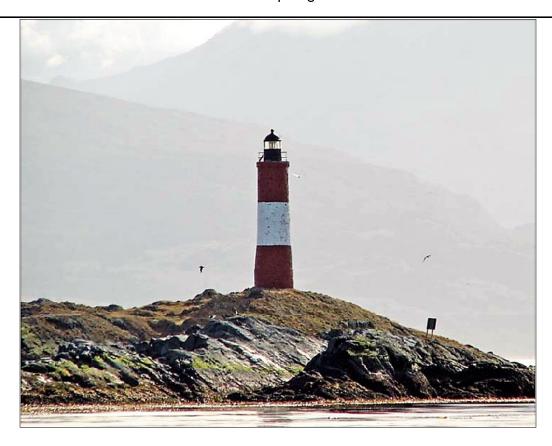


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Southernmost lighthouse in the world, Ushuaia, Argentina (Earl Gillespie)

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12-19 August, 2018
Marriott City Center
Minneapolis, MN

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"The Loss of the El Faro"

AUG MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, August 20, 2018

Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:15 pm

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne 32935

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ABC3 CLASS

Aug 18, 2018 9:00 to 4:00 Ascension Lutheran Church

See Page 14 for more Information

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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*.



BASIC BOATING (ABC3) August 18, 2018

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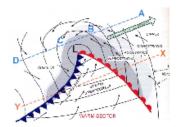
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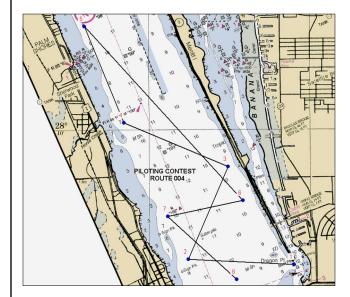
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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP

RECAP OF Dragon Point Navigation Challenge

June 30, 2018











Turnout was not what we hoped for, but I would like to share with you my experience. ANYONE who has taken a boating course will have a wonderful time on the water. The course is laid out for you, and the directions are straight forward.

The course consists of 7 legs. There is a conversion chart that shows how long to run a leg given your chosen speed. All you need to do is have someone driving the boat in a straight line at a consistent speed and another person keeping time.

At the end of a leg, the person keeping time calls out the new bearing, and you're off again. You CANNOT use your GPS, but you don't need to. At the end of 7 legs, drop a marker so the judge can determine how close to "on spot" you are.

It was not intimidating-it was FUN. So many squadron members keep asking for an on-the-water activity or a fun activity. The Dragon Point Nav Challenge gives you both. On the left, you can see Jim Merker showing Jose Casals how to use the graph. Off he went, and to his amazement he realized how "off" his compass probably is. Regardless, his boat was close to where Jim and I ended up. Next year, please enter. You will love it!!

DPNC turned out to be a multi-boat and multi-squadron event!!



Cdr Jose Casals of Cocoa Beach SPS and Cdr Shari Marshall of BRSPS with their Squadron's burgee and D23 beach towel.



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

I want to first congratulate Adam Smith for successfully completing and passing Advanced Piloting. Well done! I would be remiss if we didn't also thank Bill Veit for his hard work and dedication as our AP instructor and Ernst for facilitating the mix of in-person and virtual classes. It is truly an honor to teach alongside them.



Secondly, if you haven't heard about our upcoming weather course, you must have been living under a rock. This will be an excellent course because we are collaborating with the Melbourne National Weather Service. It will be our material with instructors provided by the Weather Service. Better yet, we will be holding this at the National Weather Service facility on Croton Road. Since this is such a great opportunity, we are going to allow members who have already completed this course to attend at a reduced rate while seats are available. Please see page 9 for more details.

Lastly, I need your help. We have four, soon to be five, Vessel Safety Check Examiners in training. In order for them to become fully certified, each must inspect five vessels under supervision. This is where you, our members, come in. We need to inspect 20-25 vessels that meet these four requirements: I) it must have an engine, 2) the owner or an operator must be present, 3) the vessel must be less than 65 ft, and 4) it must be a recreational vessel, no commercial fishing boats. So please ask your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and members of other groups with which you are associated. Running or not; likely to pass or not (not that any of us would have a boat that couldn't pass); in the water, on a trailer, or on the hard; please ask them to contact me at jm@piratesplay.com!

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FROM THE SQUADRON SECRETARY: Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: July 16, 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; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S

Exec Board Absent

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN

Members Attending: 19

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

Lt Wally Jones introduced P/C Earl Gillespie, P, Topic: Cruising to Antarctica through the Straits of Megellan, Argentina, Uruguay, and assorted islands, wildlife, and weather and boating conditions. Earl showed pictures of the course taken, the hazards to navigation, and weather conditions of the region. The cruise covered 5,500 statute miles and took 35 days.

Commander's Report:

Cdr Marshall announced that there is a USPS Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis, MN on August 12 - 19. Any member can attend. If anyone is in the area, please stop by.

The District 23 Fall Conference will be Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. More information will follow.

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 down to \$40.00/person, we must have paid attendance of 34 people. We will be asking for RSVPs to help establish cost.

Admin Officer Report:

Lt/C Gail Wall reviewed upcoming events with the members: On 4 August, a Welcome Aboard will be held at Squid Lips at 11:30 a.m.

The August speaker will be Navy Capt. (R) Andy Petruska on "Facts and Lessons Learned from the Sinking of the US Merchant Ship, El Faro in 2015".



We are investigating having a paddle boat outing on 21 September at Turkey Creek. Everyone should bring a lunch to trade with someone else.

Ed Department Report:

P/C James Merker reported that the Jr. Basic Boating course held in Satellite Beach (24 -26 June) had 8 students attend.

The Advanced Piloting tests are at USPS for grading.

Two Vessel Safety Check classes were held at Jim's home with 4 students passing the class. Another class is planned for the first week of August; please contact Jim. Each student must perform 5 vessel checks, so we are looking for boats to evaluate.

A Weather course has been set up with the National Weather Service in Melbourne starting 5 September and running thru 24 October, with the test on 31 October. The course requires a minimum of 10 people to attend; although, the NWS would like 14 to attend.

Secretary's Report:

Membership is 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 per each magnetic badge.

Treasurer's Report:

Lt/C Monika Bradley stated savings and checking balances. She has entered all BRSPS financial data into Quickbooks.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Next General meeting will be held on August 20, 2018 at Beef O'Brady's at 3030 Lake Washington Rd., Melbourne. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on August 14, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy, BRSPS Secretary

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

This month I am going to start off asking a question to see how smart you all are? Question: Of all the many BRS&PS committees, which one includes **ALL** of the squadron members? Give up? Well it's the Membership Committee.

Each of you as squadron members should be promoting the many benefits belonging to the squadron offers to all boaters who become USPS members.

But do you know some of our benefits? Here are just a few:



First is **camaraderie**. Webster's Dictionary defines this as: "good will and warm feeling between or among friends". As a squadron member you certainly are among both new and old friends. And once again, members who have lots of boating knowledge who can assist you with your boating problems.

Second is **education**. There are so many USPS courses covering just about all aspects of boating.

Third is **insurance**. By taking the various USPS courses many of the various insurance companies will give you a discount for your boat insurance.

Fourth are the various **discounts** that the USPS national organization has arranged for you, its members. These can be found at the USPS National website. Hopefully you are taking advantage of the above but just as important is to talk about USPS membership to your fellow boaters.

BRS&PS has 65 plus membership. If each of our 60 plus members brought in just one new member we could double our size, resulting in more camaraderie, more new ideas, more fun and more squadron activities.

Do you belong to a Yacht Club? Do you use a specific marina to store your boat? Do you belong to a boating club other than the USPS? If so, these are the places where you, as members of the Membership

Committee can talk up the attributes of the BRS&PS. You can even direct them to the USPS national web site or better still invite them as your guests to one of our monthly general membership meetings.

We have a great squadron; you can make it even greater by getting new members!

P/D/C Bob Becker, SN Membership Chair





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 20, 2018

Social 1830 Meeting 1915 (6:30 p.m.) (7:15 p.m.) BEEF 'O' BRADY'S

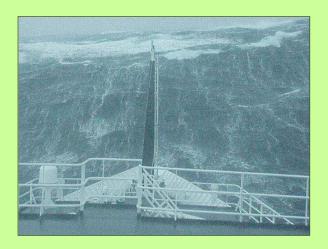
3030 Lake Washington Rd Melbourne, FL

Speaker: Capt Andrew M. Petruska, USN (Ret), US Merchant

Marines (Ret)

Topic: "The Loss of the El Faro"





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!**



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:

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Tropical Weather
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Members who have taken the Weather course previously and wish to audit it only may do so on a space available basis for \$30.00.

To register please send check payable to BRSPS to
Ernst Hofmann
290 Paradise Blvd No 36
Indialantic, FL 32903

Registration deadline with payment is August 23, 2018



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







You missed a GREAT event! Lots of corn and burgers, plus salads and lemon bars. Thanks to Valerie Dietrich and Bill Fehr, the Pechars, the Hofmanns, Jim Merker, and Gail Wall for all the setup and planning. Only problem were the flies!!

Add this to your calendar for next year...you won't be sorry!!









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

(vour name)

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	
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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 Riverview Senior Resort, 3490 Gran Ave, Palm Bay 32905. It is located off US I at Malabar Point. His phone number is 321 312-4555, Ext 6215. A call or a visit would certainly cheer him up.

Patti Becker was recently hospitalized after a cardiac event. We wish her 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 August Birthday!

Nancy Adams
Bob Becker
David Carbone

John Fritz Earl Gillespie Mayford Pence



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2018 Governing Board

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Hotel Information

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Hotel Web Site
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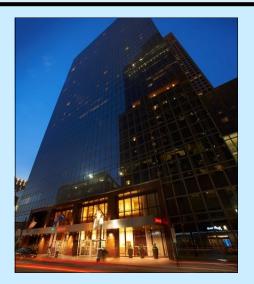
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USPS Fall Governing Board

12-19 August, 2018

Minneapolis, MN

Marriott City Center

The latest agenda for the 2018 Fall governing Board in Minneapolis is now available for download on the National Meeting Reservation website. Minneapolis August 14 - 19, 2018. We appreciate getting your reservation in early as it helps the national meetings committee plan, gives you the best deal, and helps keep the costs down for everyone. Not too late to make reservations though! Hotel rooms are filling up fast, too! For those driving, be sure and check out the latest newsletter for many roads under construction, also on the reservations webpage.



0900 - 1000: REGISTRATION

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

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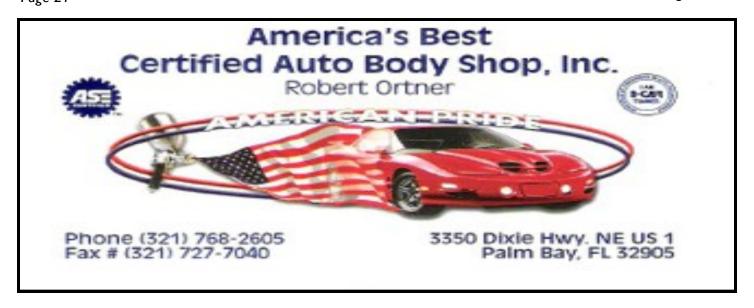
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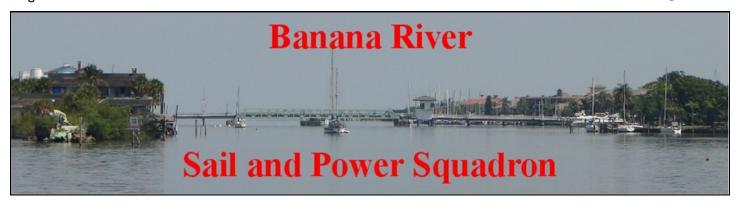
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AUGUST					
4	WELCOME ABOARD	1130	Squid Lips, 1477 Pineapple Ave., Melbourne		
7	COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING	1830	Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island		
8	ECSA GENERAL MEETING	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Center		
12	USPS GOVERNING BOARD MEETING		Minneapolis, MN		
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				
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		
17	BRSPS ANNUAL MEETING	1830	BEEF 'O' BRADY'S		
			3030 Lake Washington Rd, Melbourne		
?	OKTOBERFEST				
OCTOBER					
2	COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING	1830	Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island		
9	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach		
13	CHANGE OF WATCH	1100	RIVER ROCKS RESTAURANT		
15	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE REGISTRA	ATION OP	ENS		
20	D23 FALL CONFERENCE	900	Cocoa Beach Country Club		
31	FT LAUDERDALE BOAT SHOW				