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FLARE UP #2

**Saturday Nov 16 - 10:00 am
EAU GALLIE BOAT RAMP**

**Eau Gallie Causeway
SR 518 Melbourne
See Page 3 for More Info**



GENERAL MEETING

**Mon Nov 18
Kelly's Burgers & Beer
650 N. Wickham Rd
Melbourne, FL 32935**

See Page 10 for more Info



HOLIDAY PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE

**Mon Dec 16
The Broken Barrel Tavern
4700 Babcock St NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905**

See Pages 14-15 for more Info

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF SOUTH BREVARD FLARE-UP



Saturday, November 16, 2019

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Eau Gallie Causeway

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

2019 MERIT MARKS

A Merit Mark is awarded by the Chief Commander to USPS members who have made a substantial contribution to furthering the interests, programs, and objectives of USPS, its Districts, and its Squadrons. Members are limited to one MM per year. When a MM is approved, the Chief Commander issues a certificate to the recipient.:



I am pleased to have recommended a MM for the following ABC-SB members for their dedication and service to our Squadron in 2019.

Your Bridge:

Don Kadlac, Executive Officer
Gail Wall, Administrative Officer, Merit Mark Chair
Stephanie Murphy, Secretary
Monika Bradley, Treasurer
Jim Merker, Education Officer
Ernst Hofmann, Assist Ed Officer

Your Executive Committee:

Bob Becker, Member-At-Large, Membership Chair
John Pechar, Member-At-Large, Boat Ramp Monitor
Ed LeCun, Member-At-Large
Terri Friedlander, Auditor

Your Education Department:

Earl Gillespie, On-The-Water Instructor
Tinker Murphy, ABC3 and JrBB Instructor
Bill Veit, ABC3 and JrBB Instructor

Your Special Events Supporters:

Kathy Kadlac
Wally Jones
Jose Nunez

CONGRATULATIONS—We couldn't exist without YOU!

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

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of SOUTH BREVARD MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: October 12, 2019

LOCATION: Melbourne Yacht Club, Melbourne, FL

Exec Board Attending

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; XO Don Kadlac; P/C James Merker, AP;

Exec Board Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker; SN; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Gail Wall, P

Members Attending: Joe Bradley, John Carbee, Tinker Murphy, Kathy Kadlac, Bill Veit and Maureen, and Al Pappas

Visitors Attending:

Five guests: D23 Cdr Kurt Mikat and his wife, Barbara, Cdr Ron Ray, Cdr Deb Henry and her husband Rex Stone

This meeting was the 64th Change of Watch.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge was led by Cdr Marshall.

Cdr Marshall introduced District 23 Commander Kurt Mikat and wife Barbara, Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron Commander Deb Henry and husband Rex Stone, and Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron Commander Ron Ray.

Lunch was catered by Two Chicks and a Pot. Dessert was provided by Treasurer Monika Bradley.

Cdr. Marshall invited D/C Mikat to the podium. He dismissed the 2019 Bridge and swore in Cdr Elect Sharilyn Marshall as 2020 Commander.

D/C Mikat called up the 2020 Bridge, Executive Committee, and Committee Chairs to receive the Oath of Office. Flags of Office were presented to new bridge officers by Cdr Marshall.

Cdr Marshall presented Gifts of Appreciation to the 2019 Bridge and Executive Committee.

SEO Jim Merker presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who assisted the Education Department.

Cdr Marshall presented Membership Awards (in the absence of Secretary Stephanie Murphy). These included the following:
James Merker - Rubber Duck Award – Best Use of

ability to overcome lack of fuel when returning from the D23 Spring Picnic!

James Merker –

Coordination of Hands-on Engine

Maintenance, Vessel Safety Check Examiner Training, ABC-SB Instructor Training, New Website Implementation

Ernst Hofmann - Coordination of ABC3 Education, Junior Basoc Boating Education, Instructor Development Training
Ernst Hofmann - Coordination of 2018 Christmas Boat Parade and Best Decorated Boat Contest

Shari Marshall – Most traveled commander to USPS and D23 Meetings

Robert Becker – Recipient of 50th Merit Mark and USPS Member Emeritus

Monika Bradley - Excellence in being ABC-SB Exchequer (keeping ABC-SB in the black for 2019)

Stephanie Murphy - Outstanding Squadron Communication, Record Keeping, Activity Setup, Boat Parade Sponsor Recruitment

John Pechar – Contribution to the Boat Parade Sponsor Recruitment

Adam Smith – Contribution to New Website Development

Gail Wall – Dedication to Support of Squadron Activities, Promotion of ABC-SB in the Community, Acquiring Boat Parade Sponsorship

Don Kadlac - Attended USPS and D23 Activities, Supported all ABC-SB Events, Drove the furthest to come to Meetings

Cdr Marshall provided closing remarks and thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm



2019 COW Coverage

Saturday, Oct 12—Melbourne Yacht Club



Cdr Marshall, Cdr Mikat, Ernst Hofmann, Monika Bradley, Jim Merker





The Kadlacs and Al Pappas



Jim, Bill Veit and Maureen, Ernst, John Carbee



Cdr Mikat and Barbara, the Bradleys



Cdrs Marshall, Ron Ray, Deb Henry and Rex

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

4 RULES WHEN OUTFITTING YOUR PFD



One of the most dangerous parts of boating is when someone suddenly falls overboard. There is a 40 percent chance you will never be seen again if those on board lose sight of you.

Here are 4 rules which if implemented might save your life.

Rule 1: Wear A Life Jacket With Pockets

The best jackets have loops of webbing or tabs or pockets for attaching gear.

Rule 2: Always Pack A Personal Locator Beacon

If boating off shore or on large bodies of water, seriously consider purchasing a personal locator beacon, set up and registered correctly.

Rule 3: Pack Signaling Gear

A brightly colored life jacket can be a signal, but only during the day. Carry at least one of the following signaling gear:

Light—water activated strobe

Signal mirror (CD works well)

Waterproof flashlight

Rule 4: Make Sure Whatever You Have Is Attached

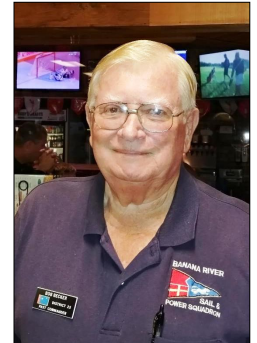
You will be opening pockets that are underwater, and you might be working in the dark. Your gear must be tied to the vest. If you drop something, it's gone. Use 36-inch lengths of nylon cord to anchor all your gear.

Most Important—Wear That Jacket.

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

While the heading of this page says “Membership,” this month I am going to write regarding Boating Safety.

Take for example, PFDs. Are yours Coast Guard approved? Do you have one for each person aboard? Are they in good shape with no holes in the material? Are they in a place where they can be easily accessed? Do you have the proper sizes for everyone aboard? And, if you have the suspender type, they **must** be worn and the gas cylinders that inflate them must be current.



Fire Extinguishers. Based on your boat size, are there enough as dictated by the Coast Guard? Are they inspected frequently to insure they meet the proper charge? Are they in locations that can be easily reached should they be needed? If they are dry chemical, do you shake them frequently to insure the powder is loose and not caked? Do those aboard know how to use them if needed?

Do you have a VHF radio on board? If so, is it a working unit? Again do those aboard know how to use it in an emergency? Do you know the emergency channel?

When fueling do you close up the hatches and ports prior to fueling? After fueling do you open everything up and run the bilge blower if so equipped? Is the boat's fuel filler grounded? Do you lift the hatch and use your nose to smell for fuel in the bilge?

Is the bilge pump in working condition? Is the bilge blower in working condition? Do you keep the bilge clean?

Do you have an extra anchor along with anchor line? Can it be reached if needed? Are your running lights working properly; bulbs not burned out? Horn working properly? Decks not cluttered? If you're boating alone, do you have a means of getting back aboard if you get knocked into the water?

And most of all, do you have an emergency plan if fire or sinking conditions happen?

Every now and then you might want to review the above items. We often become complacent over the years and take things for granted. The safety of your boat either power or sail, big or little should never be out of your mind.

We want to continue to have you as a member of America's Boating Club of South Brevard! Boat Safety will hopefully insure you remain as a member.



NOV MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, Nov 18 2019

Social 1830
(6:30 p.m.)

Speaker 1715
(7:15 p.m.)

Kelly's Burgers and Beer

650 North Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32935

SPEAKER: Monia and John Yust

TOPIC: "Our Great Loop Adventure"



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!**



OUR NOV 18 MEETING

JOIN MONIA AND JOHN YUST

Monday, November 18, 2019, 7:15 pm
At Kelly's Burgers and Beer

“Our Great Loop Adventure began March 17, 2018 at Waterline Marina, Melbourne and ended there December 1, 2018. Miss Daisy, our 42-foot Grand Banks trawler, was our home and transportation. We spent the 260 days traveling over 6700 miles thru 113 locks, inland waterways and sounds, the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf, Great Lakes, Canada, and rivers of every size. It was truly an adventure of a lifetime.

People completing the Loop are entitled to fly the gold burgee.”

Want to learn the answers to these Questions?

- What exactly is the Great Loop?
- What waterways comprise the Great Loop route?
- How many miles is the Great Loop?
- How long does it take to do the Great Loop?
- How many countries/states/provinces are along the Great Loop?
- Where on the loop is the starting point?
- How much does it cost?

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UPCOMING COURSES

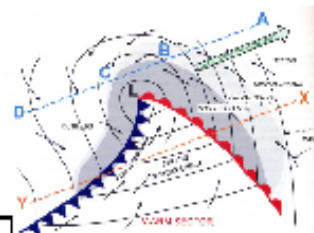
COURSES ON DEMAND: Select from the list and please let us know what course you would like to take and we will schedule it. Minimum class size is five. Let us know at Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org.



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IN MEMORY OF P/D/C GEORGE AMMON, SN



George and Marion at the 2017 D23 Spring Conference

George Ammon, 88, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2019. He had been a Brevard County resident since 1969. George was born in Reading, PA. He was a US Navy veteran, a graduate of Milwaukee School of Engineering, and received his Masters degree in Engineering from FIT. He was a manager at Harris Corp and a member of their Toastmasters Club.

George's family includes his wife, Marion Kutz, a son David, a daughter and son-in-law Eileen and Phil Shores, a grandson Shawn Shores, and four great-grandchildren.

George was a member of USPS since 1960, P/D/C for District 23 in 1988-89, and P/C of Banana River SPS in 1983-84. He last served as Chaplain for the Squadron until 2017 when he cut back due to health issues.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of George's family and friends.



**COME CELEBRATE
THE SEASON WITH US!**

ABC-SB Holiday Party

Monday December 16

6:30 pm Social

7:15 Dinner

(Order off the menu)

The Broken Barrel Tavern

4700 Babcock St NE

Palm Bay, FL 32905

RSVP by Dec 14 to

Monika Bradley

mbradleycpa@aol.com

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Friends and Family Welcome!



ABC-SB HOLIDAY PARTY

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What do you have hiding in your closet?
Value \$15ish



98.5 The Beach Toy Drive
Bring one gift per person—for a boy or for a girl
Make a child HAPPY this year!



ABC3

Saturday, Oct 26, 2019
Ascension Lutheran Church



Eleven students took part in the all-day class taught by Jim Merker and Tinker Murphy. All passed with an average score of 87.3 and earned their FL Boating Safety Education ID Card.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

**BRSPS Members who
have a November Birthday**

Samuel Ashdown
Anita Carbone
Terri Friedlander
Bette George

Dan Harper
Marcie Harper
Ron Reichard



TIME TO START PLANNING FOR THE CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE
BEST DECORATED BOAT CONTEST.

We appreciate everyone's past interest and participation and hope that you will be able to add to this year's fabulous display.

To participate in the Best Decorated Boat contest we would like you to register, display the number that we will provide you and go past the Judge's Boat at the Eau Gallie Causeway. Once again we have engaged two photographers who will be taking pictures along the Grand Canal to also be used by the judges in the selection of the Best Decorated Boats. We will provide periodic updates for the registrants. Any questions – please feel free to contact me.

Ernst Hofmann
Assistant Education Officer



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Banana River SPS

2019 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE
Saturday, December 21, 2019 starts 6:00 PM



Our Major Community Service Project

The parade starts at the upper end of the Grand Canal and will be lead by the Satellite Beach Patrol boat followed by the Santa Claus boat. It will proceed south, circling Lake Shepherd clockwise, continuing southward, exiting the Grand Canal into the Banana River. Then, proceed south past the Mathers Bridge keeping close to Merritt Island. At Dragon Point head southwest and go past the Judge's boat on your left, ending the parade and disbanding.



Participation in the Parade is FREE and registration is not required

There is no fee for the BEST DECORATED BOAT CONTEST

But you need to register:

A cash prize of \$150 will be awarded to the best decorated boat in each of these categories:

Power Boat 31 feet LOA and over
Power Boat 30 feet LOA and under
Sail Boat—any length.

To register please send the following information to:

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First and last name
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Telephone
e-mail address
Boat type (power or sail)
Boat name and LOA

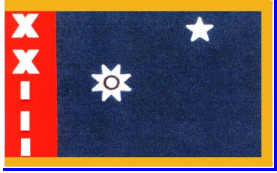
Registration Deadline is Dec 9

Best viewing location:

North-East side of Eau Gallie Causeway, SR 518 in Melbourne, FL

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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 23

Highlights of the Fall Conference—October 19, 2019 Wyndham Garden Gainesville

The Educational Achievement Award went to James A. Green, SN of Cocoa Beach SPS. The D23 Chapman Award was presented to Sandy Schoonmaker, SN of Cocoa Beach SPS.

There have been 15 ABC3 classes held in D23 this year with 174 students of which 165 passed.

There were 38 Vessel Safety Check examiners who completed 426 examinations of which 386 vessels passed examination.

The 2019 Florida Boating Accident data show that compared to 2018, fatalities are fewer: 2018 41 fatalities with 4 missing; 2019 27 fatalities with 2 missing. Overall statistics showed the following causes:
1. Operator inattention. 2. Improper lookout. 3. Inexperience.
4. Mechanical failure. 5. Excessive speed.

Fall Awards: Ship Over Award (membership renewals) went to BRSPS; Preston Heath Award (JNs advancing to N) to Harris Chain; James F. Bruner Award (Greatest # of JNs) to Cocoa Beach. Cdr Henry from CBSPS also received the National New Member Achievement Award for recruiting 15 new members by July 1. Jeff Wise of Daytona Beach SPS accepted the medals for the poster contest winners.

Cdr Mikat reported from the USPS Governing Board Meeting that the mid-year Governing Board meeting has been eliminated. There will be only the Annual Meeting. District Fall Conferences have been eliminated (up to each district to decide whether to have one). Spring Conference and COW is required.

Strategic Plan: Every squadron should review the document and report to their district on the pros and cons of each change. Appendix A would eliminate ranks, grades, uniforms, districts, and meeting structure. The Plan was endorsed by the National BOD but not approved. A meeting of all squadrons in D23 will be held in early December to try to come to some consensus before the Annual Meeting February 9-15, 2020.

Upcoming USPS and D23 Meetings: Saturday, Jan 11, 2020: D23 Winter Council in Daytona; Feb 9-15, 2020: USPS Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, FL; March 21-22, 2020: D23 Spring Conference and COW, Daytona; April 18, 2020: D23 Spring Picnic, Titusville.

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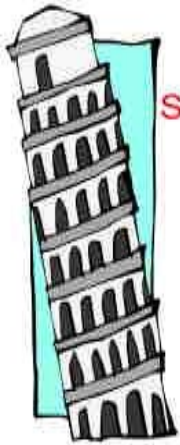




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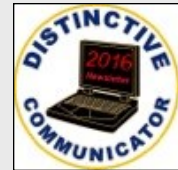
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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2019

NOVEMBER

2	SATELLITE BEACH FOUNDER'S DAY	1000	Schechter Community Center 1085 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 32937
12	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937
16	FLARE UP#2	1000	Eau Gallie Boat Ramp, Melbourne 32901
18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1830	Kelly's Burgers & Beer 650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935

DECEMBER

10	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937
16	HOLIDAY PARTY	1800	Broken Barrel, 4700 Babcock St NE Palm Bay, FL 32905
21	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE	1800	Grand Canal, Satellite Beach 32937

JANUARY

11	D23 WINTER COUNCIL MG	900	Location TBD, Daytona
14	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937
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