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YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS**



**HOLIDAY PARTY**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**

**6:30 PM**

**FRONT STREET CIVIC CENTER  
2205 FRONT STREET, MELBOURNE 32901**

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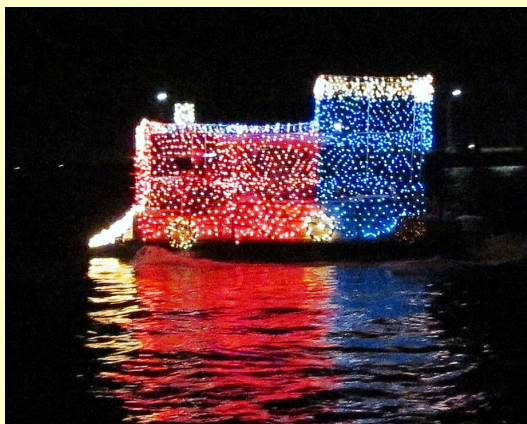
**2018 Christmas Boat Parade**

**December 15**

**Starts at 6:00 pm**

**North End of Grand Canal**

See Pages 9-11 for more information



**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING  
AWARDS FOR BEST DECORATED BOATS**

**NEW LOCATION!!**

**COCOA BEACH SQUID LIPS**

2200 S. Orlando Avenue

Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

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## 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](mailto:Edu@BananaRiverSPS.org).

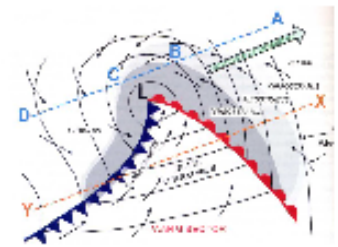


#### BASIC BOATING (ABC3)

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

### *REFLECTING ON 2018*



2018 has been an active and successful year for BRSPS. Our physical year runs from November 1 to October 31 and during that time this past year we offered to our members and the community:

- Oktoberfest on Nov 5***
- Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov 20***
- Christmas Boat Parade on Dec 14***
- Holiday Party on Dec 18***
- VHF Radio Workshop on Feb 10***
- Samsons Island Open House o Feb 17***
- Moved storage to new "Crib" on Mar 10***
- Flare-Up & Eau Gallie Cleanup May 19***
- Navigation Challenge on Jnne 30***
- Corn Roast on July 14***
- Indian River Depth Survey on Aug 31***
- Annual Business Meeting on Sept 17***
- Change of Watch on Oct 13***

There were 12 general membership meetings with 9 guest speakers; 12 executive committee meetings, and 12 newsletters distributed to members, District 23 and USPS Bridge members.

Our membership started with 68 active and 2 associate members and ended in November with 61 and 2; a decrease of 15 but an increase of 8. **Obviously, this is an area we MUST focus on in 2019.**

BRSPS presented its second annual \$1000 Keiser Scholarship to a 2nd year nursing student.

The Education Dept was busy as well with 3 Jr Basic Boating held in April, June, and July. Recently, while dining at a local café the waitress asked, "are you the ones who taught the boating classes to kids this summer?" She said her 12 year old son attended the June course and thoroughly enjoyed it, passing with a score of 89. There were 3 ABC3 classes in March, August, and November. Operations Training was held in January. Advanced Piloting in April thru May. Weather in Sept thru October Vessel Safety Check class in October In the 10 courses offered, there were 90 students with 64 taking the final exam (an 89% pass rate).

All this said, there were countless hours devoted to Squadron activities by about one-half of the Squadron membership. **Another area to FOCUS on in 2019 - more membership involvement.**

Merit Marks were recently submitted to the District monitor for approval, and a list of ALL recipients will appear in the January Dragon Tales.

Please mark your 2019 Calendar with BRSPS activities and **PLAN TO JOIN US!**

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

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 a 70hp 4-stroke outboard that began adding water to its oil supply.

If we can fix it, great. If not, then we will continue to tear it down until we 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: On November 3 and 4, several students who took the Vessel Safety Check class started doing VSCs. Pictured



is Gail Wall performing an inspection on *Wallywood*, a pontoon boat owned by Wally Jones. I need more boats for inspection. 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](mailto:jm@piratesplay.com).



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

Well Turkey Day is over, and soon it will be time for Christmas and Chanukah. I've given up wishing Santa would deliver a new 36 foot SeaRay and put it in my drive way. I've settled for new socks and some ties in the past and can expect the same this year! Maybe next year...



What's ahead? A New Year! And with the advent of the New Year usually comes our resolutions for the year. I would hope that all of our members would actively recruit potential new members for the Squadron. They are out there, we just have to find and convince them to join us. As I write this we have about 61 members. **I would like to see 100 members in our boating club!**

Along with getting new members I would like to see many of you sign up for one or more of the USPS courses. In reviewing our membership files, there are many of you who could take a course or two.

And another resolution would be to better support our Squadron activities. Our bridge along with a few dedicated members work very hard putting together the activities for the year. We have several boating activities along with our other social get-togethers each year. A schedule of these activities will show up shortly.

You joined the Squadron because you saw the opportunity to meet other boaters or take some courses that would make you a better boater. Now is the time to look over the above and add one or more to **your New Year's Resolutions.**

Don't forget our annual Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday, 15 Dec. The boats will start down the Grand Canal in Satellite Beach at 1800. siince the boats now proceed as far south as the north side of the Eau Gallie Causeway. This would be an excellent location to view the fleet.

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

**BRSPS is YOUR boating club.**

**As America's Boating Club we offer something for every boater.**



**YOU'RE INVITED TO A**

# **Holiday Party**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**

**AT 6:30 PM**

**FRONT STREET CIVIC CENTER**

**2205 FRONT STREET, MELBOURNE 32901**

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

**BRSPS will supply turkey and ham, 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 98.5 The Beach Holiday Toy Drive. PLEASE bring at least one gift/pp**

**There will also be a "gag gift" Swap 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**



## ABC3

**BRSPS held its last ABC3 class of the year on November 3. Six students were present for the all-day instruction. Instructors included Ernst Hofmann, Don Kadlac, and Jim Merker. The next ABC3 will be March 16, 2019.**



## On-The-Water Training ABC3

Three of the students above met on November 25 at 1:00 pm to spend 2 hours launching their boat, leaving the dock, anchoring, and docking.



Earl Gillespie working with Bob Jackson, Diane Mercier (white hat), and Barbara Lehner.

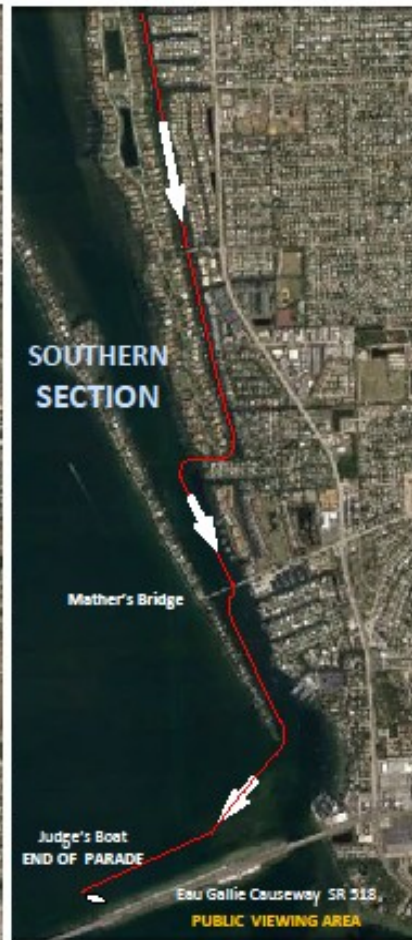
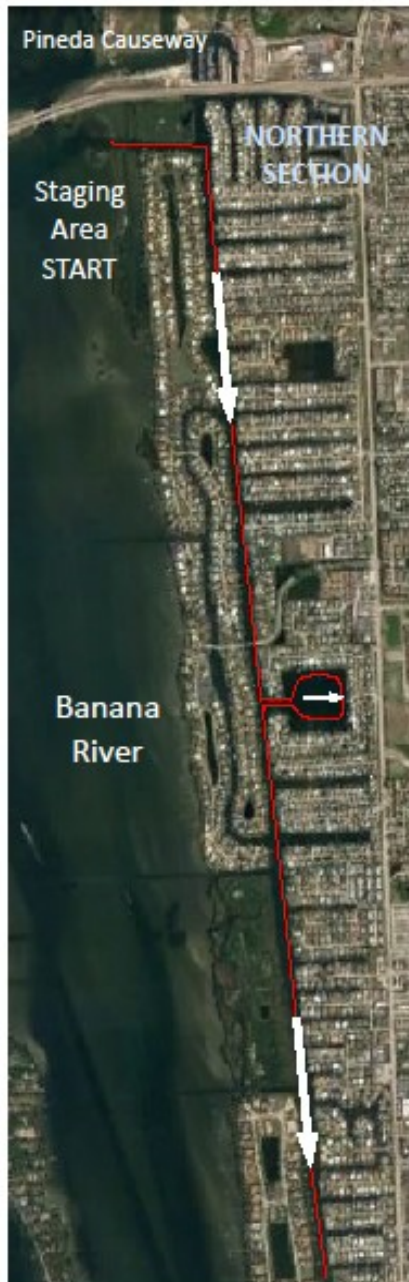


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## BANANA RIVER SPS



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



**BANANA RIVER SPS**  
**Christmas Boat Parade**  
**December 15, 2018**  
[www.bananariversps.org](http://www.bananariversps.org)  
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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](mailto: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). Identifica-

tion placards and additional instructions will be given. **Participation is free**

#### Door prizes and raffle from the Christmas Boat Parade Sponsors:

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**2018 CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE**  
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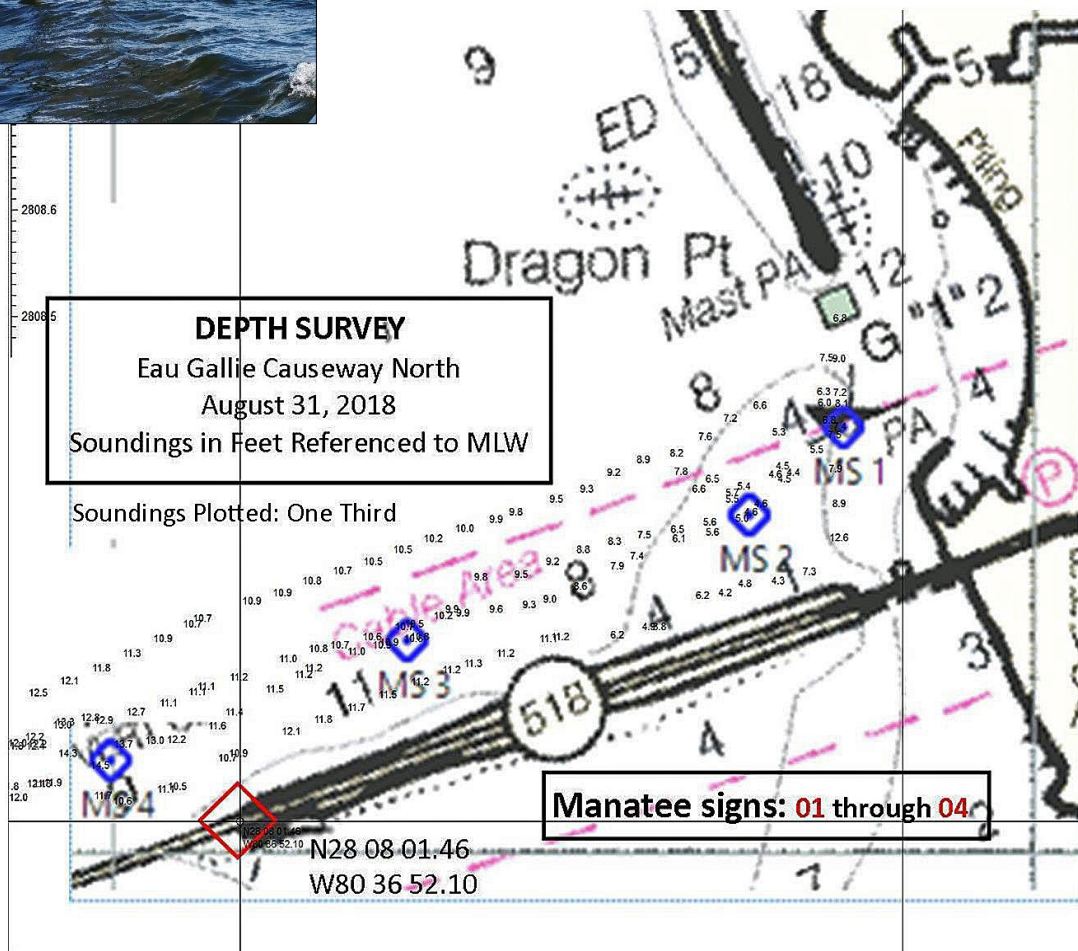
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# DEPTH SOUNDINGS ON INDIAN RIVER IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

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.







**JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

<b>Social 1830</b>	<b>Meeting 1930</b>
<b>(6:30 p.m.)</b>	<b>(7:30 p.m.)</b>

**COCOA BEACH SQUID LIPS**

**2200 S. Orlando Avenue  
Cocoa Beach 32931**

**PROGRAM:** Presentation of CASH AWARDS of \$150, \$100, and \$50 to the Best Decorated Boats in the 2018 Christmas Boat Parade in three categories:

Power boat to 30 ft      Power boat over 31 ft      Sail boat, any length

Dinner may be ordered off their Limited Menu at 6:30.

Awards at 7:30.

Brief Business Meeting to follow.

**COME AND CHECK OUT COCOA BEACH SQUID LIPS,  
The Site of the BRSPS Jan, Feb, March General Meetings**

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**MEETING TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

If you are a member and need transportation to and from any Squadron General Meetings, you are invited to call **Shari Marshall, 734-347-2992** who will gladly make arrangements for someone to pick you up. 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



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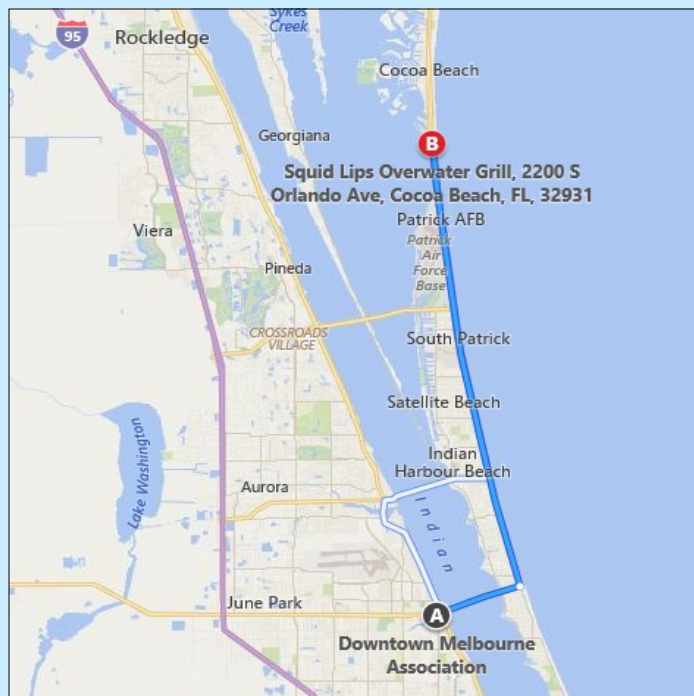
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Course and Boater ID Card required to operate power boat if born after Jan 1, 1988



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**Next ABC3 Course:**

Saturday, March 16, 2019

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Class is limited to 15 students**

Bring your lunch—refreshments will be served

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

1053 Pinetree Dr

Indian Harbor Beach, FL 32937

**Registration with payment required by Mar 11**



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**BRSPS Members who  
have a December Birthday!**

**Lloyd Anderson**

**Monika Bradley**

**Ken Peters**

**Bill Veit**

**John Beasley**

**Kathy Kadlac**

**Lonnie Pruitt**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

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**Cdr Shari Marshall, AP (05/18)**



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# Compass

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## The small-boat toolbox

What tools do you need on board?



Toolboxes differ. What you need for a larger craft may be inappropriate for a smaller boat. How you will use a small toolbox, where you can store it, and what you put in it are considerations you need to take into account when you decide what's right for your boat.

Let's look at the container first. You could throw stuff into an inexpensive plastic box, but will it last and will it protect the stuff you store inside? Your best bet is to get a good quality box like a Pelican waterproof container. These watertight, rigid gasket-sealed boxes take a ton of abuse. With different sizes available, you can find one to fit your contents and your boat's storage space.

Next, consider where you will be going. Chugging along in a small harbor is totally different from running 15 miles offshore to fish. The tools you need should be appropriate to the usage you expect.

First on any boater's list should be the universal fix-it: duct tape. Enclose it in a plastic zip-lock bag.

Next, add various size electrical tie wraps. These are great for attaching and holding things together, making temporary clamps, and other related uses. You also need a knife or multitool. These tools allow you to do various jobs with fewer tools, freeing up space. Often Costco has these at a reasonable price. Spend the money to get a good tool, not an inexpensive knockoff.

Water pump pliers, which can be adjusted to various open sizes, are great. These are used to bolt or unbolt things, and the length of the handle gives good leverage. Add a pair of vice grips to give you locking leverage to a project.



## The Small-Boat Toolbox continued

A medium-size adjustable wrench is an asset. Add a large and small Phillips head and a flat-head screwdriver to the box, and if your multitool does not have a wire cutter, add a medium size one as well. Put in a roll of electrical tape and a small roll of bailing wire.

In another plastic zip-top bag, store some bandages, hydrogen peroxide, and first-aid cream or ointment. In another baggie, keep some spare change for phone calls in case your cell phone is out of range but you have access to a payphone. Add a \$10 prepaid phone card to one of the baggies.

Keep several rags, a signaling mirror, and a whistle in a zip-top bag. Finally, add several more zippered bags of various sizes. They can be used to store all sorts of stuff as well as your car keys, cellphone, and other electrical devices.

With all this, you now have the start of a toolkit you can modify to your own use. In case you need it, you will be happy to have it. Start one now, add a card and a pencil to write other ideas down on, and keep the box organized.

Robert A. Beltz

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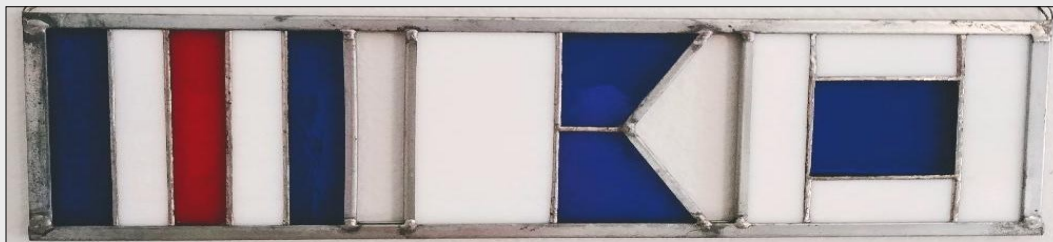
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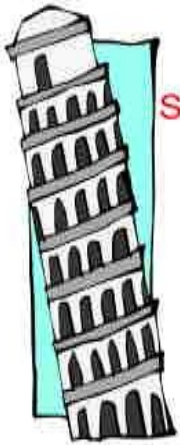
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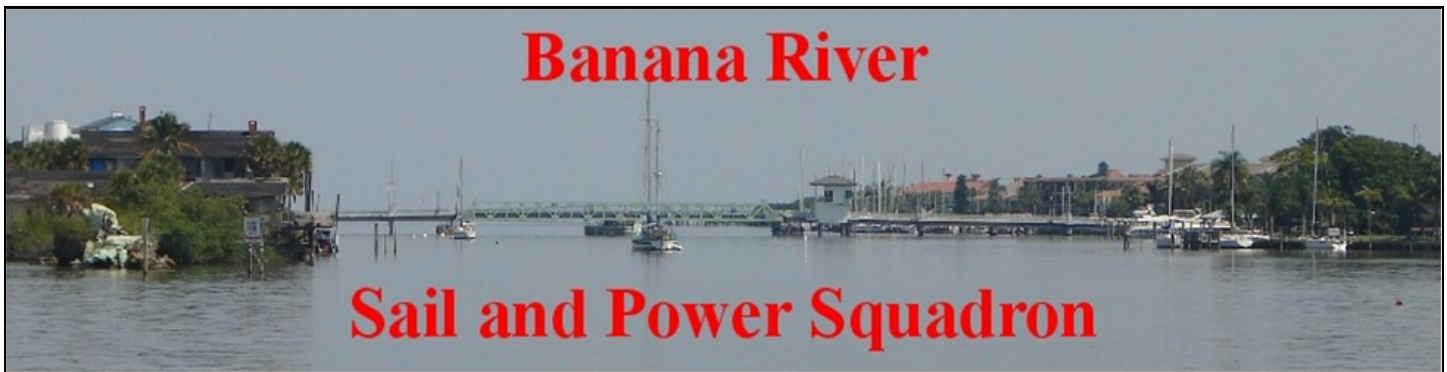
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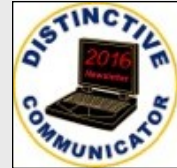
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----- Cut here to Clip Upcoming Events -----



# UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2018-19

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
1	OCEAN REEF BEACH FESTIVAL	0900 Pelican Beach, Satellite Beach
3	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	<b>1830 Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front St., Melb</b>
5	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE COMMITTEE MTG	1830 Keiser University, 900 S. Babcock Street, Melbourne
9	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE BEST DECORATED BOAT REGISTRATION CLOSES	
9	CBSPS HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE	1700 International Palms, Cocoa Beach
11	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b>	1900 <b>BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach</b>
12	BOAT PARADE REGISTRANT'S MEETING	1830 Satellite Beach Recreation Center, 1089 S. Patrick Dr
15	CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE	1800 Grand Canal, Satellite Beach
<b>JANUARY</b>		
8	<b>EXECUTIVE MEETING</b>	1900 <b>BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach</b>
12	D23 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING	<b>900</b> Cypress Head Golf Club, Port Orange
21	<b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING</b>	<b>1830 Squid Lips, Cocoa Beach, 2200 S. Orlando Ave Cocoa Beach 32931</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
16	SAMSONS ISLAND OPEN HOUSE	930 Meet at Satellite Beach Fire Dept
18-24	USPS ANNUAL MEETING,	Omni Rosen Center, Orlando
<b>MARCH</b>		
8-9	D23 SPRING CONFERENCE	Guy Harvey Resort, Saint Augustine