course Online, scroll down to Webinars, choose Hurricane Preparation for Boaters and register.



Bridge Nominations Are Open

Each year our members are asked to identify the leadership of the Squadron for the next year. Every member has the opportunity and responsibility to nominate any member who is best able to serve as an elected officer of the Squadron.

The time to make nominations is NOW. It is an important responsibility and not to be set aside or taken lightly. Those nominated, and if elected, mold the future of our Squadron.

The next page lists all the positions open on the Bridge, Executive Committee, and supporting committees. Please let the Nominating Committee Chair, Lt Nancy Adams, S, know whom you would like to nominate. The easiest way to do this is to call Nancy at 417 850-1147 who can fill out a nominating form.

Every nomination must be accompanied by YOUR name. All nominations are held in confidence. The deadline is **September 15**. The election will be held at the September General Membership meeting on September 17.

Don't be bashful to nominate YOURSELF. If you would like a detailed description of any of the positions, go to the USPS website or contact P/V/C Dick Peoples, SN at 321 698-9265.

Please remember BRSPS is a volunteer organization and without members who are willing to serve, the Squadron can not exist.

Your 2018 BRSPS Nominating Committee



General Membership Nomination Form

I nominate the following: _____ (your name)

Bridge Nominations (1 yr term):

Commander _____

Executive Officer _____

Administrative Officer _____

Education Officer _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Executive Committee Nominations (1 yr term):

Five At-Large Members _____

Financial Review Committee

1 Two-year term _____

Rules Committee Member

1 Two-year term _____

Nominating Committee

1 Two-year term _____

Please print and send to Lt Nancy Adams, S at
fancynancy012@gmail.com or
 mail to 6435 Genoa Trail, Melbourne, FL 32940 or
 call 417 850-1147 by **SEPTEMBER 15**



Doubles Beachside to be demolished after 35-year-run! **(Former meeting spot of BRSPS for many years!!)**

After a 35-year-run, Doubles Beachside will close by the end of June to clear room for a \$7 million expansion by neighboring Zon Beachside Assisted Luxury Living.

The search is underway for a future Doubles Beachside restaurant site along the barrier island. Ray Featherhoff, Doubles Beachside founder, said "We have three locations that are all within 2 miles, all on A1A, and they're all good. And, they're all negotiating with us."

Target final day of business is June 28. Afterward, crews will demolish the building.

Doubles Beachside debuted in 1983 as a hoagie shop near South Patrick and Banana River Drives. The eatery expanded in December 2005, moving across the street into a portion of the former Pines Resort.

Zon Beachside Assisted Living opened in July 2016, also occupying part of the Pines Resort. The \$7 million adult care facility houses 100 apartments for older residents. Target construction start time is August, with a projected expansion opening date next April. The two-story, 30,000-square-foot expansion will house 25 assisted living apartments, six memory care apartments, offices, a movie theater, a chapel, a multi-purpose ballroom, physical therapy rooms, and an enclosed butterfly atrium.

Rick Neale, FLORIDA TODAY, May 31, 2018. Neale is a South Brevard watchdog reporter at FLORIDA TODAY

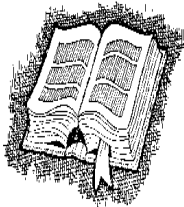
THE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: P/D/C George Ammon, SN



Please be aware that George has been transferred from rehab to assisted living. He is now at River-view Senior Resort, 3490 Gran Ave, Palm Bay 32905. It is located off US 1 at Malabar Point. His phone number is 321 312-4555, Ext 6215. A call or a visit would certainly cheer him up.

New member, Joe Bradley, recently underwent two surgical procedures for a skin lesion. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

We want to thank all those people who keep in touch with their friends and fellow members. We look forward to seeing all of you at future BRSPS Activities.



If you know of any special needs of any of our squadron members, please contact George at 321 312-4555 Ext 6215.



BRSPS Members who have a July Birthday!

Shari Marshall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



BANANA RIVER BOOSTER CLUB

We are reviving our Booster Club. A \$10 contribution is all it takes to support your Squadron for a year.

We wish to thank our 2018 supporters :

P/C Don Kadlac, AP (05/18)

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP (05/18)

YOU TOO CAN BE A BRSPS BOOSTER MEMBER!



Florida Boating Advisory Council Meeting May 17, 2018 – St. Augustine, Florida P/R/C William E. Husted, SN, USPS Liaison

The following represents a brief summary of items of interest to USPS from the most recent FBAC meeting. A complete documentation of topics discussed will be made available by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) prior to the next Advisory Council meeting in the fall. Should anyone need clarification or further explanation of any comments, please contact me directly by email, uspsprc@att.net, or my cell, 954.980.8300.

(The Non-Motorized Boat Working Group addressing issues affecting the more than 700,000 paddle craft met all day prior to our meeting. The group defined a variety of messages and how to market them. Safety issues were highlighted as well. A delineated list of priorities, when made available, will be provided for your review.)

In addition to D/C Jim Suber of District 23, guests attending this FBAC meeting included representatives from the National Safe Boating Council, the National Boating Safety Advisory Council, Boat US, the National Marine Manufacturers Association and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Named as this year's Boating Safety Educator of the Year was FWC's Steve Marshall. Selected as FWC's Boating Officer of the Year was Juan Blanco serving Miami-Dade and Monroe County.

2017 Quick Facts.... Florida has 944,162 registered vessels, slightly more than last year. Some 2,456 people were involved in the 766 reportable boating accidents. Forty-seven percent of accidents were caused by collisions which again topped the type of accidents. More than 70% of operators involved in accidents had no boater education. There were 67 fatalities, the same number as last year. Injuries numbered 437. Of those vessels involved in fatal accidents, 42% were 16 feet or less with PWCs accounting for most of the fatalities. Falls overboard resulting in drowning were the leading cause of fatalities as they have been for the past 15 years. Inattention, lack of a proper lookout and inexperienced operators topped the list of causes for boating accidents. The number of Boating Safety ID Cards issued totaled 48,301.

Boating-related legislation was minimal this year. A couple of items USPS has been championing are still on the table. While no action was taken on the bow riding issue – I've been told it's still being considered – limiting the effective period of FWC-issued Vessel Safety Check decals is progressing. Florida legislators agreed in principal that granting a lifetime VSC decal was not a realistic approach. A bill was passed for Administrative Review to limit application to 1 year. The implementation date is still undetermined but be confident it's on its way.

Derelict Vessels.... FWC was super busy as a result of Hurricane Irma. Of the almost \$1.5 million allocated for removal of derelict vessels in Florida in the 2017-18 legislative appropriation, \$1 million was diverted to cover the costs of this monster storm. The cost to remove a derelict vessel ranges from \$25,000 to \$40,000 depending on the vessel's size. The state pays 75% of the cost of removal with the individual assessed the remaining 25%.

FBAC Continued:

Hurricane Irma Displaced Vessels.... Major Rob Rowe reported that in FWC's initial response 22 coastal counties were impacted. In this phase, some 2,600 vessels were assessed and 948 were removed to 16 storage sites for disposition. Only 126 vessels remain to be destroyed. Today, major restoration efforts are underway in the Florida's Keys.

Rebranding USPS and America's Boating Club.... I was privileged to present the rebranding effort being conducted by USPS and its transition to America's Boating Club. Outlined were numerous reasons for change involved in the evolution of recreational boating and people's priorities with limited time. Stressed were our incentives to be more inclusive to all types of boating including paddle craft, power and sail. My explanation involved presenting one of the Marketing Committee's 30-second promotional videos as well as a PowerPoint.

Working Waterfronts.... A subcommittee is being formed following an animated discussion of challenges to available waterfronts. Competing for space and water access are marinas, boat yards and other commercial boating-related establishments, versus the residential developers and others such as cruise ports wanting to expand. You'll be hearing more about these issues and hoped-for resolutions to some extent in the months to come.

**THE CLEAN BOATER PLEDGE:**

- **Keep Florida's waters free of trash and recycle**
- **Practice proper fueling techniques**
- **Use pump-out facilities**
- **Help prevent the spread of exotics**
- **Be a Clean Boater example**
- **Encourage fellow boaters to "Take the Pledge"**

Remember that a clean environment starts with ME



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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



D/Lt/C Ron Poland, SN

D23 Administrative Officer

I want to encourage our members to get the most out of your membership by participating in your squadron and district events. America's Boating Club is dedicated to education, public service and fellowship so there must be something for everyone to enjoy. Join in on your squadron's boating activities, help teach a class to the next generation of boaters or enjoy an evening meal with your fellow shipmates.

Please also keep in mind our Fall District Conference on Saturday, October 20th. Cocoa Beach Sail & Power is the sponsor for this event. They are trying a new single day format with this event, holding the business meeting and N club meeting at the Cocoa Beach Country Club auditorium with a picnic at the country club pavilion following.

Additionally our Spring Conference and Change of Watch are taking shape. We are looking to hold the event in St. Augustine Beach next March at the Guy Harvey Resort. We will have access to a ballroom with outside patio, pool, and the beach so start planning to join us.

Finally, as we head into summer I would like to encourage all of you to be safe on the water, stay hydrated during all outdoor activities and have a plan for the hurricane season. Most of all have fun!

Smooth sailing,

Ron



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

THE POWER OF ONE

If everyone recruited just ONE person each year we would double in size in about a year.

Sounds so simple but, it is difficult because many of us don't like to ASK someone to join us (it is selling). The worst they can do is say no. ASK a friend. ASK the person whose VSC you did. ASK the person who wonders about the insignia on your shirt or cap. ASK the person who took a class or seminar. Just ASK someone!

Robert Howd, USPS Membership

NEW MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRE COOPERATION

Everybody needs to think membership—the commander, the treasurer, the secretary, the public affairs person, the educational officer and of course the membership person.

Everybody has an input and sort of needs to keep their eye on the goal of new members. Keep lists of contacts and re-invite, re-remind and just keep in contact. Make sure new members get the info they need, their name tags, rosters, etc. If you do any of these things, make sure the new members and prospects are on the list to get them.

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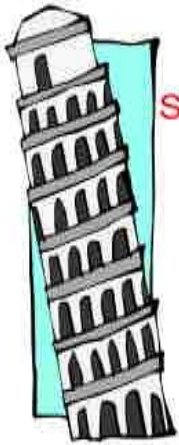
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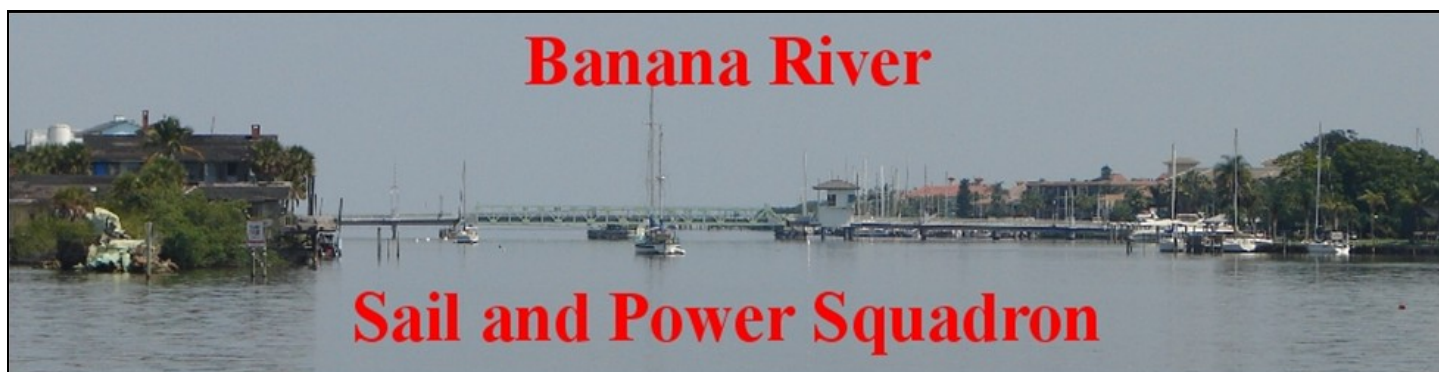
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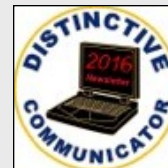
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JULY

3	COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING	1830	Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island
10	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach
11	ECSA GENERAL MEETING	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Center
14	CORN ROAST/PICNIC	1100	Ballard Park, 924 Thomas Barbour Dr, Melbourne
16,17,18	JR BASIC BOATING	900	Schechter Community Center, Satellite Beach
16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1830	BEEF 'O' BRADY'S 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne
21	CBSPS CRUISE TO JB's FISH CAMP		

AUGUST

7	COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING	1830	Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island
8	ECSA GENERAL MEETING	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Center
14	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach
18	ABC3	900	Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Dr, IHB
20	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1830	BEEF 'O' BRADY'S 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne

SEPTEMBER

3	LABOR DAY PARADE		
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11	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach
17	GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING	1830	BEEF 'O' BRADY'S 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne