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Good Morning, Brevard

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BANANA RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON ACTIVITIES YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS



Change of Watch

Saturday, Oct 13
11:00 am social/lunch at noon
River Rocks Restaurant
6485 US 1 Rockledge, FL 32955

See Page 9 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 16-17 for more Information



Next ABC3 Course:

Saturday, November 3, 2018 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church

Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937 See Page 12 for more Info

AMERICA'S 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*.

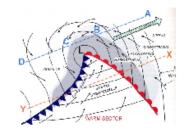


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November 3, 2018

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

TIME FOR MERIT MARKS

A merit mark is the only pay we get for our contributions to BRSPS. Of all the awards conveyed by USPS, the merit mark is the most prestigious. Indeed, five merit marks bring Senior Member status, and 25 merit marks accord a member life membership, exempt from national dues.

A merit mark is awarded by the Chief Commander based upon a recommendation by your commander. I have the responsibility of assuring that every one of you who has contributed substantially to our squadron's mission is rewarded with a merit mark.

I have already begun the process of preparing your merit mark recommendations. It involves researching the meeting minutes for assignments, documenting the contribution, reviewing the hundreds of pictures taken of BRSPS events, and combining these findings with detailed accounts of service by our ED Department.

Attending a general meeting does not constitute service. In all fairness, I must decide impartially who has truly earned this award. It is my responsibility to make sure that each recommendation is factual and worthy.

My recommendations then go to our Merit Mark Chair, Gail Wall, who enters the data in the USPS data base program called "DB2000."

By 15 November, the first set of recommendations must have been submitted. This may be our only submission, but if efforts by a member come to light, a supplemental submission may be made.

The recommendations are not sent directly to the Chief Commander but are routed by DB2000 through a reviewer, our District 23 "area monitor." He or she evaluates each recommendation to ensure that it is truly worthy of a merit mark. A recommendation which falls short will be sent back with an explanation of its deficiency. It is hoped that appending additional information will allow it to be returned as a resubmission.

All recommendations favorably reviewed by the area monitor are passed to the Chief for his final review. In most cases, a merit mark will be awarded. Except for the first merit mark, which is mailed, a certificate is sent to you as a PDF attachment to an e-mail from the Chief. Commander.



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

It's hard to believe that we are already closing out another squadron business year and the holiday season is nearly upon us! Much like December 31st for the rest of us, it is a good time to take stock of our educational achievements and plan for next year.



We held three successful Junior Basic Boating classes, Advanced Piloting, several Basic Boating classes with On-The-Water training, and the Flare Up just to name a few. This is no small feat and is thanks to all the hard work that our members have put forth, from the instructors to the facilitators, to all those working behind the scenes. I would like to invite you all to attend the Change of Watch, where Ernst started a tradition of recognizing each individual contributor to the ED Department. One I intend to continue.

Looking to the future, we have our Weather course continuing for the next few weeks. Then comes our last Basic Boating course of the year on 3 Nov. to close out the calendar year. Next year I am planning to offer Instructor Development, Instructor Recertification, Boat Handling, Junior Basic Boating and Basic Boating. Please feel free to let me know if you are interested in taking or teaching any of these courses, or if you would like to see us offer something else.

See you at the Change of Watch!

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

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES:

DATE: September 17, 2019

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 Harvey Inventasch, S:

Exec Board Absent

Lt/C Monika Bradley, S; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN;

Members Attending: 19 Visitors

Five accompanying scholarship award winner,

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

The monthly program was presented by Richard O'Toole, Topic: The Making of a Shark, which included pictures of sharks, types, description of shark anatomy, and characteristics of different species. Introduction of the Speaker was performed by P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN.



Commander's Report:

Commander presented new member name tags and the Squadron Roster to Ron and Kathy Reichard and introduced them to the Squadron.

The Slate of Nominees for our next fiscal year was presented. Nominations from the floor were requested. None were received. Secretary Stephanie Murphy moved that the ballot be accepted by acclamation, seconded by Robert Becker. Motion passed unanimously.



Our 2nd Annual Scholarship was awarded to Keiser University 2nd year student, Madison Pope, who was accompanied by her mother, her sister, and family friends.



The Change of Watch is set for 13 October at River Rocks on US1 on the river and can be reached by car or boat. It is a luncheon. Please send checks and RSVPs to Treasurer Monika Bradley. Registration forms are available at the front of the room.

The District 23 Fall Conference will be Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. Full description is in Dragon Tales. Registration forms are available for signup at the front of the room. It will be an enjoyable day with many planned activities.

Admin Officer Report:

Lt/C Gail Wall reviewed upcoming events with the members.

On 22 September, a Paddling Event and Picnic on Turkey Creek will be held starting at 5pm. Please RSVP to Gail.

The November and December meetings will be combined into one Holiday Party to be held on

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

December 3rd. Venue will be determined. More information will follow.

October 13th (Saturday lunch) is the Change of Watch and replaces our normal October meeting date and location.

The BRSPS Holiday Boat Parade is set for December 15" 2018. Registration is open for the Best Decorated Boats Contest. Teams are investigating sponsorship opportunities.

Ed Department Report:

P/C James Merker stated that the Weather has started at the National Weather Service in Melbourne and will continue thru 24 October, with the test on 31 October. There are 11 students in the class and it has been very interesting since Hurricane Florence is being closely watched along with several other named storms in the Atlantic.

He is looking for watercraft to inspect to finish off the certification of examiners who passed the Vessel Safety Check course. Jim would like 2 examiners to get certified by the end of the year. The next ABC3 class is scheduled for November 3.

Secretary's Report:

Membership is at 66, 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. Please use the order form so that the exact spelling of your name is accurate.

Treasurer's Report:

In her absence, Lt/C Monika Bradley provided savings and checking balances via report.

The meeting was adjourned at 2025.

Next General meeting will be the Change of Watch held at 11:00 a.m. on October 13, 2018 at River Rocks, 6485 US 1, Rockledge. Next Executive Committee meeting for both incoming and outgoing officers will be held on October 9, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy, BRSPS Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ronnal and Kathy Reichard, Melbourne, FL

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

Back in 1969 there was a movie called: "Support Your Local Sheriff". In 1971 the movie was "Support Your Local Gunfighter". Jump forward to October 2018 and we have "Support Your Local Squadron Commander and Staff". Yes, while it's not a movie, it is reality, and it is that time of the year for our annual Change of Watch where our elected officers take their place on the Squadron Bridge. These are the squadron members **you** have entrusted to run our organization for a year and need your support. .



Their success will depend on **YOU**, our membership. If you support their plans and programs for the year, we, Banana River, will be successful. If you don't, all their efforts will be wasted.

So let's start off the new squadron year by attending the annual Banana River Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch. It's on a Saturday on the 13th of October at a great restaurant, **River Rocks** overlooking the Indian River. A social hour will be from 1100-1200 with the luncheon and ceremony starting at noon. Come and be with your fellow squadronites. Thank those officers who were in command and welcome the officers whom you elected to lead us for the next year.

I am certain that the new Bridge Officers have already been busy planning activities for the remainder of 2018 as well 2019. We will have a joint November-December meeting with a Holiday Party in early December, and in December it's the Christmas Boat Parade down the Grand Canal. 2019 will see many events which we can all participate in. Get involved, stay involved and make Banana River one of the best active squadrons in the Nation!

And don't forget Banana River is always looking for new members. Talk to your boating friends. Tell them about our squadron. Those who want boating education have their pick of many great USPS courses. Those who just want to boat and have fun are also welcome.

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Welcome Aboard

Ron and Kathy Reichard 3722 Pascoli Pl Melbourne , FL 32934 Nancy Rauch Layton P.O. Box 1784 Melbourne, FL 32902



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63RD ANNUAL

CHANGE OF WATCH

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

TIME: 11:00 AM - SOCIAL

12:00 NOON LUNCH/CEREMONY

WHERE: RIVER ROCKS RESTAURANT

6485 US 1, ROCKLEDGE, FL 32955

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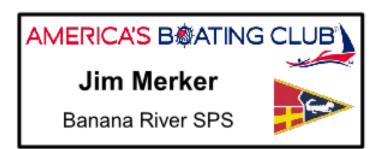
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DEPTH SOUNDINGS ON INDIAN RIVER IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 15 is the big event and the second time that we are extending the parade paralleling the north-east side of the Eau Gallie Causeway. Why extend it so far beyond the southern end of the Grand Canal? Usually, come October, phone calls come in not just from locals but as far away as Orlando and New England inquiring about viewing locations (This year the first call was in early September). The reply, as many of you know was "not many and pretty limited." An obvious choice for superb viewing is the 3,300 ft length of the causeway between the ICW bridge and the smaller east relief bridge.

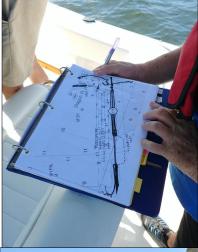
From last year we learned that the decorated boats should be routed closer to the causeway without the risk of groundings. The I I 472 Small Craft chart does not provide sufficient information for that area, so we performed a depth survey – something we know how to do. The picture on the next page shows the results of the survey along with the probable route in 7 ft of water (MLW) and the

location of the Judge's boat.



Participating crew were Ernst Hofmann, skipper John Pechar and Wally Jones .

Pics by Cdr Shari Marshall







DEPTH SOUNDINGS ON INDIAN RIVER IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Below is the display of the Eau Gallie Causeway depth survey showing the route from Dragon Point to the anchored Judge's boat. WP200 and WP 300 will be anchored flashing white lights; WP300 will be a flashing yellow light attached to Manatee Sign 3.



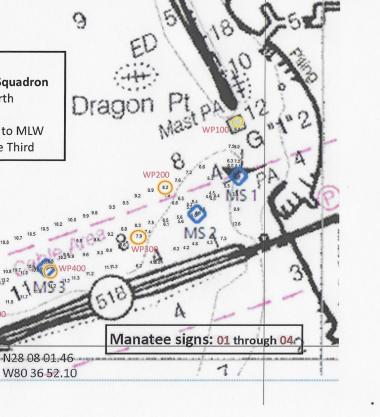
DEPTH SURVEY

Banana River Sail and Power Squadron

Eau Gallie Causeway North August 31, 2018

Soundings in Feet Referenced to MLW Total Soundings Plotted: One Third

JUDGE'S BOAT_{10.}19



AMERICA'S BWATING CLUB



2018 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 15, 2018 starts 6:00 PM





BANANA RIVER SPS Christmas Boat Parade December 15, 2018 www.bananariversps.org 321-220-7775

Best Decorated Boats 2018 REGISTRATION (Free)

Cash prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded to the best decorated boats in each of the following categories:

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

Please assemble at the north end of the Grand Canal at 5:30 PM—the parade will start at 6:00 PM.

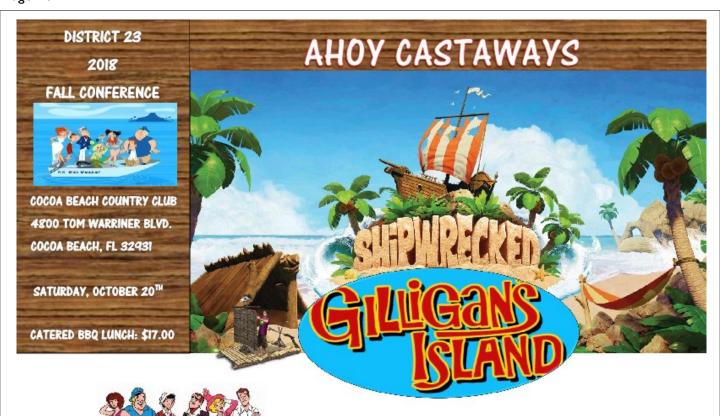
To register (free) e-mail the following to hofmanneg@gmail.com:

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

Registration Deadline is Dec 9

The parade will proceed south down the Grand Canal, circle Lake Shepherd clockwise, continue southward, exit the Grand Canal into the Banana River, proceed south past the Mathers Bridge keeping close to Merritt Island, at Dragon Point head southwest and circle the Judge's boat counterclockwise, ending the parade and disbanding.

On Dec 12 a review meeting will be held for all Registrants; they will be issued an identification placard and additional instructions. Participation is free.



DRESS AS YOU WERE WHEN THE SHIP WENT DOWN???















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

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Name:	Rank:	Grade:
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Volunteer Appreciation Cookout!

- · When: October 27th
- Time: 11AM-2PM
- Where: 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd Merritt Island, FL 32952
- Price: \$5/person worth of nonperishables/canned goods which will be donated to the Sharing Center



Join us for a cookout, hay ride, and games while we nonor our volunteers who have worked so hard for Keep Brevard Beautiful this past year!

Adoption Team Awards will be presented during the event.



Please email Arwen Halverson, our Volunteer and Event Coordinator, with number of guests coming by October 20th at

arwen.kbb@gmail.com

Cocoa Beach SPS Invites Us To:



CBSPS will provide, the meat and all beverages including beer and wine. The price is \$8.00 per person plus a side dish, or dessert to share with the crowd. A Harvest Basket made by Denise Stone will be raffled off at the dinner.

INVITATION FROM CBSPS

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Fun Boating On Florida's Space Coast



CRUISE to MARKER 21

When - 17 November 2018

Where - Marker 21 on Indian River,

East of Malabar/ Valkaria

Lat N 27.991180 Lo W 080.539781

Start - 1000 (10:00 am) Meet near Dragon Point

North of Eau Gallie Causeway (Lat - N 28.13698, Lon W 080.61447)

End - 1600 (4:00 pm)

Navigate using GPS/Nautical Charts to arrive at meeting point near Dragon Point by 1000. We will cruise together to Marker 21 and anchor/beach west of Marker 21 at an existing spoil island (BC37) for a day of fun and friendship!

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PLAN B: Grill's Riverside (US-1) 1230 hours



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Harvey Inventasch
Ed LeCun
Karl Richburg





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We wish to thank our 2018 supporters:

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

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP (05/18)

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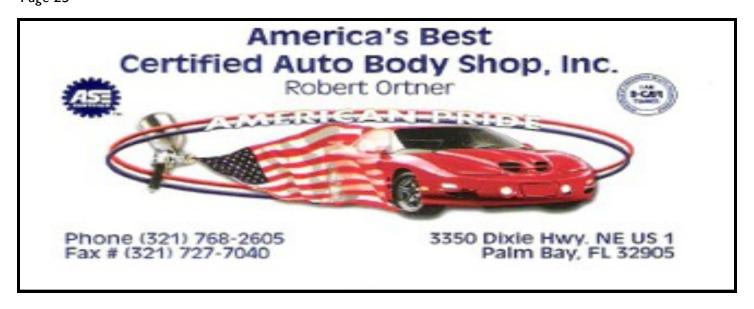
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Send us your favorite photos from aboard your boat or on the water, and you could win a prize! Go to theensign.org/photocontest for more information on how to submit your pictures. Deadline for submission is Dec. 31, 2018. Finalists will be voted on during the 2019 Annual Meeting, and winners will be published in the Spring 2019 issue of The En-

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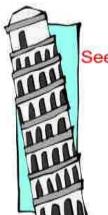




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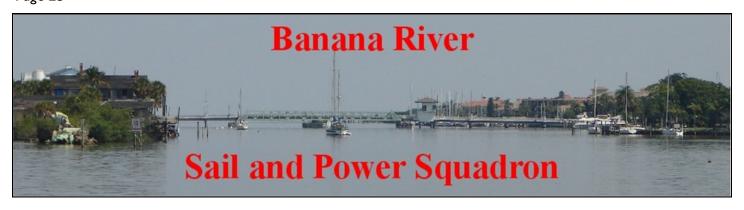
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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2018

OCTOBER COCOA BEACH GENERAL MEETING 1830 Brevard's Veterans Memorial Center, Merritt Island 2 3 WEATHER COURSE 1830 Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb 9 **EXECUTIVE MEETING** 1900 BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 10 1900 Satellite Beach Civic Center, 565 Cassia Blvd **ECSA GENERAL MEETING** 10 WEATHER COURSE 1830 Melb Natl Weather Service, 421 Croton Rd, Melb 13 **CHANGE OF WATCH** 1100 **RIVER ROCKS RESTAURANT** 15 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE BEST DECORATED BOAT 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 **NOVEMBER ABC3 COURSE** 0900 Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Dr, INHB 3 1430 **CBSPS HARVEST PARTY** Cocoa/Rockledge Garden Club, 1493 S Fiske Blvd, Rockledge 13 **EXECUTIVE MEETING** 1900 BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 17 **CBSPS CRUISE TO MARKER 21** 1000 Meet at Dragon Point **DECEMBER** 3 **HOLIDAY PARTY** 1800 9 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE BEST DECORATED BOAT REGISTRATION CLOSES П **EXECUTIVE MEETING** 1900 BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach 15 **CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE** 1800 Grand Canal, Satellite Beach