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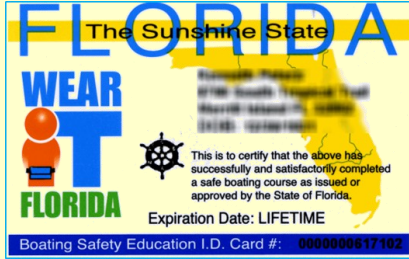
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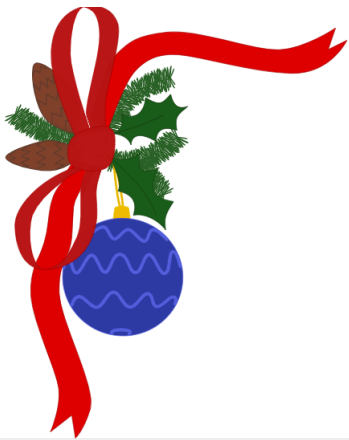
Saturday, November 3, 2018

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ascension Lutheran Church

Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937

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HOLIDAY PARTY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

AT 6:30 PM

**FRONT STREET CIVIC CENTER
2205 FRONT STREET, MELBOURNE**

See Page 12 for more info



2018 Christmas Boat Parade

December 15

Starts at 6:00 pm

North End of Grand Canal

See Page 13 for more info

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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.

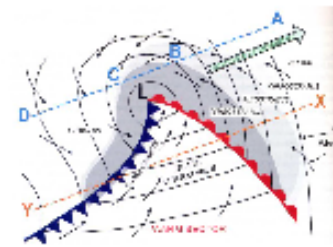


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FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER: Cdr Shari Marshall, AP***MEET YOUR NEW BRIDGE***

On October 13, BRSPS welcomed in its 2019 Bridge and Executive Committee. D23 Cdr Jim Suber officiated. See pages 8-9 for pictures of the event.

You may say, it looks like the same people who served in 2018. You're right, except for the addition of Don Kadlac as your new Executive Officer. What needs to be said is that this group of very dedicated members of BRSPS have graciously volunteered to serve for another year. They recognize that BRSPS made great strides this year and hope to continue that momentum.

I would like to introduce you to your 2019 Bridge:

Gail Wall, your Administrative Officer, joined BRSPS in 2016 because she just bought a boat and "needed" to learn about safe boating. She immersed herself in courses (S, P, EM, OT, AP), and that knowledge prompted her to take a more active role in the Squadron leadership. We have all benefited from her unrelenting enthusiasm.

Don Kadlac, Executive Officer, transferred from Sebastian Inlet S&PS in 2018. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Micco. He has been a member of USPS for 22 years, serving as commander and XO of the Chattanooga, TN squadron prior to moving to Florida.

Jim Merker, Education Officer, has been a member of BRSPS for 11 years and served as Commander in 2012. He has taught sections of several BRSPS courses and all of Engine Maintenance. Education is his passion, and an active Vessel Safety Check program is his mission.



Stephanie Murphy, Secretary, joined BRSPS in 2016 after taking ABC3. She and her husband, Tinker, had bought a sailboat, and she recognized the value of taking our boating courses. When I became commander last year, Steph stepped forward to learn the duties of secretary. She not only records the meeting minutes but sends out activity reminders, follows membership statistics, acts as interim photographer, and jumps in to assist wherever needed.

Monika Bradley is your Treasurer. She and her husband, Joe, recently moved to Viera from Virginia Beach and the State of Washington where they were active USPS members. When BRSPS lost its treasurer earlier this year, being a CPA, she offered to take over the position. Not only did she jump right in but converted all financial records to QuickBooks.

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Your 2019 Bridge and Executive Committee from left to right: Shari Marshall, Monika Bradley, Stephanie Murphy, Jim Merker, Gail Wall, Don Kadlac, Ernst Hofmann, Nancy Adams, John Pechar, and Terri Friedlander. Absent: Bob Becker, Harvey Inventasch, Ed LeCun, and Dick Peoples.

Ernst Hofmann is your Assistant Education Officer. He had been SEO for many years and continues to actively schedule courses, design brochures, enlist instructors, set up classrooms, and grade exams. Ernst also has dedicated countless hours to the Christmas Boat Parade and received the **One Hundred Hour Plus Award** at the COW.

Members of the Executive Committee include Members At Large: Bob Becker, Harvey Inventasch, Ed LeCun, and John Pechar. Members of the Financial Committee include Terri Friedlander and Carol Carbee. The Rules Committee is chaired by Dick Peoples. Nancy Adams chairs the Nominating Committee.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT COW

Commander's Award was presented to John Pechar for his true dedication to the Squadron.

Top Banana Award went to Brian Dutra for his countless hours dedicated to the Christmas Boat Parade.

Outstanding Member Award was presented to Gail Wall for her never ending enthusiasm for Squadron activities and member involvement.

The **Geo W Hunt Award** was given to John Pechar, Stephanie Murphy, and Ernst Hofmann for their designing and implementation of the Type 4 PFD Award to Jr Basic Boating students with scores of 90% or better.

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

Have you taken Engine Maintenance and were left somewhat unsatisfied because you never got your hands dirty? Maybe you haven't had the pleasure of sitting in on one of my previous Engine Maintenance classes, but are interested in seeing how a mid-sized outboard works/comes apart? In any case, we have a great hands-on learning opportunity for you...



As the saying goes, "One man's trash is another man's treasure," but in our situation it is more like, "One boater's bad luck is a great teaching aid for the Squadron." That boater was Earl Gillespie, and he had the misfortune of having a 4-stroke outboard that began adding water to its oil supply. With that bad news, Earl was gracious enough to offer it up to the Squadron, and the Education Department is excited to receive it.

Starting 5 January I will be hosting a series of 3 hour learn-n-lunch's where we will disassemble and try to diagnose what is wrong with this 70hp outboard. If we can fix it, great, if not, then we will continue to tear it down until you have had a chance to see all the inner workings. Please let me know if you are interested and available to come and play...I mean learn...with me.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS: To all our boat owners, and friends of boat owners, I would like to perform as many VSCs as I can on 4 and 18 November. I am interested in any boat with a registration decal or motor over 10hp, so powerboat, sailboat, dingy. I do need to have a boat owner or principal operator present. Please email me a brief description of your vessel, it's location, and a good time to get together at jm@piratesplay.com.

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

I wonder how many of our members know the history of Banana River Sail and Power Squadron? If you have been a member for at least a few years you probably know the squadron was started in 1956. But what else do you know about our squadron? Well here goes with a history lesson



In early 1956 several south Brevard boaters requested the formation of a local Power Squadron. This came about due to there being several squadrons in Florida. Daytona Beach Squadron having been in existence since 1954 was contacted and asked to set up a Piloting Class in the Melbourne area. The class was conducted in the Eau Gallie area at one of their public schools. Sixteen students took the course and passed the examination in June 1956. On 16 July an organizational meeting was held to chose a name (Banana River) for the squadron, By-Laws which had been written based on Daytona Beach By-Laws were presented and adopted and Loren Fisher was elected as the first Banana River Commander.

Representatives from District 8 as well as the Daytona Beach Squadron Commander were in attendance to represent the USPS National Organization. Sixteen Charter members applied for a USPS Charter. When the Charter was received it was dated 10 September 1956. Banana River had come into existence. The Squadron carried on a very active educational program conducting several courses which saw all sixteen members sign up. The Banana River Commander attended the D 8 Fall Conference and reported the squadron had sixteen members and was actively recruiting new members. Many years later we became part of the then newly formed USPS District 23 and we are the most southern squadron within the District.

That was our beginning. Some 62 years have now past and we are still in existence. Much water has flowed under the area causeway bridges since then. We have a good history which members can be proud of.

Over the years courses have been added and changed, Membership has dropped somewhat, leaders have come and gone, and we are now pushing "America's Boating Club" for name recognition. Membership is our number one priority

Most recently we have had our Change of Watch and our squadron officers are in place. Our new year has thus begun. It is now up to us, our membership, to support our leaders. How? Get active and get involved!! Attend meetings, join a committee, and participate in squadron activities. Read our news letter for upcoming events. Our new year promises many activities that include something for everyone. And always be on the lookout for new members. Let's build our membership to one hundred members. It's up to YOU!!!

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2018 CHANGE OF WATCH ACTIVITIES

See pages 4-5 for details



COW cont.



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Next ABC3 Course:

Saturday, March 16, 2019
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Class is limited to 15 students

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Ascension Lutheran Church

1053 Pinetree Dr
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Holiday Party

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
AT 6:30 PM**

**FRONT STREET CIVIC CENTER
2205 FRONT STREET, MELBOURNE**

COST IS ONLY \$10 pp and collected at the door.

**BRSPS will supply turkey and gravy, plates, utensils, and soft drinks.
Just bring a dish to pass
Feel free to bring "other" refreshments (we have an alcohol permit)**

BRSPS will donate unwrapped gifts to TOYS FOR TOTS again this year. PLEASE bring at least one gift/pp

There will also be a "gag gift" Swab Exchange, so clean out the closet and bring a wrapped gift to enter. Nothing is too small, too big, or too impractical!!

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD,
FUN, & MERRYMENT**

**RSVP by November 28th
Gail.brsps@gmail.com**

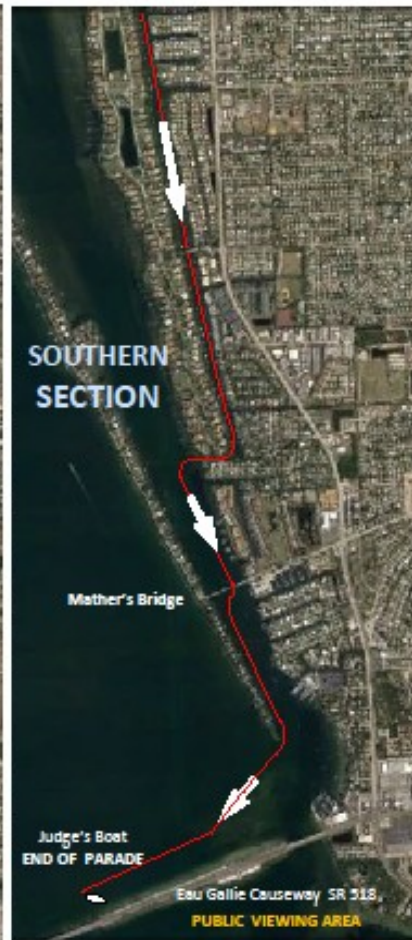
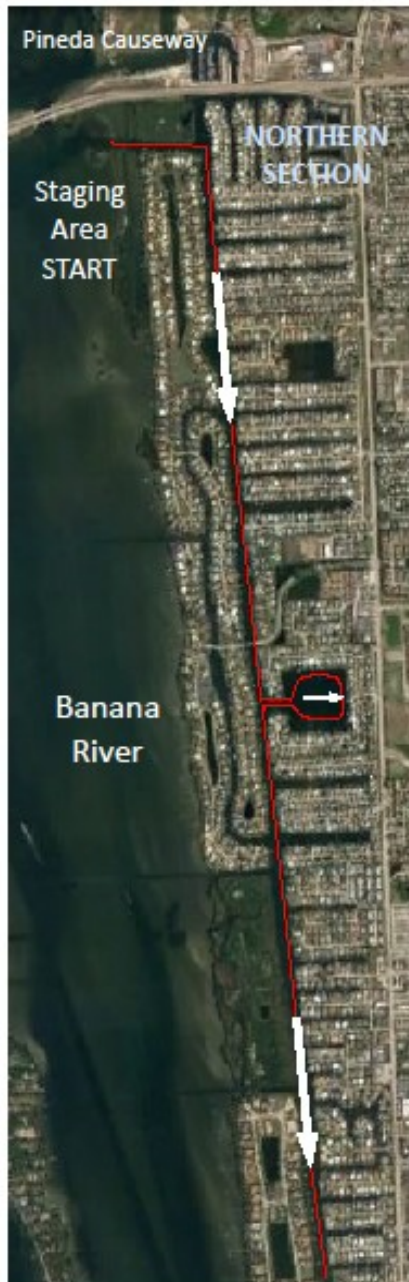


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2018 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE
Saturday, December 15, 2018 starts 6:00 PM



BANANA RIVER SPS
Christmas Boat Parade
December 15, 2018
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Best Decorated Boats Contest

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 be lead by the Satellite Beach Patrol boat followed by the Santa Claus boat proceeding south down the Grand Canal, 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.

Come to the Dec 12 review meeting at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center at 6:00 PM for all Registrants (details later). Identification placards and additional instructions will be given. **Participation is free**

Door prizes and raffle from the Christmas Boat Parade Sponsors:

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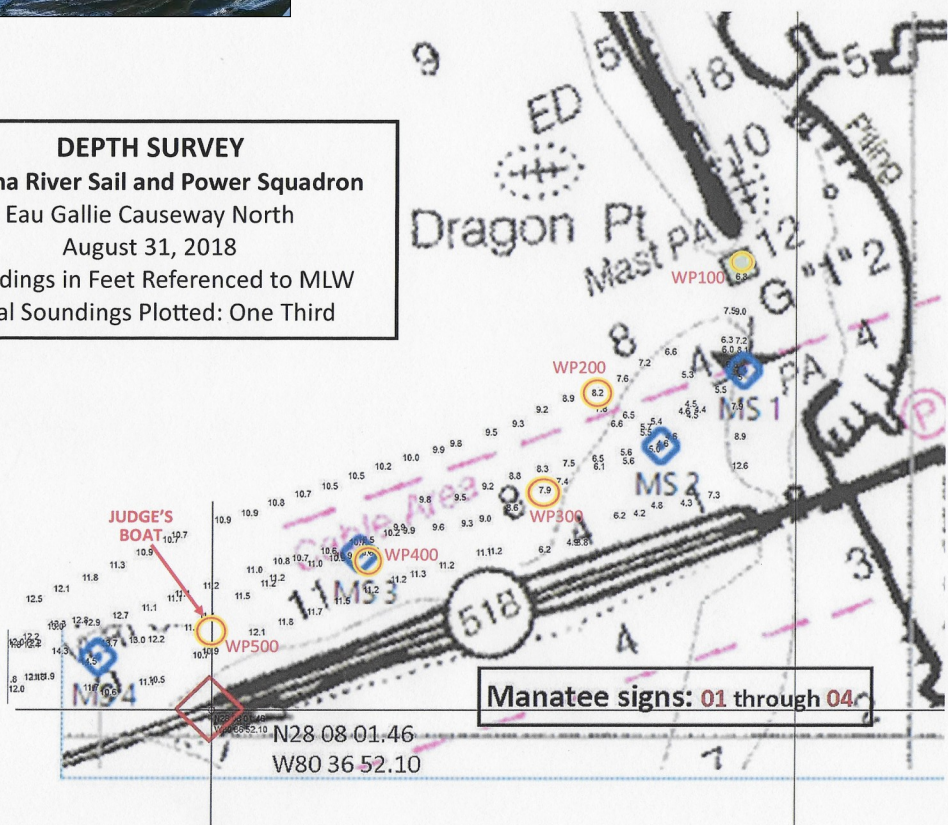
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DEPTH SOUNDINGS ON INDIAN RIVER IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

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



D23 Fall Conference

In addition to the Conference meeting presided over by Cdr Jim Suber, BRSPS members enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch, raffles of beautiful baskets donated by squadrons from our district and activities including kayaking and an eco-boat tour of the islands around Cocoa Beach.



The theme of the Conference centered around the shipwreck of the SS Minnow and Gilligans' Island with "24 passengers set sail that day for a two-hour tour (Cocoa Beach)."



Cocoa Beach SPS Invites Us To:



Harvest Party

WHERE:
*Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club
1493 South Fiske Boulevard
Rockledge, FL*

WHEN:
Sunday, November 4, 2018

TIME:
*Cocktails: 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Dinner: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM*

FEE:
*\$8 Per Person & A Dish To Share
(Meat, and Beverages Provided)*

CONTACT PERSON:
*Denise Stone
(321)453-5807*

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE:

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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Sam Ashdown

Anita Carbone

Terri Friedlander

Bette George

Dan Harper

Marcie Harper

Yvonne McGuire

Ronnal Reichard

Clara Ross

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BIRTHDAY**

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- living aboard
- galley management
- water management
- safe weather planning
- health management
- communication
- the emotional side of things
- money management
- other considerations

The webinar will be recorded for re-viewing by attendees and for viewing by registered users who miss the live event.

Living Aboard While Cruising Webinar

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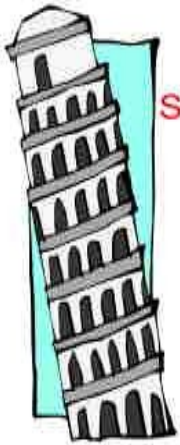
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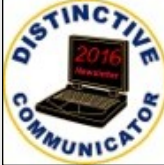

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----- Cut here to Clip Upcoming Events -----



UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2018-19

NOVEMBER

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| 3 | ABC3 COURSE | 0900 | Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Dr, INHB |
| 4 | CBSPS HARVEST PARTY | 1430 | 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

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| 3 | BRSPS HOLIDAY PARTY | 1830 | Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front St., Melb |
| 9 | CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE BEST DECORATED BOAT REGISTRATION CLOSES | | |
| 9 | CBSPS HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE | 1700 | International Palms, Cocoa Beach |
| 11 | EXECUTIVE MEETING | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach |
| 12 | BOAT PARADE REGISTRANT'S MEETING | 1830 | Satellite Beach Recreation Ctr, |
| 15 | CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE | 1800 | Grand Canal, Satellite Beach |

JANUARY

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| 8 | EXECUTIVE MEETING | 1900 | BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach |
| 12 | D23 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING | 900 | Cypress Head Golf Club, Port Orange |
| 21 | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING | 1830 | Location TBD |

FEBRUARY

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| 18-24 | USPS ANNUAL MEETING, | | Omni Rosen Center, Orlando |
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MARCH

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| 8-9 | D23 SPRING CONFERENCE | | Guy Harvey Resort, Saint Augustine |
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