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From the Desk of the Commander: Cdr William Fehr, N

No July General Meeting



The hot days of summer are in full swing. Hope everyone is keeping cool while on or in the water. Our squadron events have slowed a little as everyone is taking vacations and going north to find cooler weather. But we are still staying active with on the water outings, classes (Both for our members and the public), meetings and eating out.

Valerie and I had a wonderful day on the water this month with **Lt Harvey and Joy Inventasch** aboard the sailing vessel Quark. We sailed to the picnic at Channel Marker 21. This was part of the Sail Class's on the water training and it is working out to be a great addition. **Lt/C Jim Merker** did a fabulous job of setting up the picnic. The corn and hot dogs were wonderful. Food always tastes better when it's cooked outdoors. We had about fifteen members and five boats in attendance. I hope we can do something like this again very soon!

The Fall Conference Committee is meeting each month and making great progress. We need everyone in the squadron to start gathering items for the gift baskets. Please bring them to the next meeting and give them to **Lt Valerie Dietrich**. If you would like to help with any part of the conference please contact **P/C Lucy Hixenbaugh**. She will be glad to get the help.

Due to everyone being on vacation or north for the summer we will not be having a July general meeting. The August general meeting will be very important. The list of new Bridge Officers and Committee Members will be read so that we can vote on them at the September general meeting. It's hard to believe that it's almost time for the "Change of Watch" but it's only a little over 100 days away!

Hope to see you on the water soon!!

Bill Fehr

From the Executive Officer: Lt/C Lewis Rivers, AP

More Vessel Examiners Needed!

A huge pat-on-the-back to our Vessel Examiners! They have been doing a wonderful job putting our face out to the public. We are running a little ahead of where we were last year with the number of vessels inspected. Please keep up the great work!

We are always looking for new examiners. It isn't hard to become qualified, simply take a one day course and then perform some examinations with one of our Certified Examiners. If you have any interest at all, please talk to me, 777-7138, or P/C Dick Sullivan, 984-2564 and we would be more than happy to get the ball rolling.

As always, our Vessel Examiners are ever at the ready to make sure you have all you need to be safe on the water. A list of all of our examiners can be found in the squadron roster, or simply call P/C Dick Sullivan or myself.

Once again, a huge "Thank You" to all of our examiners for your great work!



Lew Rivers

From the Administrative Officer: Lt/C James Merker, S

More on the water events are being planned

Well, it is official, summer is here!

I first have to send out a great thanks to all those who were able to attend the events held in June. I recognize that this is a busy time of year and can require some extra effort to make things happen. The big activity of the month was the Marker 21 Corn Roast. I have to say that I had an absolute blast, and even had the opportunity to put some of what I teach in the Radio Telephony section of the Squadron Boating Course to good use. There are a few more on the water events being planned.

Shell's Seafood of Melbourne was absolutely delicious the last time we met there. Let's try it again in 1 July at 1830 (6:30pm). If you are planning on attending, please let me know via email or phone. Also check out flyer on page 10.

A trip by land or sea is also in the works. On 10 July we will be having a gathering at Captain Hiram's. This venue can be reached via car or vessel. Please see flyer on page 3 and be on the lookout for more details in the next week.

Do you have a trip/event that you would like to see sometime this summer? I would love to hear it! I am looking to setup some "quickie" boating trips to have picnics at various spoil islands. Simply give me a call, send me an email, or track me down at **Lt/C Lewis River's** shop.

Are you looking for a ride via boat to any of our activities? Please don't hesitate to let me know. There is almost always someone with seats available and would enjoy sharing the fun.

Please have a safe and fun summer!



Jim Merker

**From the Squadron Educational Officer & Acting Secretary
D/Lt/C Ernst G Hofmann, JN**

Courses are scheduled with on-the-water sessions



June turned out to be a busy month for students as well as instructors.

The Junior Safe Boating Class ran for three days with a huge turnout of 56 students. All of them passed the exam with a surprisingly large number achieving a perfect score.

The Sail class had its first ever on-the-water (OTW) experience on **Lt Harvey Inventasch's** cutter, who also taught the class. This class ended on 16 June with the review and exam.

The third Safe Boating Course has eleven students looking forward to the on-the-water

session on **Lt John Dolce's** boat, also a first time event. Plans are being developed for additional Safe Boating courses in September and early November.

On 7 July Seamanship starts, to be taught by **Lt/C Jim Merker**. We are looking for additional sign ups - so far we have only five students. This course is also scheduled with an OTW outing.

Soon there will be another Directory update in which we are including cell phone numbers – please send your number to me if it is not already listed.

Ernst Hofmann

Come by Land or Sea! Date: 10 July 2010 More info forthcoming via e-mail or call 604-9342

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A one dollar bill met a twenty dollar bill and said, "Hey, where have you been? I haven't seen you around here much."



The twenty answered, "I've been hanging out at the casinos, went on a cruise and did the rounds of the ship, back to the United States for a while, went to a couple of baseball games, to the mall, that kind of stuff. How about you?"

The one dollar bill said, "You know, same old stuff... church, church, church."

FLORIDA GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

The following article was written by **Lt Stephen L Moon**, BRSPS Law Officer, on June 19, 2010 responding to a question posed by a Safe Boating Class student.

State law doesn't apply when "navigable waters" are the location of the actions or incident. "Navigable waters" must be capable of commerce between two states. Florida's land locked lakes would be governed by state law and not considered "navigable waters". Admiralty and maritime law applies to actions/incidents on "navigable waters". If you render assistance to someone on "navigable waters" you are held to a standard of "reasonable care". If you do not use reasonable care then you can be liable for damages proximately caused by your failure to use reasonable care, aka "negligence". For example, if you offer to give someone a tow but you do not know how to do it safely or your vessel is not fit for the purpose you should stand by until someone else can do it. If you tow with a cleat or bit that is not strong enough for the task you risk launching a missile at someone on the other vessel. Always try to be a "prudent mariner". Think things through before you do it and you will stay out of harm's way. Always ask yourself, would a reasonable person do this? The courts have always treated "rescuers" favorably unless they did something really stupid. "Good Samaritans" shouldn't worry much unless they act irresponsibly when offering assistance.

Once when I was at Sebastian Inlet I offered a tow to two men in a john boat that were being carried out quickly by the tide. They had no anchor! I acted quickly by positioning my vessel close enough to grab a line they were going to toss to me. I went aft to secure the line to a stern cleat I knew was up to the task. I knew it because I had put the backing plates in myself. I was proud of how quickly I responded. The only problem was that I forgot to unhook my engine safety cut off switch lanyards from my shorts. When I went aft I disabled both of my outboard engines! I realized immediately what had happened and, after securing the tow line, I ran forward and clipped the lanyards back on and started my engines. I had only seconds to spare before we all drifted under the low span. My radar arch would have been too high to pass under the low span. My daughter and her friend were forward and may have been hit by the arch if it collapsed. I had sent them forward for safety! I did everything I thought I needed to do but forgot a key issue! Pun intended! Luckily everything worked out and I towed the pair to safety at a nearby boat ramp. Could I have been held liable for forgetting to remove my safety lanyards if anyone or anything had been injured or damaged? Possibly. A reasonable person may have known to remove the safety lanyards before leaving the helm. I was acting quickly because I was afraid the two men were going to be injured if they hit the bridge. Experience tells me that juries and judges view the facts with 20/20 hindsight. Tell your students to remember this example if they too must act quickly. I was very lucky that day.

The Chaplain's Report:

P/D/C George Ammon, SN



- P/C Bill Rice is home recovering from heart bypass surgery.
- P/C Katie Sullivan is also home recovering after a short hospital stay.



P/D/C George Ammon, Chaplain

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ON SATURDAY OUR BRS&PS AUXILIARY IS PLANNING A FREE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE WOMEN WHO DO NOT WANT TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. MORE INFO ON THIS IN FUTURE FLYERS.

SATURDAY WILL BE THE COUNCIL & CONFERENCE MEETINGS COUPLED WITH ONLY ONE GUEST SPEAKER. D 23 DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING FOR INCOMING SQUADRON OFFICERS WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE.

SATURDAY EVENING IS BANQUET NIGHT. GOOD FOOD IN A TROPICAL SETTING WILL MAKE UP THE EVENING EVENT. AND ON SUNDAY MORNING THE ST JOHNS “N” CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR USUAL BREAKFAST COUPLED WITH A GUEST SPEAKER.

SO START PLANNING NOW. FOR MORE INFO AND DIRECT ON-LINE RESERVATIONS USING PAY PAL IF YOU CHOOSE, VISIT THE BRS&PS WEB SITE AT WWW.BANANARIVERSPS.ORG

**Hosted by: Banana River
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Come Hang Out On The Beach With Us - In Just Three Steps:

Step 1 - Register - Let's Attend



Everyone who plans to attend must register—at no cost. Registration allows us to be certain we can provide enjoyment and not miss anyone. Please complete the registration form below:

Last Name _____ First _____ Rank /Grade _____
 Add'l Guest Last _____ First _____ Rank/Grade _____
 Squadron _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Home Phone (____) _____ Email _____@_____
 I / We plan to attend _____ Friday -1 Oct _____ Saturday -2 Oct _____ Sunday -3 Oct
 Special needs or Accommodations ? _____

Step 2 - Let's Reserve A Room

Banana River Squadron will reserve a room for anyone who registers by **1 September 2010**. After that date anyone who wishes to reserve will be placed on **space available status** only. Check in time is 1500, check out time is 1200.



USPS room rate for the conference is \$96.00, and after 1 September 2010 add 13% room tax, plus 1% city surcharge per night.

Date of Arrival ___/___/___ Date of Departure ___/___/___
 Number of persons _____ Number of rooms required _____
SELECT: _____ ONE king size bed _____ TWO queen size beds _____ NON Smoking

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Step 3 - Let's Eat : Make Meal Reservations

The following meals will be provided during the conference; all registered participants and guests may attend.



				Number Attending	Cost
Friday, 1 Oct,	16:00	Hospitality Room, 7th Fl, Ocean View South			
	19:00	Luau (outside) Cost per person of \$30.00	_____	_____	
Saturday, 2 Oct,	12:00	Barbeque (outside) Cost per person of \$18.00	_____	_____	
	16:00	Hospitality Room, 7th Fl, Ocean View South			
	9:00	Dinner, Cost per person of \$32.00	_____	_____	
Select one: _____Chicken Marsala, _____Sliced Sirloin, or _____Grilled Portabella Mushrooms					
Sunday, 3 Oct,	08:00	N Club Breakfast Buffet Cost per person of \$15.00	_____	_____	
					TOTAL COST: _____



**If You Are Not Having Fun - Check the Address
You went to the Wrong Hotel !**

Friday - All Day! Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50, Drawings

14:00 - Surprise Activities - Spouse & Guests!

16:00 - Hospitality Room (and we DO mean hospitality) See Fred, Maria & the PEELs

19:00 - Luau ! - Outside at dusk on the ocean - ONLY sandals, cut-offs, old / wild Hawaiian shirts, Bermuda shorts, straw hats, bangles, beads and surfer attire are really appropriate

Saturday - All Day! Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50, Drawings

10:00 Spouse & Guests Activity - presentation sponsored by the PEELS.

12:00 - Barbeque for Lunch ! - Noon, outside over looking the beach - BBQ chicken, Hamburgers, hot dogs, all the sides and all the trimmings

14:00 - Spouse & Guests Activity! **Medium Mark Anthony**, the Psychic Lawyer will amaze and entertain

16:00 - Hospitality Room No, the PEELs have even more fun in store for you

19:00 - Dinner & Dancing - Choice of: Chicken Marsala, Sliced Sirloin, or Grilled Portabella Mushroom rooms—YUM!



Happy Birthday

July 2010



Carolyn V. Bouvier

Franck H. Kaiser Jr.

Jeanne F. LeCun

Raymond E. Stern

Emily Woessner

Weather Proverbs

Sailors have always relied upon "natural" clues to approaching weather, along with the new technologies.

Perhaps the most often quoted weather proverb among mariners is:

Red sky in morning, Sailors take warning.
Red sky at night, Sailors' delight.

A red sky at night (when the sun is to the west) is caused by light passing through dust particles in the air to the west. Dust indicates dry weather and since most weather changes come from the west, a red sky at night usually indicates dry weather approaching.

A red sky in the morning, however, indicates that the dry air has moved away. A gray sky at night means that the western air is filled with moisture and it will likely rain soon.

The first recorded use of this system of weather forecasting can be found in the Bible. In Matthew 16.2-3, Jesus says to the fishermen, "when it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' and in the morning 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.'" Since it has lasted so long, we think there must be something to it.

Other variations on this theme include:

Evening red and morning grey, help the traveller on his way.
Evening grey and morning red bring down a rain upon his head.
Rainbow in the morning gives you fair warning

The sun is in the east in the morning, the shower and associated rainbow are in the west. Since weather generally moves from west to east, rain is approaching.

When the bubbles of coffee collect in the centre of the cup - expect fair weather. When they adhere to the cup, forming a ring, expect rain. If the bubbles separate without assuming any fixed position, expect changing weather."

The barometric pressure seemingly has a consistent effect on coffee.

Rainbow to windward, foul fall the day;
Rainbow to leeward, rain runs away.

If the wind is coming from the direction of the rainbow, the rain is heading toward you. Conversely, if the rainbow is in the opposite direction, it has passed you.

Mackerel skies and mares' tails
Make tall ships take in their sails.

Cirrus clouds (mackerel skies or clouds that looked as if they'd been scratched by a hen, according to the old-timers) often precede a warm front which brings winds and rain.

When halo rings the moon or sun
Rain's approaching on the run.

The halo is caused by high cirrostratus (ice crystal) clouds that are indicative of an approaching warm front and predict rain within 20-24 hours. The Weather Service confirms that rain follows about 75 percent of sun halos and about 65 percent of moon halos.

The higher the clouds
the better the weather

These clouds generally indicate both dry air and high atmospheric pressure – usually associated with fair weather. Lowering ceilings indicate rain.

Some say that these proverbs may apply more to the Northern Hemisphere, however there are clouds, sunsets, wind and rain the world over.

Sweet Caroline Our Sailing Adventures — Nineteenth Installment By P/D/C John Carbee, SN and P/C Carol Carbee, SN

Trinidad– Part III

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The day after we arrived back from Tobago, Catherine Tardieu picked us up for some more island touring. She took us down to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Independence Square and also the Rosary Catholic Church on Henry Street all in Port of Spain. For the looks of things I don't think it would have been safe if John & I came there by ourselves. Some of the areas we traveled through didn't look all that safe. We were glad we were with someone who knew where to go. We then went up to Mount St. Benedict Church and Monastery in Tunapuna, which sits on 240 hectares (600 acres) at the top of a hill overlooking south and central Trinidad and offers spectacular views. The Monastery is home to 20 aging monks. When we reached the top of the mountain we met her mother, Maggie, who had prepared us a Trinidadian picnic lunch. She made Pe-lau, (pronounced either pi low, pe low), a spicy Caribbean meat and rice dish and contained rice, pigeon peas, beef and chicken. She also made three drinks; Fruit Punch (the best I have tasted); Ginger Beer (not alcoholic), grated fresh ginger, sugar, a small amount of baker's yeast, and (optionally) lemon juice and is bottled in a 2 liter bottle. It is sealed at room temperature for a day or two before refrigerating; its other distinctive properties include its traditional cloudy appearance, its predominantly citrus sour taste base and its spicy ginger bite which we didn't care for; Mauby, which is widely consumed in the Caribbean and made with sugar and the bark from a tree of the Buckthorn family. This drink has an acquired taste and a word of warning to first-time Mauby drinkers, "it can cause a laxative initial reaction". I guess it was a good thing I didn't drink much because I really didn't like it. So much for new Trinidadian drinks for I think I will stick to things I know in the future.

The next couple weeks were spent on boat projects with John finishing putting up the new Kiss Wind Generator, whereas he had to get help from another boater to help put the unit in place. Now he is tackling the job of replacing the chain plate's one on either side at a time. As of this

article he has two replaced and working on two more with four after that to go.

After a couple of weeks we received a phone call from the Knaggs our newly found friends from Trinidad that they were going to pick us up on Friday the 11th of September and take us to see their home in Blanchisseuse, (pronounced Blon-she-suhze). It is derived from the French word for launderer – taken from the village women who washed their clothes in the nearby Marianne River. Blanchisseuse is on the north coast of Trinidad and we were once again traveling on the hilly, winding road along the coast towards Maracas Bay. From Maracas Bay the road narrows and the beautiful craggy coastline is dotted with weekend homes and can seem romantic or harsh, depending on your mood. The North Coast Road climbs over the mountains of the Northern Range, through a forest of tall trees, ferns and bamboo while hugging the Caribbean coastline. We finally arrived at another of their beautiful homes, a 4 bedroom with a pool, high on a hill overlooking the ocean. They had a plaque on the gate that read "La Bella Vita", meaning "The Good Life". After having a tour and a few drinks we continued on the North Coast Road until we came to their fishing village and went down to the quay to watch the fishermen unload their catches of the day. Each fishing boat is relieved of its motor and this was carried up on the shoulder of one of the natives. We saw him carrying up the steep incline a 40hp engine and then a 48hp engine with little or no effort and this was in the heat of the afternoon. Of course he was a lot younger than us! Each boat was then lifted out of the water by about 10-12 men and placed on the quay for tomorrow's fishing expedition. All in all there were about thirty, 24' fishing boats there. David purchased some King fish and they were cleaned on the spot and cut into steaks for grilling later. We returned to their house and walked down the steps to the beach and walked out in the ocean around the rock outcropping to the other beach next door.

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Sweet Caroline Our Sailing Adventures — Nineteenth Installment By P/D/C John Carbee, SN and P/C Carol Carbee, SN

Trinidad– Part III Continued

Once through the rocks it was all sand and easy going. We later swam in the surf but didn't venture out too far as we had seen red flags flying when we past Maracas Bay Beach earlier that morning and I'm sure this was for rip currents.

Trinidadians have their own language, one of the most fascinating languages on earth. A few Trini (Trinidadian) words we have heard and have stuck in our lingo. We are called yachties here, not boaters or cruisers and Limin' is hanging out, loafing or the art of doing nothing. I'm sure we will pick up more before we leave here after the hurricane season.

Today sitting here at the marina restaurant working on my articles, Charmaine who works

here brought me over a "starch mangos" to try. This didn't look like any mangos I have ever seen. It was yellow with spots on it and I was told to peel it like a banana and have my head over a dish or sink because it's really juicy. According to her they have thirty seven different kinds of mangos

Carol is now getting ready for her trip back to Florida on 20 September for three weeks and will visit with friends and family. John has ordered all kinds of "boat stuff" for her to bring back again this year and they are all taking up space at our son Steve's house in Melbourne.

Stay tuned for more adventures from John & Carol aboard the S/V Sweet Caroline.

First Thursday of the Month Dinner Out | July 2010

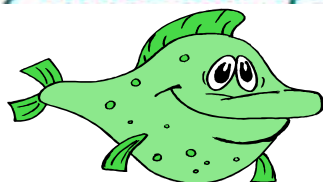
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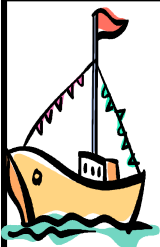
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Banana River Sail and Power Squadron

2010 CALENDAR SOCIAL SCHEDULE (Rev June 25, 2010)

JULY 2010

01 1ST THURSDAY OUT
 05 BRIDGE MEETING
 07 SEAMANSHIP CLASS STARTS
 10 CRUISE/LUNCH
 14 EXECUTIVE MEETING
 SEAMANSHIP CLASS
 19 GENERAL MTG CANCELLED
 20 DT REPORT DUE
 21 SEAMANSHIP CLASS
 FALL CONFERENCE MEETING
 26 JR SAFE BOATING
 27 JR SAFE BOATING
 28 JR SAFE BOATING
 SEAMANSHIP CLASS

AUGUST 2010

02 BRIDGE MEETING
 04 SEAMANSHIP CLASS
 05 1ST THURSDAY OUT
 11 EXECUTIVE MEETING
 11 SEAMANSHIP CLASS
 16 GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST Continued

18 SEAMANSHIP CLASS
 FALL CONFERENCE MEETING
 25 SEAMANSHIP CLASS

SEPTEMBER 2010

01 SEAMANSHIP CLASS ENDS
 02 1ST THURSDAY OUT
 06 BRIDGE MEETING
 08 ADVANCED PILOTING STARTS
 11 CANOE/KAYAK TRIP
 15 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS
 FALL CONFERENCE MEETING
 18 SAFE BOATING CLASS
 20 GENERAL MEETING
 22 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS
 25 SAFE BOATING CLASS
 29 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS

OCTOBER 2010

01 DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE
 02 DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER Continued

03 DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE
 04 BRIDGE MEETING
 06 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS
 07 1ST THURSDAY OUT
 13 EXECUTIVE MEETING
 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS
 20 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS
 23 CHANGE OF WATCH AT EGYC
 27 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS

NOVEMBER 2010

01 BRIDGE MEETING
 03 ADVANCED PILOTING CLASS
 04 1ST THURSDAY OUT
 10 AP CLASS ENDS
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG
 13 SAFE BOATING CLASS
 15 GENERAL MEETING
 20 SAFE BOATING CLASS

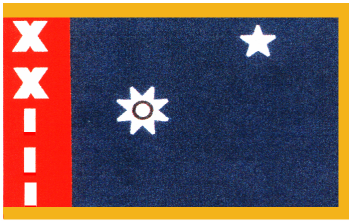
The Captain Can't Swim!

I worked in the Biology Department at Buffalo State College in New York. The Great Lakes Laboratory, also stationed at the college, employed a licensed boat captain to man its research vessel. It was common knowledge that the captain couldn't swim.

When newcomers learned of this, they would approach him about it.

"Is it true?" one of them asked incredulously. "You, a boat captain, can't swim?"

"No, I can't," he replied. "Can pilots fly?"



GALAXY 23
From the District Bridge
D/Lt/C Lucy A. Hixenbaugh, P
Administrative Officer

People who have spent time **volunteering** for a cause report that they get back in satisfaction and joy more than they ever expend in inconvenience or effort.

Throughout our history, personal education was the number one reason people joined USPS. In more recent years there has been an increased emphasis towards:

- Networking
- Educating others
- Service to the community
- Fellowship
- Boating and Boating Safety

It is not a coincidence a Boating Class, picnic, Blessing of the Fleet or Christmas party is successful. Many volunteer hours, including behind the scene preparation, has contributed to meeting the membership's expectations.

New members will only realize the advantages of membership if shown first hand. Recruiting is only as good if followed through with proper orientation and involvement.

Thank you for the continued achievements in D23. USPS is **Volunteerism** at its finest.

Hats off to Cdr Roy Merritt and Titusville Squadron for the D23 picnic and cardboard boat race on 15 May. A true team accomplishment.

www.brsps.org has all of the information to make reservations on line for the D23 Fall Conference. Deadline for the discount is 1 September.

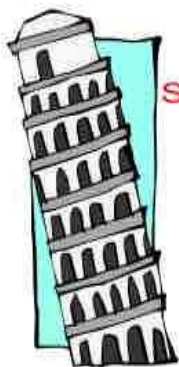
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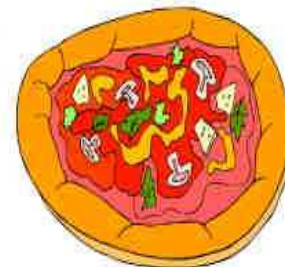


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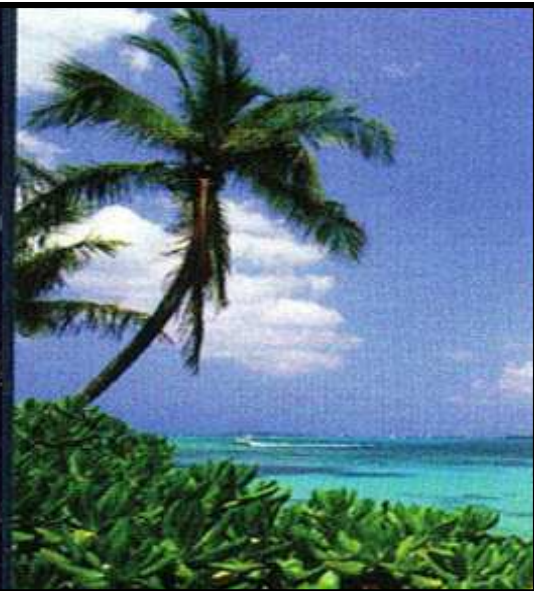
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UP-COMING SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS — 2010

Safe Boating Partners: A person who shares or is associated with another in some safe boating action or endeavor.

July

01	1 ST THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER OUT	1830	Shells Restaurant	See page 10 for address & directions
05	BRIDGE MEETING	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
07	SEAMANSHIP CLASS STARTS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
10	CRUISE/ LUNCH	TBA	Captain Hiram's	Sebastian See page 3 for details
14	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
14	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
19	NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH			
21	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
21	FALL CONF MEETING	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
26,27,28	JR SAFE BOATING	0900	D.R. Schechter Center	1089 So. Patrick Dr, Sat. Beach
28	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne

August

02	BRIDGE MEETING	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
04	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
05	1 ST THURSDAY OUT	TBA		
11	EXECUTIVE MEETING	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
11	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
16	GENERAL MEETING	1900	Satellite Beach Civic Center	
18	FALL CONF MEETING	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
18	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne
25	SEAMANSHIP CLASS	1830	Keiser University,	900 S. Babcock St., Melbourne