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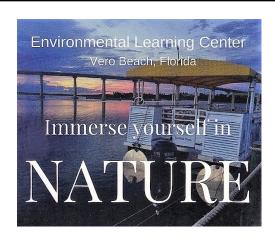
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### FLARE UP #2

Saturday Sept 7 - 10:00 am EAU GALLIE BOAT RAMP

Eau Gallie Causeway SR 518
Melbourne
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#### **SEPT BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday Sept 16 6:30 Social 7:15 Program

Kelly's Burgers and Beer 650 North Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32935

See Page 11 for more Info



# America's Boating Club – South Brevard 64th Annual CHANGE OF WATCH

Saturday, October 12, 2019

11:30 am – Social 12:00 noon Lunch/Ceremony

Melbourne Yacht Club 1202 E. River Drive, Melbourne, 32901

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# OF SOUTH BREVARD FLARE-UP

Saturday Sept 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM EAU GALLIE BOAT RAMP Eau Gallie Causeway, SR 518

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

#### **USPS STRATEGIC TRANSITION PLAN**

The USPS Governing Board will meet in Louisville, KY on September 8 and during that meeting act on the Planning Committee's proposed Strategic Transition Plan endorsed by the National Board of Directors. Here are some of the highlights I see in what is proposed for the future of USPS/ABClub.



#### There are Three Strategies:

I with 3 Initiatives: Establish an operational structure that ensures survivability by simplifying squadron, district, and national organizational structure.

Drop general meetings (hold only an Annual meeting). Operate in reduced simplified capacity.

Make any regular gatherings fun and informative .

Eliminate ranks, grades as descriptors (create an "almost no-titles allowed" policy).

Eliminate uniforms (encourage proper casual attire).

Reduce bridge positions to four—President, VP, Sec/Tres, and Ed Coordinator.

Develop a National help/chat line to help members of squadrons who have questions.

Eliminate districts and replace with 3 facilitators who mirror National help/chat line.

Squadrons should adopt a softer name, America's Boating Club of South Brevard (done that).

Squadrons should concentrate their manpower on activities that fit member's desires.

Encourage squadrons to adopt mostly electronic means of communication (done that).

II Assess Fiscal Management (mostly at National level)

Deals with expense reimbursements, assessment of assets, operational budget, one single dues regime throughout organization, evaluate role of Endowment Funds, fund technology improvement.

III. Reflect age, gender, cultural, and demographic changes in watercraft community

Emphasize on-water training, seminars and online course access.

Develop comprehensive recruitment outreach program.

Relax uniform protocol.

Improve technology.

Establish partnerships with other organizations to reach a larger audience.

Encourage family friendly and youth activities.

It then says, "Don't fear the 'New' America's Boat Club. It is not radical overnight change of focus.

I would say the Governing Board has its hands full!! Your input is WELCOME.

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

### AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB – SOUTH BREVARD MEETING MINUTES:

**DATE:** July 15, 2019

LOCATION: Kelly's Burger and Beer, Melbourne

#### **Exec Board Attending**

Cdr Shari Marshall, AP; Lt/C Stephanie Murphy, P; P/C James Merker, AP; Lt/C John Pechar, P; Lt/C Gail Wall, P; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S

#### **Exec Board Absent**

P/D/C Robert Becker, P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Don Kadlac; P; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN

### Members Attending: 13 Visitors:

Four attending for presentation. Jim McDaniel (812-661-0596) came to Flare Up.

The meeting was called to order at 1940 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge was led by John Pechar.

Rich Wellman gave a great presentation on "Blown Aground" A Marine Log – A Rescue Adventure in the Berry Islands. He covered various routes to take a slow-moving boat across to the Bahamas. The best choice is going to West End where you can quickly exchange your Quarantine Flag for the Friendly Nation Flag. He then reviewed his boat woes that, coupled with a fast moving strong thunderstorm, resulted in his guests and crew abandoning ship via a contingent of Royal Caribbean Coco Cay jet skis. The following help with repairs and return to service of his boat represented a truly great example of boating camaraderie and made life-long friends!

#### **Commander's Report:**

USPS Governing Board meeting will be in Louisville on September 8-15.

District 23 Fall Conference will be October 19<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville

We need volunteers for officers for 2020! Come help your squadron succeed!

Our August meeting presenter will be Ken Peters, an Ex-Commander of BRSPS.

Our September meeting presenter will be Capt. "Mag" Mangold from Sebastian.

#### **Executive Officer Report:**

Melbourne Yacht Club I uncheon is July 24<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Page Proffitt by Monday July 22.

#### **Admin Officer Report:**

Upcoming major events include the Dragon Point



Navigation/Man Overboard Challenge on 31 August, Flare Up #2 on 7 September at the Eau Gallie Boat Ramp, District 23 Fall Conference on 19 October, and the COW on 12 October.

Next year's Corn Roast will be at a different time of year as this year's event on 13 July was extremely hot.

Cocoa Beach is having an event at Mile Marker 81 on 27 July. A separate email will be sent out with information.

Change of Watch will be 12 October 2019. A decision will be made on whether this event will be catered or if it will be a covered dish luncheon brought by members.

We will have separate meetings in November and December celebrating seasonal holidays and preparing for the Christmas Boat Parade on 21 December. Maybe we could do a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Space for our Nov program.

Gail asked members to let her know of any activities that they would like to participate in.

#### Secretary's Report:

BRSPS has 51 active members and 2 associate members.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Monika Bradley provided numbers for combined savings and checking balances.

#### **Ed Department Report:**

James Merker provided the following report.

Two Basic Boating (ABC3) courses remain for 2019 (8/17, 10/26) as well as one last Junior Basic Boating class for summer July 15 - 17 (0900-1130 daily). Teachers are Valerie, Tinker, Gail, and Ernst. Support personnel Includs John and Stephanie.

#### **Meeting Minutes Continued:**

Stephanie Murphy finished her supervised vessel safety inspections and is a certified Vessel Examiner. There is a list of boats to be rechecked that will ensure the remaining vessel examiner students can complete their certification. Eau Gallie Yacht club was enthusiastic about ABC-SB returning and inspecting more vessels at their site.

Ballard Park Boat Ramp is closed. No open date has been established.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Flare-Up is being setup for 7 September. This was requested by several people who missed the first one and would like to learn how to properly use flares. Posters will be sent to the local Yacht Clubs for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 2050.

Next General meeting will be held at 6:30pm on **August 19**, 2019 at **Kelly's Burger and Beer.**Next Executive Committee meeting will be held on **August 13**, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy, BRSPS Secretary 21 July 2019

#### SPEAKER AT THE JULY MEETING



Certificate of Appreciation presented to Rich Wellman by Cdr Marshall





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

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LOCATION: Kelly's Burger and Beer, Melbourne

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#### **Exec Board Absent**

P/D/C Robert Becker, SN; Lt/C Monika Bradley, S; P/D/Lt/C Ernst Hofmann, JN; Lt Harvey Inventasch, S; P/C Edmund LeCun, JN; Lt/C John Pechar, P

#### Members Attending: 10 **Visitors:**

Four guests including presenter. Ken Peters, Norm Peters, Pat Naulty, Rhoda Bosley

The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Cdr Shari Marshall. Pledge was led by Cdr. Marshall.

Ken Peters, past Commander, gave an interesting presentation titled Nautical Potpourri with a subtitle of "An Interesting Mixture of Thoughts for the Landlubber, New Sailor, and Celestial Navigator" centering around how the Power Squadron impacted his life. He covered various boats that he has owned, various trips he has taken with his family, and various pieces of wisdom he has gleaned from his travels. He was given a Squadron certificate of appreciation for the presentation.

#### **Commander's Report:**

The District 23 Fall Conference will be October 19<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville.

We need volunteers for officers for 2020! Come help your squadron succeed! .

Election of officers will be held at our September Business meeting.

Commander notified members that the Port Canaveral Lock is going to close from December 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 for necessary maintenance. Ken Peters provided a contact for comments regarding this:

Gary.L.Hipkins@usace.arm.mil

#### **Executive Officer Report:**

We are going to submit a grant application to Boat US for the cost of the signs placed at the southern Brevard boat ramps.

#### Admin Officer Report:

Upcoming major events include the Dragon Point Navigation/Man Over-

board Challenge at 9 a.m. on 31 August, 2019 Flare Up #2 at 10 a.m. on 7 September at the Eau Gallie Boat Ramp, and the Change of Watch at 11:30 - 14:00 on 12 October at the Melbourne Yacht Club.

Change of Watch will be catered by Two Chicks and A Pot. The cost will be \$25 per member. The Squadron will pay for D23 and other squadron guests. There will be an open bar.

We will have separate meetings in November and December celebrating seasonal holidays and preparing for the Christmas Boat Parade on 21 December. We are thinking of a November meeting celebrating the Space Coast's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Space.

We will be participating in the November 5<sup>th</sup> Satellite Beach Founder's Day Parade.

Gail asked members to let her know of any activities that they would like to participate in.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

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James Merker provided the following report.

The last Junior Basic Boating class of 2019 was presented in July. Nearly 40 students attended Junior Basic Boating classes this year. Tinker Murphy, Gail Wall, and Stephanie Murphy helped teach the JBB classes and did a great job. John Pechar provided refreshments.

#### **Meeting Minutes Continued:**

Ken Peters said that this was great. He has not been able to get the Palm Beach Squadron to hold a youth boating class.

One last ABC3 course remains for 2019 on 26 October. Everyone's participation in teaching is greatly appreciated. It takes a village to put on superior boating education.

Tinker Murphy volunteered to take over the setup of the ABC3 and Jr Basic Boating courses from ASEO Ernst Hofmann. Ernst has been handling these courses for more years than we can remember! Ernst will still be involved with advanced courses, teaching aides, and providing posters.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> Flare Up is setup for 7 September. Posters will be sent to the local Yacht Clubs for this event.

When you receive the notice in your email, please post it to your Facebook page, if you have one!

There will be a Boat Operating Training in Daytona on 14 Oct at 7pm.

The traveling raffle basket was won by Don Kadlac who will return it at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020.

Next General meeting will be held at 6:30pm on **September 16**, 2019 at **Kelly's Burger and Beer**. Next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 7:00pm on **September 10**, 2018 at BAAB.

Submitted by Stephanie Murphy BRSPS Secretary 21 August 2019

#### **AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



Cdr Marshall thanks P/C Ken Peters for his presentation.







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

It would be a huge injustice if I didn't start off this report by recognizing Ernst Hofmann for all that he has done for our Squadron. Since I have been a member of the USPS, I2 years now, he has always played a major role in the operations of BRSPS. Recently Ernst decided that he needs to take a step back from some of the more time-intensive tasks, but he plans to stay involved and continue to help behind the scenes. So, if you see Ernst, please consider thanking him for all that has, and continues to do!



Tinker Murphy has graciously agreed to take over part of Ernst's load by chairing our basic boating courses. He will oversee setting up, registering, and coordinating our Adult Basic Boating Course, starting with our next class on 26 October. Please help us get out the word! Tinker will also be coordinating our Junior Basic Boating Courses which we hold at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center. Thank you, Tinker!

Now that we are getting ready to roll into a new squadron year, I really want to know what courses, seminars, and hands-on activities YOU would like to see!

Along these lines, I'm looking for a project or two whic we can work on over the winter. The outboard engine teardown seemed to be a pretty big hit this past January and February, so I would like to come up with something equally interesting. We could be troubleshooting, performing maintenance, doing some fabrication...you name it.

Lastly, please be sure to check out Page 14 and 15 to see some of the great work our educators continue to perform. Thank you all for everything you do to keep our Educational Department running!

Remember, we do not just offer boating education – we provide superior boating education!



# SEPT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, Sept 16 2019

Social 1830 Speaker (6:30 p.m.) (7:15 p.m.)

Kelly's Burgers and Beer 650 North Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32935

SPEAKER: Captain "Mag" Mangold

**TOPIC:** What is the Environmental Learning Center?

Mag is the SEO for the America's Boating Club - Sebastian Inlet and a representative of ELC. He will explain what ELC is all about and why we must embrace it in our lives.





#### **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!** 

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

By the time you read Dragon Tales, the summer will almost be over. And yet I still see a boat yard full of boats resting comfortably as I pass the PAFB boat storage areas along the Pineda Causeway. Up north the only boats left in storage are those derelicts never to see their hulls touch water again. Weekend time up north is filled with raftups, contests or just resting at anchor reading the newspaper at one of the many coves. Yet, here in Florida where we have boating opportunities year round I don't understand why so many boats remain in storage year round?



#### We need your assistance

As you know, we are now known as Americas Boating Club of South Brevard.

We currently have a membership of about 50 members. Of these 50 members only about 25% are active and participate in our activities. This places a great burden on the few who are active. What we need are old members as well as NEW MEMBERS!! Where are the prospective members? They are your fellow boaters who are not members at Yacht Clubs, marinas, and boat yards. These are the places to talk to your fellow boaters about our great organization.

There are so many boating activities that we could be engaged in were there many more members. Raftups, short weekend cruises, navigation contests, and just plain old getting together. So please do spend time trying to get NEW MEMBERS into your club.

As summer starts to turn into fall, also think about taking a USPS course. There are so many courses offered, and we have qualified members to teach them. You never know when the info you learned will be a big help for you.

Also in the fall we will be having our Change of Watch bringing new club officers onto the bridge. Consider taking one of the positions. It is very rewarding and gives you a chance to further enhance our club. New ideas ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Boart smart and safely. **GET INVOLVED!!!** 



# AMERICA'S B®ATING CLUB OF SOUTH BREVARD

### 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.



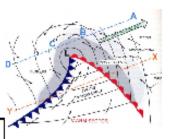
#### **BASIC BOATING (ABC3)**

October 26, 2019

Jr BASIC BOATING (11-17 yrs)

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# MARKER 36 CORN ROAST 2019 Sat July 13

### Indian River at Grant, FL





# Sat August 10 Eau Gallie Boat Ramp

Earl Gillespie spent 3 hours with Joy Holloway, who recently took the ABC3 Basic Boating Course, reviewing pre-docking procedures, leaving the dock, approaching the dock, and mooring.

This is the best part of the Course!





# ABC3 BASIC BOATING August 17



There were 8 students taught by Ernst Hofmann, Jim Merker, and Gail Wall. John Pechar helped out with bringing beverages and scoring exams.

It was a very successful class with an average exam score of 92.8, with one female student scoring 100%.

All have been invited to take part in the next On-The-Water session to be scheduled.







#### CANAVERAL LOCK CLOSED | Dec to 30 March



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced plans last week to conduct needed repairs and maintenance on the Canaveral Lock.

According to the Corps, the work is necessary to repair aging and damaged infrastructure in addition to improving public and vessel safety.

The Lock will be closed and dewatered from Dec. 1, 2019, through March 30, 2020. The public can provide comment on the Lock's planned closure until Thursday, Aug. 1.

During the maintenance closure – the first in 10 years – the lock chamber will be dewatered allowing crews to perform inspections, replace corroded steel structure, paint, install new gate seals and repair manatee protection system components.

During the closure, barges, floating cranes and divers will be working in the lock entrance, requiring vessel operators in the area to use minimal speed and caution for safety.

Located between the Port's West Turning Basin and the Banana River, Canaveral Lock was built in 1965 by the Army Corps of Engineers to provide vessels with a safe passage from the river to Port Canaveral and the Atlantic Ocean.

Operated by the Army Corps of Engineers, the lock reduces tidal current velocities in Canaveral Harbor, prevents entry of hurricane tides into the river and prevents saltwater intrusion.

By Space Coast Daily//July 26, 2019



# ABC-SB Members who have a September Birthday!

Patricia Becker
Rosemary Donohue
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John Carbee Ken Ernandes Jose Nunez **Ed Wrasmann** 



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# DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



August 2019

#### District 23 Fall Conference

Join us in Gainesville, Florida for the District 23 Fall Conference

#### Saturday, October 19, 2019

The Conference will be held at the

Wyndham Garden Gainesville

(Gainesville's only Lakefront hotel and

Conference Center)

- Saturday morning tours include:
   Sweetwater Wetlands Park or
   La Chua Trail at Payne's Prairie
   State Park.
- Luncheon includes St. Johns N Club Guest Speaker (Everyone invited to attend.)
- District 23 Business Meeting

Agenda and reservation information is included in this newsletter.

#### Welcome to Our New D23 Newsletter

Welcome to our new newsletter format. I wish to thank all who helped make this improvement possible, especially our wonderful District Secretary and Newsletter Editor: Jan Spencer and her staff.



I also wish to thank our other district bridge officers for their efforts in carrying out the missions and responsibilities we have as district leaders. As I think most of you know, our great organization, the United States Power Squadrons, is facing fundamental and revolutionary changes and not in name only! This is the time for each member to get involved and let your voice be heard. I have often said in the past that if you want to get the most out of your membership: get involved and participate. Now more than ever is this true. Our district and squadron leaders have been made aware of the issues involved and, I hope, have shared some of the proposed changes with you. Our National Board of Directors have endorsed widespread and fundamental changes which will deeply affect each of us. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! Discuss the issues in your homes and squadron meetings and come to our District 23 Fall Conference Business Meeting on Saturday, October 19, 2019, for further action. Save this date. Our conference committee has also planned some fun events. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

D/C Kurt W. Mikat, SN

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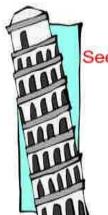




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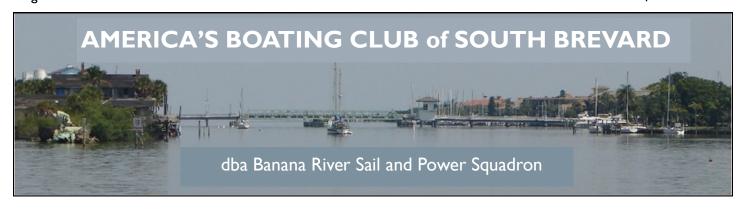
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### **UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2019**

SEPTEMBER						
7	FLARE-UP #2	1000	Eau Gallie Boat Ramp			
8-15	USPS GOVERNING BOARD		Galt Center, Louisville, KY			
10	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937			
16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	1830	Kelly's Burgers & Beer			
			650 N. Wickham Rd Melbourne 32935			
OCTOBER						
8	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1900	BAAB, 674 S. Patrick Dr, Satellite Beach, 32937			
12	CHANGE OF WATCH	1130	Melbourne Yacht Club, 1202 E. River Drive Melbourne 32901			
19	D23 FALL CONFERENCE		Wyndham Garden Gainsville, FL 32601			
26	ABC3	900	Ascension Lutheran Church, 1053 Pinetree Dr			
			Indian Harbour Beach 32937			
NOVEMBER						
2	SATELLITE BEACH FOUNDER'S DAY	900	Schechter Community Ctr, 1089 S Patrick Dr 32937			
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