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18 February

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SAMSONS ISLAND OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Feb 16

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
TO GREET THE PUBLIC**

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USPS ANNUAL MEETING

February 18-24

Rosen Center Hotel

9840 International Drive

Orlando, FL 32819

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

Communication



It is with a great deal of pride that I display the award pictured below. This newsletter has been a labor of love for me over the last four years, but it is truly a group effort. I rely on our Secretary, Stephanie Murphy,, For minutes of the executive and general meetings. Plus, Stephanie takes wonderful pictures which help document and elaborate on our events. Ernst Hofmann updates the course fliers, promotes on-the-water activities, and acts as proofreader. Jim Merker, your SEO, contributes the ongoing course schedules, highlights of the classes, locations, and test results. Bob Becker, your Membership Chair, has graciously written his column going on two years. Gail Wall, your AO, maintains the Squadron calendar and publicity announcements for events. ALL of these contributions have lead to Dragon Tales being one of the finest newsletters in USPS!

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United States Power Squadrons® The Distinctive Communicator Award for Publications for 2018



The Distinctive Communicator Award for 2018 has been presented to the following district/squadron publications. Only those publications listed are entitled to include the DCA logo on their newsletters for 2019. The logo can be downloaded from the CommCom website.

Squadrons in District 23

Banana River - Dragon Tales

Cocoa Beach - The Soundings

Harris Chain - The Anchor Chain

Jacksonville - The Skipper

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, AP

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: January 21, 2019

LOCATION: Cocoa Beach Squid Lips

Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; SN; P/C James Merker, AP; SN; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S;

Exec Board Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, Lt/C Monika Bradley, S ; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN; Lt/C Gail Wall, P;

Members Attending: 15

Visitors:

Six attending for Boat Parade Awards, two photographers and Coast Guard Auxiliary representative

The meeting was called to order at 1915 by Cdr Marshall. Pledge and blessing were led by John Pechar.

Boat Parade Awards were presented by Ernst Hofmann and Cdr Marshall to the winners in the following categories:

Power Over 30 Feet:

First Place: "Took A While", Jessica Bolton
Second Place: "Munjack Bound", Paul Berube
Third Place: There were only 2 entries.

Power 30 Feet and Under:

First Place: "Knot Stolen", Rodney Quinn
Second Place: "Up On A Plane", Rick Kasold
Third Place: "Sea Goat", Wayne Rudisaile

Sail Boat:

First Place: "Windcatcher", Bob Cahall
Second Place: "Enzo," Joe Pellegrino
Third Place: "Seaclone", Stuart Miller"

All boaters were thanked for their participation.

Commander's Report:

The Cocoa Beach SPS Change of Watch will be Feb 9 from 1100 – 1500 at the Port Canaveral Yacht Club at 910 Mullet Road, Cape

Canaveral, FL 32920. Deb Henry is the incoming commander.



The USPS Annual Meeting Is Feb 18 – 24 at the Omni Rosen Center in Orlando. XO Don Kadlac will attend 3 days. Commander will also be attending.

The D23 Spring Conference will be held Mar 8 – 10 at the Guy Harvey Resort in St. Augustine Beach. This will be discussed in a following meeting. There will be a 1.5 hour harbor cruise on the 8th at 4:30 pm priced at less than \$20.

Executive Officer Report:

Don Kadlac, XO, presented a written report on the D23 Winter Council meeting held on Jan 12 in Port Orange. This was attended by AO Gail Wall and SEO Jim Merker. Discussion included donating boats to USPS squadrons and ways to increase membership. There is a new ABC3 book. Banana River SPS is responsible for bringing decorations to the D23 Spring Conference.

Admin Officer Report:

Samson's Island Open House is Feb 16, and we need volunteers to man our table to give out brochures and perform cleanup. If you have the available time, please email Don Kadlac and/or Gail Wall.

The February meeting will be Feb 18 at Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach, The program will be Page Proffitt, speaking on "Cell Phone Application Programs." The Commander has heard this presentation, and it contains a great deal of options for your phone. Mr. Proffitt is the ECSA Program Chair and member of the Melbourne Yacht Club,

The March meeting will be Mar 18 at Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach, The program will be Rudy & Jill Sechez speaking on "Anchoring and Navigating the ICW."

Continued

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY: LT/C STEPHANIE MURPHY, AP

Gail is collecting selections of activities throughout the county where BRSPS can make an appearance to gain more publicity and new members, including fairs, any founder's day events in the community, and any other activities where we can set up and man a table. Please provide this information to Gail.

The 2019 BRSPS Calendar is under development with major events including the Flare Up on 6/1, Waypoint Challenge on 6/29, the Man Overboard on 6/29, Corn Roast on 7/13, the Fall District Picnic, and our COW on 10/19.

Gail suggested consideration of Young's Buffett, 4700 Babcock St, NE Palm Bay for future meetings starting in April 2019. There are two separate rooms that might be used, although they do not have doors that can be closed, but Monday nights should be quiet.

Ed Department Report:

Jim Merker provided the following report.

Three Basic Boating (ABC3) courses are planned for 2019 (3/16, 8/17/10/26) as well as a Junior Basic Boating class for the spring break timeframe (18-20 March, 0900-1130 daily).

We will be performing several Vessel Safety Checks in the near future to allow all students who passed the previous course can attain their certification. In addition, another VSC course will be planned.

Planned courses for 2019 include Instructor Development (new and recertification) and Seamanship. Seamanship will be discussed with USPS Ed Dept at the National Meeting. BRSPS will also be working with CBSPS so members in either squadron will have more educational selections. CBSPS will be holding Piloting and Electronic Navigation courses this year.

Secretary's Report:

BRSPS has 61 active members and 2 associate members.

Treasurer's Report:

Monika Bradley provided savings and checking balances.

The meeting was adjourned at 2115.

Next General Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on February 18, 2019 at Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach. Next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on February 12, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy
BRSPS Secretary
Jan. 30, 2019



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

So, I'm sure you are as excited as I am about the next phase of outboard tear-down on this 70 hp Suzuki. On 12 January, we removed the lower unit, the mid-section, and the oil pan. Next on 26 January, we started working on the power head to see if we can find the reason for water in the fuel oil.

Please feel free to join us as a worker-bee, a supervisor, or something in between. I'm just hoping to get our members more comfortable with engines in general, and marine engines more specifically.

I look forward to seeing you on 2 February!
2470 Arizona Street
Melbourne, FL 32904



10:00 am
26 January



12:30 pm
26 January

Calling all Squadron Educators, past, present, and future! In order to continue providing our line-up of classes to the public, we must have Certified Instructors. If you have already been through the Instructor Development Course, then all you need to do is attend the Recertification Seminar that will be held on 27 February. For our future instructors, the Instructor Development Course will be held starting 6 March and will last 3-4 weeks. All classes will be held at Keiser University and start at 6:30 pm. Please let Ernst or myself know if you will be attending either activity. Thank you in advance for furthering BRSPS's educational mission!!



Please help us get the word out that our first Adult Basic Boating Course will be held on March 16. See the included flyer for details.

We will be offering the Boat Handling Course starting 10 April, lasting for about 8 weeks. This is what has replaced the USPS Seamanship Course. We will be looking for volunteers to help teach this course, so please consider it when the request comes out.

THANKS!

Jim

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

It's February and to quote President George Washington, "I cannot tell a lie". I enjoy life in Florida.

I look at my friends back on Long Island brushing the snow from their boat covers, wishing it was warm and being out on their boats. It always depressed me to visit the boatyard during winter up north and see the boats under cover and the canals frozen over. Thinking about the work to be done come spring. And here we are in Florida enjoying warm weather along with our boats being in the water. Yes, this is the life everyone dreams about but few actually experience. I hope that our members who have boats are taking advantage of our good fortune by living here in Florida.



But don't forget that there are also many non-boating events going on here in Florida that we can and should take advantage of. First there are the general BRS&PS monthly membership meetings. We usually have a guest speaker speaking on a boating subject and it's a great place to meet and discuss boating with other members.

Second, there is the annual USPS National Meeting again being held in Orlando from 17-23 February. This is a great opportunity to see and participate in the workings of our national organization. USPS members will be in attendance from all over the United States.

Third, this is a great time to take one of the many USPS educational courses to increase your boating knowledge. Our own P/C Jim Merker is the person to speak to regarding the courses.

Yes, February has many opportunities to GET INVOLVED. An organization like ours exists only if we, the members GET INVOLVED. It's up to you to not just be a dues paying member. Take advantage of the many on and off water activities our squadron offers throughout the year,

And lastly, if you have any ideas that will make the squadron even greater than it currently is, let us know. Your squadron officers and at-large members are always open to suggestions and new ideas. For example we are looking for a monthly meeting place that will bring **all** our members together. If you know of such a meeting place, let us know. We certainly will look into it. Is there a particular on-water-event that you want? Again let us know.

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Bob



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January General Membership Meeting
Monday, 21 January
Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach



Left: Ernst Hofmann, Cdr Marshall and Joe Pellegrino. 2nd Place Sail
Right: Ernst, Shari and Wayne Rudisaile. 3rd Place Under 30 ft.



Left: Ernst, Shari and Bob Cahall and Donna Boyd. 1st Place Sail
Right: Ernst, Shari and Kara Karasch of Boaters Exchange accepting for Paul Berube. 2nd Place Over 30 ft



Members, Winners, and Guests



2018 WINNERS



1st Place—Sail Bob Cahall



2nd Place—Sail Joe Pellegrino



1st Place—Under 30 ft Rod Quinn



3rd Place—Under 30 ft Wayne Rudisaile



1st Place—Over 30 ft Jessica Bolton



2nd Place—Over 30 ft Paul Berube

**WE NEED 3
VOLUTEERS**



Saturday, Feb 16

0900 to 1400

SAMSONS ISLAND OPEN HOUSE

The event starts at 0930, so we should be in place by 0915, and ends at 1400.

There will be a table and 4 chairs supplied for us.

A boat from behind the Satellite Beach Fire house on South Patrick Drive runs a shuttle service, and we need to let them know how many of us there will be and when we would like to board.

Last year our group arrived at 0845 for set up. If we take your own boat to the island we can come to the island anytime between 0800 and 0845 for set up.

Volunteers are needed to retrieve items from the Crib (our storage unit) to bring along with!

Volunteers are needed to transport supplies to our assigned location on the island!

Banners and Posters need to be hung!

Volunteers are needed to staff the table, all or part of the time!

Be the first to sign up! You will really enjoy this!

Call or Email NOW!

Gail [772-418-4507](tel:772-418-4507) or Gail.BRSPS@Gmail.com



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, February 18, 2019

Social 1830

(6:30 p.m.)

Meeting 1930

(7:30 p.m.)

COCOA BEACH SQUID LIPS

2200 S. Orlando Avenue

Cocoa Beach 32931

**SPEAKER: Page Proffitt (Member of Melbourne Yacht Club and
East Coast Sailing Assoc)**

TOPIC: Cell Phone and Tablet Apps for Boating and Cruising

Come out and see how your "Smart Phone" can support you while boating and cruising around the world! We will be looking at navigation and chart plotting as well as weather apps, anchoring, AIS trackers and more. These programs may not be on your front line supporting your cruising needs but they sure come in handy. Let's wet our appetite for what we can use on that next cruise.

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!**



LOCATION FOR JAN, FEB, MARCH MEETINGS



COCOA BEACH SQUID LIPS

2200 S. Orlando Avenue

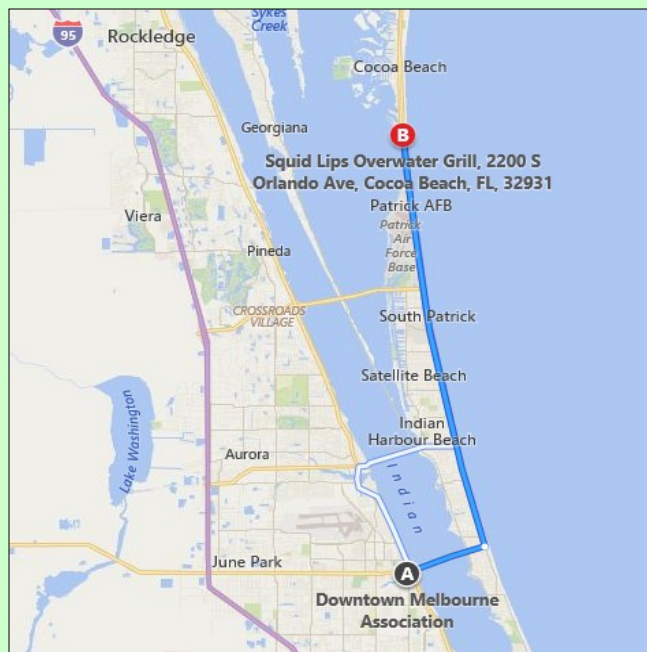
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COURSES ON DEMAND: Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org.

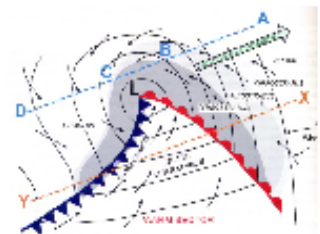


BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

March 16, 2019

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The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution in American Waters



The battle strategy began on March 9, 1783, when the *Alliance*, led by Capt. John Barry, and the *Due de Lauzun*, under command of Capt. John Green, divided their precious cargo of \$72,000 Spanish silver dollars and other specie that were badly needed by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

Off the coast of what is today Fort Pierce they completed the transfer and headed northward along the Florida coast.

At this same time, the British ships *Alarm*, a 32-gun frigate commanded by Capt. Charles Cotton; *Sybil*, 28-gun frigate led by Capt. James Vashon; and *Tobago*, 18-gun sloop-of-war with Capt. George Martin at the helm, met off Cape Canaveral and began cruising southward, looking for the American ships.

The British ships were spotted by Barry on the morning of March 10, 1783. Barry decided to head southwest for the protection of the Spanish fleet, which he knew was sailing for a raid on Jamaica. As they tried to escape, the slower ship, the *Due de Lauzun*, lagged behind. Barry slowed his ship for the *Due de Lauzun* to come alongside and advised Green to jettison his cannon to lighten his ship. A fourth ship appeared on the horizon and the British ships shifted their positions, one breaking off from the pursuit.

Barry decided that the fourth ship was an ally, so he made the daring move to engage the one British ship, *Sybil*, which was closing in, and thus buy sufficient time for the *Due de Lauzun* to escape to safety. Barry deliberately placed his ship between the *Due de Lauzun* and the oncoming *Sybil*. The *Sybil* continued firing her cannon and the *Alliance* took several shots. One smashed into the captain's cabin, killing a master's mate and wounding several others.

Barry left the quarter deck and personally walked from cannon to cannon encouraging and cautioning his men to not fire until he gave the order himself. He wanted to lure the enemy in as close as possible, "half a pistol range." The *Alliance* took a full broadside from the *Sybil* and still did not fire her cannon.

At the last moment, Barry ordered the main topsail raised to mast to position the *Alliance* directly abreast of the *Sybil*. At the order from Barry the full fury of a broadside from his ship was unleashed upon the *Sybil*. The British guns went silent after 40 minutes of close fighting; the *Sybil* lost two sails and had considerable damage to her hull. The *Sybil* quickly broke off from the fight and fled back to the other British vessels. Her casualties were reported to range up to 37 killed and 40 wounded.

Thanks to the courage and skill of Barry, both American ships completed their mission and on March 20, 1783, the *Alliance* sailed into New Port, R. I., abandoning the plan to return to Philadelphia because of the strong presence of a British patrol.

Thus, the last naval battle of the Revolutionary War was fought and won off the coast of Florida just south of Cape Canaveral ---sealing another American naval victory.



Greetings!

I am assisting with the celebration and remembrance of the last naval battle of the American Revolution that took place off of Cape Canaveral on 10 March 1783. As a maritime organization, and the fact that this historical event took place right here offshore, I thought your organizations might be interested in participating.

The commemoration of the last Naval Battle of the American Revolution usually musters at 0900 and begins at 1000 lasting approximately 90-120 minutes at the Brevard Veterans Center behind the Merritt Island Mall. Patriotic and maritime organizations from all over the US send representatives and attend in military attire from different time periods. This event is organized by the Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution. There have been as low as 30 and as high as 200 organizations attending most marching/walking in with a Color Guard. The US Sea Cadets volunteer to assist those who cannot carry their colors. I do not have a count of the number of organizations attending at this time.

The CG Station usually provides a four person Color Guard depending on operational availability. The AUX will have a two person Color Guard.

Duties of the Color Guard: Carry the US & your organization flag approximately 300 feet outside and place them in a stand by the dais and then sit down. (no prolonged standing). Any additional members (preferably in uniform) who wish to attend either march/walk in behind the Color Guard and then sit down or immediately go sit in the stands and show their support for the event.

There is also a voluntary wreath presentation ceremony. (not every organization participates in this)

As you might expect, there is a retelling of the event, there are guest speakers and each organization is recognized over the PA system as they pass by. Each participant is given a certificate of participation (actually a very nice one "suitable for framing" certificate) and each Color Guard is given a "battle ribbon" as a keepsake that they may attach to their flagstaff. There is a registration form and no fee to participate. I do not have a copy of the form at this time.

I hope your organization considers participating in some way.

Respectfully requested,.

William "Bill" Giers

DHS / US Coast Guard / Auxiliary

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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



D23 Educational Officer

D/Lt/C Tom Anderson, SN-CN



Greetings,

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your DEO in 2018. It has been a very interesting year, lots of changes. I am looking forward to serving again in 2019. Our Education Department is being asked to be a big part in USPS in 2019. We have a huge role in membership with some new programs for the General Public to bring in NEW MEMBERS.

One of the new programs is the "Jump Start Program". This allows us a personal one-on-one training with the general public on their boat. It is also open to our members. All the info on the program can be found on the National Educational page under on-the-water-training.

Some General Information:

The ABC3 Course has been approved through 31 December, 2021. There is a new version, when you order books you will receive the new edition. Don't discard the old books they are still good. There are some changes in the online ABC3 course. Florida no longer requires a proctored exam. National is now sending out contact info for anyone that has registered for the course. The contact information is sent out by zip code to the districts. We have to district coordinators myself and Sandy Schoonmaker. Sandy will be sending the info to the Squadron Education Officer and also to the student that has request the course. She has a great letter that she is sending out. Please follow up; a great chance for new members. "Thanks Sandy"

The BOC Program is still alive with a number of changes. All Certifiers will need to take the new Seminar to keep their status current.

There are a number of new seminars in the works for 2019.

The new Boat Handling Course has moved out of the pilot program. We held a class in Jacksonville, the committee did a great job on this course. There were no issues with the e-book version.

The Americas Boating Channel is an excellent tool to use in any class. Or share with your fellow boaters.

If there is anything I can assist with please feel free to contact me. In closing please remember to honor your instructors with a Chapman Award Submission. It would be great to have a submission from each Squadron. There will be much more to follow on the Chapman Award!!!!

Live your Dreams
Tom



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Salad/Rolls/Dessert

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Attending (Fish) _____

Attending (Chicken) _____

Total \$ _____

Total for Meals

\$ _____



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Dear Commanders;

I write to ask you to help your national Committee on Nominations encourage interest among members in D23 to get involved in our America's Boating Club at the national level. We have opportunities for members of all interests and abilities.

First I want to dispel a couple of rumors:

The minimum requirement for holding a national office is Membership in USPS! You do not need to be an N or JN or a P/D/C! Most national committees are looking for help.

The national committees are run by members, each of whom is culturally empowered to act. Although USPS has a hierarchy of leadership, those in power are not dictators, but rather enablers. The work at national is all about operating and improving our organization and making sure our members have available to them what they need to maximize the value of their membership.

I would encourage you to read National Education Officer Craig Fraser's article (Attached). In it he confirms that there is a simple, easy progression to enable every member to participate at the National level. All a member needs to do is complete the Resume form (called SIRS) found here: <https://www.usps.org/index.php/committees/general/10500>. Please feel free to share this with your members of your district.

My hope is that understanding that it is easy to be involved will encourage participation from you district. Please direct members interested in becoming involved to the National Committee on Nominations webpage where the SIRS form is found.

Thanks for your help. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Greg Korstad, Chair
Committee on Nominations
(612 867-7040)



United States Power Squadrons® Annual Meeting 2019

Orlando, 18-24 February 2019

NATIONAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 2018

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See you in Orlando



Ann and I want to extend an invitation for all members to our Annual Meeting in Orlando next February. A lot is planned and you will notice some changes from our normal format which you will find interesting.

Catch up on everything that's going on in America's Boating Club. Learn how to name your squadron as a unit of our Club and participate in the national branding effort that will give local squadrons a common identity. It's very important that we overcome the "nobody knows us" problem we have had and it's even more important that we do it right.

And, come see what the committees and headquarters are doing for you. We often hear "what does national do for me", well, come and find out. There is much to learn since the last annual meeting, and a lot going on. Be part of that, ask questions, make suggestions, air complaints, and participate in the discussion. As I often say, this is an exciting time to be a member of USPS and America's Boating Club!

Introduce yourself to the officers, committee members, and some of the headquarters staff who make up our national organization. Find out how you can join a committee or otherwise help with all we do and therefore become a part of the action! It's very rewarding and it's very much needed.

There are interesting activities planned too, from a mystery dinner theatre to an animal and theme park. Check out the information section of the meeting site and see what's in store.

You won't want to miss our Friday keynote speaker and his story of a huge drug bust off the coast of North Carolina, be sure to read the cameo of that presentation.

And there are a lot more interesting things to do to make it a mini-vacation. Or, maybe not so "mini"!

So, I hope I'll see you there!

c/c G. Cheney

Registration

How to Register Online

The best way to register for the Annual Meeting is online. From the USPS home page, log into the member site. Click on the National Meetings button at the bottom of the left-hand menu to reach the Meetings & Events page (top left). From the main menu, click the links you need.

Event Information connects to a three-panel page (middle right), where you'll find:

- A link to the **Event Reservation** page where you can enter your USPS certificate number and your zip code or PIN number to pre-fill your registration form with your member information, making it easier to register for your activities and meals.
- A link to the **Hotel Reservation Site** — Rosen Centre's dedicated web page for our meeting (bottom left). Reserving online is the best way to reserve the room and amenities that you need. *Avoid disappointment: If you prefer to make your reservations by phone, please use the Rosen's 407-996-9840 number. (Call center agents may not be familiar with our block of rooms or the very special pricing USPS is enjoying for this event.) Our \$159/night (plus tax) special room rate will be honored through 10 January 2019 on available rooms during the 18-24 February 2019 period. For rooms with handicap accommodations, please reserve ASAP.*
- A complete guide to activities and meals.

First-Timer Information

This is your gateway to a wealth of information that will be useful not only to members who are attending a USPS Annual Meeting for the first time, but also to anyone who would like to have a comfortable, productive stay in Orlando. *Check it out!*

RV Information Website.

This link provides useful information for participants who will be using a recreational vehicle during the meetings and a direct link to the nearby [Shenwood Executive RV Resort](#).



Meetings and Events
Online Registration System

USPS Meeting Information

2019 Annual Meeting
Monday, February 18, 2019 - Sunday, February 24, 2019
Orlando, FL
800.878.2829
[Event Information, Reservations, and More](#)

Hotel Information

Rosen Centre
This is the main meeting hotel
1501 PINE BLVD
ORLANDO, FL 32838
Telephone: 407.996.9840
Fax: 407.996.9840

Rental Cars.

For your convenience, the National Meetings page also provides links to Budget and Avis car rental, two of USPS's member benefit partners.

Parking.

Self parking or valet parking is available at the hotel.

Ground Transportation.

USPS has made a discount arrangement with Supershuttle, to make a reservation follow the link on the National Meetings Committee page.



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have a February Birthday!**

German Castro

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Brian Dutra

Kathy Reichard

Danielle Friedlander

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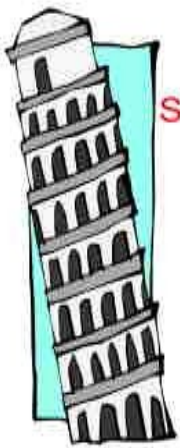
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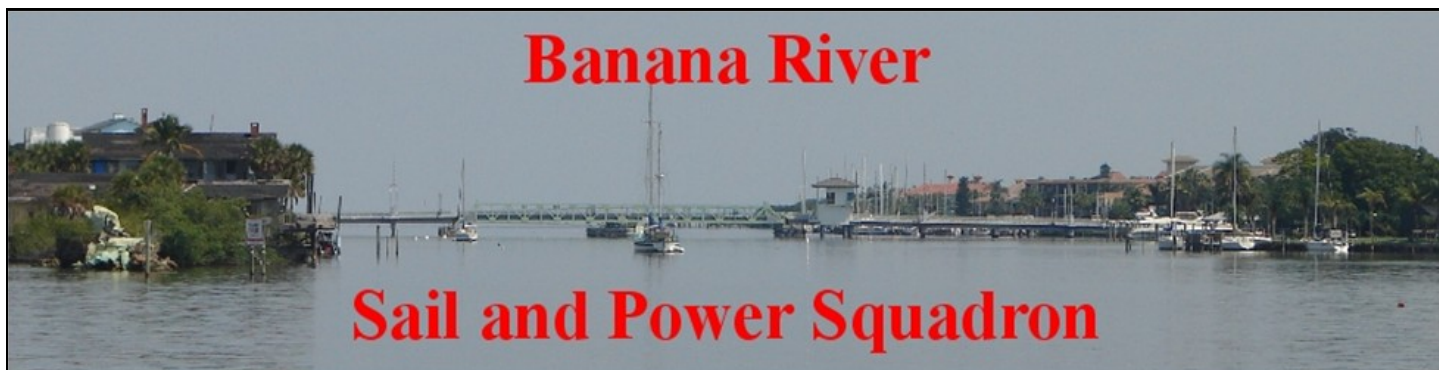
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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2019

FEBRUARY		
9	COW COCOA BEACH SPS	1100
12	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900
16	SAMSONS ISLAND OPEN HOUSE	0930
18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1830
18-24	USPS ANNUAL MEETING,	
27	INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION SEMINAR	1830
		Port Canaveral Yacht Club, 910 Mullet Rd, Cape Canaveral 32920
		BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937
		Meet at Satellite Beach Fire Dept, 1390 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
		Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach, 2200 S. Orlando Ave, Cocoa Beach 32931
		Omni Rosen Center, Orlando
		Keiser University 900 S Babcock St, Melbourne 32901
MARCH		
6	INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT COURSE (3-4 weeks)	1830
8-9	D23 SPRING CONFERENCE	
10	COW SEBASTIAN INLET SPS	1700
12	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900
16	ABC3	0900
18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1830
18-20	Jr BASIC BOATING	0900
		Guy Harvey Resort, Saint Augustine Vero Beach Yacht Club 3601 Rio Vista Blvd, Vero Beach 32963
		BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937
		Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Dr, Indian Harbour Beach 32937
		Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach, 2200 S. Orlando Ave, Cocoa Beach 32931
		Satellite Beach Recreational Center, S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
APRIL		
10	BASIC BOATING COURSE	1830
		Keiser University 900 S Babcock St. Melbourne 32901