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Viking ship sighting on the Indian River (See pg 17)

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Weather Course

Starts Wed September 5, 2018

6:30 pm

Melbourne National Weather Service

421 Croton Rd, Melbourne

See Page 10 for more Information



"Why We Need Sharks"

SEPT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, September 17, 2018

Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:15 pm

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne 32935

See Page 8 for more Information



D23 2018 Fall Conference

20 October

9:00 to 4:00

Cocoa Beach Country Club

4800 Tom Warriner Blvd

Cocoa Beach

See Pages 18-19 for more Information

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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.

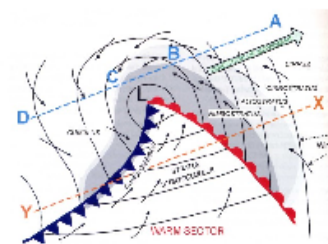


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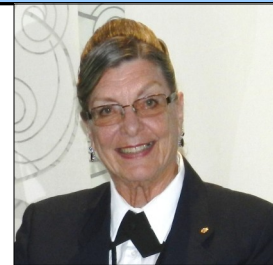
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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP

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The sign at the Eau Gallie Boat Ramp is in need of repair.

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STARTING NEXT

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

It's hard to believe the start of our Weather Course, in conjunction with the Melbourne Weather Service, is nearly upon us. Where did the summer go?



To that end, Ernst and I are asking for your help. What educational opportunities are you interested in? Did you miss out on something that we offered recently and would like a chance to partake? Is there an elective course we haven't taught in a while? Please see the educational flyer on page 3 if you need a refresher on what our core classes are.

I've also been contemplating **Dinner-and-a-Seminar** get-togethers if there is enough interest. Below is a list of the seminars that the squadron has on-hand. They are designed to be presented in 90-120 minutes, so each one is only a one-night commitment. Please let me know if you are interested.

- Anchoring
- Boat Handling Under Power
- How to Use a Chart
- Hurricanes and Boats
- Knots, Bends, and Hitches
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FROM THE SQUADRON SECRETARY: Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: August 20, 2018

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

Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; ; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C John Pechar, P; ; SN; P/C James Merker, AP; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S

Exec Board Absent

Lt/C Gail Wall, P; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Ed LeCun, JN

The meeting was called to order at 1916 by Cdr Marshall. Pledge and blessing were led by Lt/C John Pechar, P.

Ernst Hofmann introduced Andy Petruska, Retired Navy and Merchant Marine Captain. Andy spoke about the multiple factors which all came to play in the sinking of the cargo ship, El Faro on Oct 1, 2015. She was lost at sea with all hands after losing propulsion near the eyewall of Hurricane Joaquin. El Faro departed Jacksonville, Florida, bound for Puerto Rico.



Commander's Report:

The District 23 Fall Conference will be Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. See pages 17-18 for more information.

The Change of Watch is set for 13 October at River Rocks on US1 in Rockledge and can be reached by car or boat. It is a luncheon. To keep the costs at \$40.00/person, we must have paid attendance of 34 people. Plan now to attend.

Keiser University has chosen Madison Pope, a nursing student, to receive the BRSPS Annual Scholarship. A check will be presented to Madison at the September meeting.



Admin Officer Report: Absent

The 17 September speaker will be Richard O'Toole (The Shark Man). He will speak on "Why We Need Sharks."

Ed Department Report:

P/C James Merker reported that 2 students took the AP exam, one passing. Congratulations Adam Smith! A date will be set for a makeup exam.

A Weather course will begin on 5 September at the National Weather Service in Melbourne. It will run thru 24 October, with the test on 31 October. The course requires a minimum of 10 people to attend.

Jim is looking for vessels to be used for Vessel Safety Checks. There are 4 examiners who need 5 vessels each to evaluate.

Secretary's Report: Absent

Membership continues at 65, plus 2 associate members.

New name tags are available for pickup. Members can order the new name tags at a cost of \$7.00 each with magnetic back.

Treasurer's Report:

Lt/C Monika Bradley reported the savings and checking account balances.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Next General meeting will be held on September 17, 2018 at Beef O'Brady's at 3030 Lake Washington Rd., Melbourne. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 11, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Cdr Marshall,
Acting Secretary

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

Unlike our fellow Power Squadron members up north, we can boat for the entire twelve months in a year. Right after Labor Day our northern boaters start preparing their boats for winter storage. Their boating season is roughly from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



While their boating season is short, they pack a great deal of boating activities into those few months. As a former resident of Long Island and a member of Captree Power Squadron on the south shore of Long Island, I was very active in the boating activities. For example every weekend from June thru September there were raft-ups, navigation contests both within the squadron as well as with several other adjoining squadrons. Couple this with at least two USPS District 3 get-togethers out at the eastern end of Long Island.

Weekend raft-ups usually saw anywhere from 15-30 Captree boats having fun from Friday evening to late on Sunday in local waters.

Navigation contests consisted of predicted log events to just running various courses to see who could come closest to following a charted course.

Rain or shine, due to the short season we were on our boat involved in a USPS boating activity every weekend.

Yet here in sunny Florida where we can boat all year round, seldom do I see boats leave the Patrick AFB yacht basin or any other marina You can count the number of boats out on the rivers on one hand. We need to get together much more often on the water. There are so many things we, as a squadron can do on week-ends. We have the boats, we have the water, we have pretty good weather. All we need is YOU!!!

Let's get more involved!!

P/D/C Bob Becker SN, Membership Chair

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Oceanic Whitetip Shark

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 17, 2018

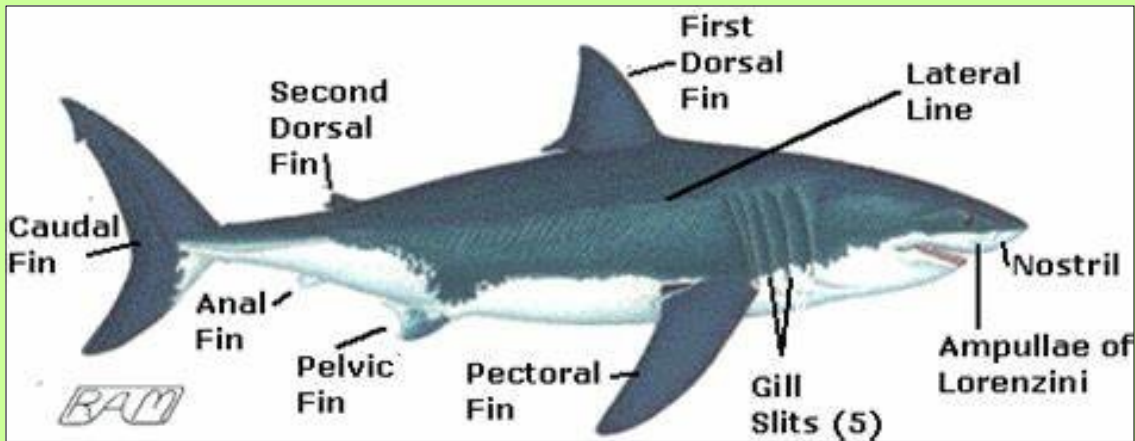
**Social 1830
(6:30 p.m.)**

**Meeting 1915
(7:15 p.m.)**

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

Speaker: Richard O'Toole (The Shark Man)

Topic: "Why We Need Sharks"



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!**

MEET THE SPEAKER RICHARD O'TOOLE (The Shark Man)

Richard grew up in South Miami, FL., with easy access to the Keys, Biscayne Bay and the Caribbean Sea where he learned to water ski, free dive and scuba. In 1959 he had an early encounter with an 8 ft Hammerhead and decided to learn more about sharks. Some of his knowledge about shark prevention came from his father who was a marine biologist at the University of Miami studying shark behavior in conjunction with a Government project to develop a shark repellent. Using certain skills developed from free diving he eventually was able to overcome fear and swim close to sharks and study their behavior.

Richard has attended the Project Shark Awareness workshop at the University of Florida which uses information developed by its past Director George Burgess, who is recognized worldwide as a leading authority on sharks. Richard continues to review his findings with a Research Biologist Professor at the UF's Program for Shark Research and with marine biologists around the world.

Richard produced his own shark presentation based on 59 years of swimming with sharks. He first introduced his shark slide show presentation to the Marine Discovery Center in New Smyrna Beach. Since then he has done slide show presentations to various yacht clubs, scuba clubs, Coast Guard, small businesses, Coast Guard Auxiliary and power squadrons.

His presentations cover shark myths and methods used to avoid shark attacks. Richard likes to actively engage the audience in his presentation, so you may want to stay alert during for that is a skill you will surely need if you are in the water and a shark wants to "get up close and personal with you".

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Monday, September 17, 2018
General Membership Meeting**



Madison Pope and Mom

My name is Madison Pope, and I am 20 years old. I graduated high school a year early to pursue my career in nursing. Since I can remember, I was always the one to step up and do whatever I could to help others. I love making people feel important and cared for, which is why I love nursing. It makes me feel good knowing that I did my best and spent my time with patients making them feel special.

I've always been very athletic, playing soccer for 12 years, and now I love working out and being healthy. I spend most of my time at school, but in my free time I bring my 2 fur-baby pitbulls, Stella and Blanca, on a car ride somewhere.

I'm beyond excited to make a difference in people's lives as a nurse, and am very thankful to be chosen for this scholarship.



Weather Course

September 5, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Melbourne National Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb.

In this course students will become keener observers of the weather within the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere.

This course is offered in collaboration with the Melbourne National Weather Service and will be taught by their meteorologists.

This meteorology course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another:

Effects of Heat and Cold
Wind and Pressure
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Ernst Hofmann

290 Paradise Blvd No 36

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Registration deadline with payment is August 23, 2018



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 2017 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
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**BRSPS Members who
have a September Birthday!**

Pat Becker

John Carbee

Rosemary Donohue

Ken Ernandes

Jeanne Le Cun

Jose Nunez

Eric Story

Ed Wrasmann

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2018

FALL CONFERENCE



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COCOA BEACH, FL 32931

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

CATERED BBQ LUNCH: \$17.00

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0900 – 1000: SEXTANT AND KNOT TYING



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1400 – 1600: CONFERENCE MEETING

1600 – 1700: N CLUB MEETING





**2018 D23 Fall Conference
20 October
Cocoa Beach Country Club
4800 Tom Warriner Blvd.
Cocoa Beach, Florida**

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

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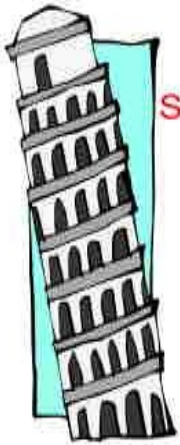
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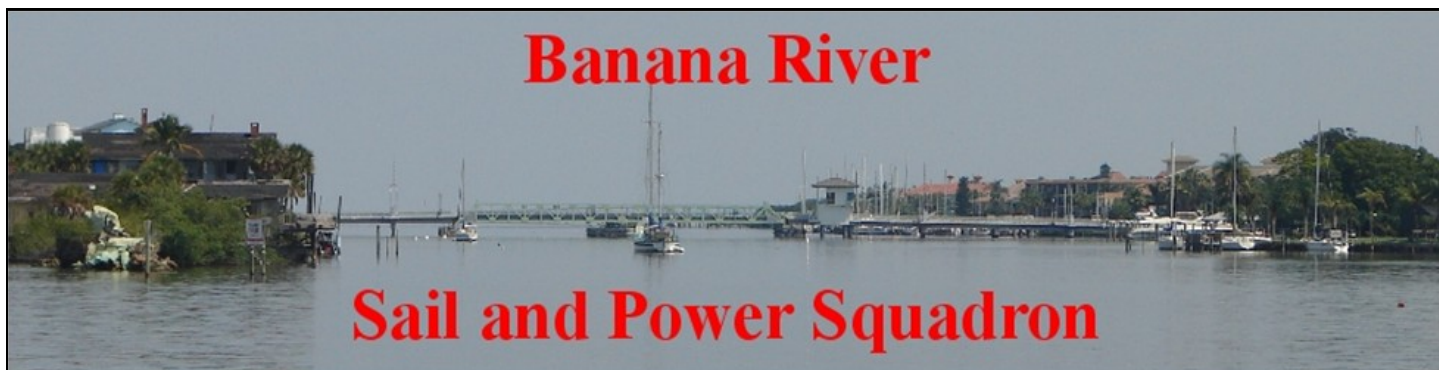
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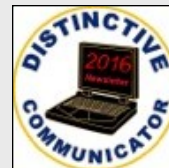
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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2018

SEPTEMBER

4	COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING	1830	Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island
5	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
11	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach
12	ECSA GENERAL MEETING	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd
12	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
17	BRSPS ANNUAL MEETING	1830	BEEF 'O' BRADY'S 3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne
19	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
26	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb

OCTOBER

2	COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING	1830	Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island
3	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
9	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach
10	ECSA GENERAL MEETING	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd
10	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
13	CHANGE OF WATCH	1100	RIVER ROCKS RESTAURANT
15	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE REGISTRATION OPENS		
17	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
20	D23 FALL CONFERENCE	900	Cocoa Beach Country Club
24	WEATHER COURSE	1830	Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb
31	WEATHER COURSE FINAL EXAM	1830	Keiser University