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Change of Watch

By Cdr Roy Merritt, JN

Our annual Change of Watch got underway on Saturday, January 29th at noon with a small gathering of Squadron members. We were soon joined by our guests, Cdr John Mulkey from the Cocoa Beach Sail and Power Squadron and Cdr and Mrs. William (Bill) Fehr from the Banana River Sail and Power Squadron.

Representing the District Commander was our special guest. D L/Cdr Lucy Hixenbaugh, AP and her husband, D L/Cdr David Hixenbaugh.

It was a great opportunity to mix with everyone in a generally relaxed atmosphere, and to swap a few sea stories and fairy tales. At 1:00pm how-

ever, the bell was rung, the meeting called to order and introductions and formalities conducted. This was quickly followed by a good meal.

After our meal, we settled down to business in which I, the outgoing Commander had the opportunity to say my thanks and farewells. D L/Cdr L. Hixenbaugh gave us her message from the District Commander and entertained us with good humor before finally formally dismissing the 2010 bridge.

Cdr Scott, JN was then sworn in along with the rest of the new 2011 bridge. Cdr Scott pre-



Welcome aboard, Cdr Scott.

sented the traditional outgoing Commander's plaque, which was gratefully received, before he addressed us.

The C.O.W. is a time to thank the outgoing bridge for their hard work and welcome the new bridge with their vision of the coming year.

Winter Council, January 22nd, 2011

By L/Cdr Anne Merritt, JN

The most interesting news from this event is as follows:

Banana River Squadron announced their intention to hold another piloting contest on Saturday, April 2nd.

At the Fall Conference P/D/C Richard Leatherman had advocated investing District funds in precious metals. D/C Becker had appointed a committee to look into this. The committee's report tentatively suggested a small investment. After some

discussion the membership voted overwhelmingly to drop the idea.

D/C Becker raised the point that even if the membership was in favor, such a use of funds would require a change to by-laws/ Richard Leatherman proposed a motion that the by-laws be changed to allow investment in non-FDCI backed funds. The motion was almost unanimously rejected by the membership.

Another important issue also raised at the Fall Conference was a proposal to cut down the

number of District Conferences and Councils. This had been prompted by falling attendance and rising costs. After some discussion, it was voted to keep things as they were.

Ann Fields proposed that District should give \$500 to Squadrons hosting conferences to offset costs if attendance falls below anticipated numbers. During discussion Cdr Fehr made the point that,

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Special points of interest:

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- Spring Conference

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At the Helm

Cdr Robert Scott, JN

I am very honored to be given this opportunity to serve as the Commander of our Squadron for the upcoming year. Roy Merritt, JN will be a hard act to follow, but I will try my best. I want to thank the members of last year's Bridge for their fine work and support. I am looking forward to working with this year's Bridge and welcome the new members on the Bridge.

We have a lot in store for us this year: C&Rs, classes and many interesting speakers for our upcoming meetings. Also Founder's Day is coming on the 17th of February. We have steaks, plus for our speaker

we have the "Shark Man". Coming on March 5th is our Spring Nautical Flea Market.

On the 7th of May is the District 23 annual picnic and cardboard boat race. Please come out and join us at these events. If you have any event or activity you think we may be able to do as a Squadron let myself or a member of the Bridge know so we can check it out.

Again let me thank you all, the members of the Titusville Sail and Power Squadron for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I will do my best. I would like to give you all

a challenge. I would like each member to bring a non-member to one of the Squadron activities to introduce them to the USPS. Thank you.



Executive Officers Report

P/C Roy Merritt, JN

Greetings All! 2010 was certainly a good, and busy year. But, come January 2011, I was happy to stand-down as your Commander and welcome Robert Scott, JN, in as our new Commander. I know Bob is a very capable person, with plenty of great ideas and I have every confidence that Bob will do a splendid job as our Commander. Please give him the support that you gave me cause it is a tough job to do.

I would like to echo our Commander's comments about 2011. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to part two of the "Shark Man's" adven-

ture. What a great way to kick off the new year.

The new Bridge is busy planning for this year, and we certainly do welcome your input. Like Bob says, let us know what you want from our Squadron.

I hope everyone is planning on coming to the Spring Conference in Central Florida. Book now! The theme for this occasion is Pirates. So brush off your pirating outfits and come out for an evening of fun. Don't forget the business meetings running all day on Saturday. It's a good time to connect up with old friends, meet new people

and find out what's happening around the District. Also, the new District Bridge will be sworn in, so don't miss out on the fun, come and join us at the Spring Conference. See ya there!



Education Corner

L/Cdr Anne Merritt, JN

We are nearing the end of the Piloting course and will be starting the Advanced Piloting one on February 23rd. If you would like to join please contact myself or Cdr Bob Scott for further details. On March 15th we will be starting the Navigation class. If you already have "JN" and would like the challenge, please call myself or Jerry Murphy.

We are planning to teach our public ABC course on Saturday, April 9th. Watch this space for further details.



Pop! Pop! Pop!

By Barbara Bakalla, P
Project Chairwoman

The pop tab collection campaign is drawing to a close!!!! I have contacted the Pop Tab Patrol at Imperial Estates Elementary School and they would like to come and PICK UP these valuable pop tabs at our MARCH 17th MEETING!!! Remember, our tabs will be added to all the other tabs the School collects and then are donated to the Ronald McDonald House to help families

stay at the House while ill children are receiving needed medical care. So, keep collecting them and bring them to the February and March meetings or other Squadron functions.

Also, the School uses those Coupons For Education to redeem for cash, which helps the School provide materials and other supplies that they need. So, bring these also to the meetings for me. Thank you so much for all your efforts in helping us to

contribute to this good cause.



Winter Council con't.

if well organized, a hosting squadron could actually make money from a conference. His own Squadron, Banana River, had come out ahead after hosting the 2010 fall Conference. The membership voted to accept the motion, beginning with Spring 2011 and running for one full cycle (about five years).



Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to our fellow Squadron members born in:

February

- John Carlson, Jr.
- James Durfee
- Naomi Nichols



If you do not see your name here and it should be, it is because I did not find your birthday in the db2000 database.



February 2011

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March 2011

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April 2011

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 7 Feb—Bridge Meeting
- 17 Feb—General Meeting: Shark Man!
- 18-20 Feb—C&R to Cocoa Village Marina.
- 23 Feb—Advanced Piloting Begins
- 5 Mar—Nautical Flea Market
- 7 Mar—Bridge Meeting
- 12 Mar—Daylight Savings Time begins.
- 15 Mar—Navigation class begins.
- 17 Mar—General Meeting
- 18-20 Mar— D23 Spring Conference.
- 2 Apr — Banana River Sail & Power Squadron Piloting Contest.
- 4 Apr—Bridge Meeting
- 9 Apr—ABC Public Boating Course.
- 21 Apr—General Meeting

Our February meeting is our annual Founder's Day celebration. The Squadron is providing steak and the Commander is supplying the baked potatoes. If you have not already signed up for a side dish, then please contact Chef Elmer to coordinate what you are bringing.





Photo Gallery



“Want to see more photos? Catch us on the World Wide Web at our website: www.titusvillesps.org and click the “Photo Album” button on the menu bar on the left of the page. While there, explore the whole site to see what we’ve created for you.”



Monthly General Meeting Minutes—January 2011

Commander Roy Merritt called the meeting to order at 1800 hours, he had P/C Jerry Murphy give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was then recessed at 1805 hours for dinner.

The meeting was reconvened at 18: 50 hours. Commander recognized Past Commanders: Matt Bandilla, Joe Dunn, Jerry Murphy and Dick Ruffe. A guest of member Lee Lincoln, John Cole of New York was introduced.

There will be a guest speaker for Founder's Day meeting it will be Richard O'Toole who was the guest speaker at our September meeting. His expertise on the subject of sharks was such a big hit he was asked to return for an encore.

Commander Merritt than asked for the officer reports:

SEO – Anne Merritt reported on that the Piloting class was right on track and Advanced Piloting would be next. The Navigation class was due to start on March 15 at Parrish Hospital. A flier was given out reminding members of the upcoming Change of Watch and the Founder's Day meeting. Baskets for the Spring Picnic were requested as well as contributions needed to fill the baskets. The ABC course has not been scheduled yet but will be discussed at the next Ex-Com meeting.

Admin. Officer – Lee Lincoln reiterated the info on our guest speaker for the Founder's Day meeting.

Executive Officer- Bob Scott- Vessel Safety Checks were at 25. Safe Boating Week was coming up in May. The Spring Nautical Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday March 5.

Secretary- Karen Andros- Minutes published in the Discoverer. Elmer Bakalla made a motion that the minutes be accepted as published it was seconded by Dave Haslam.

Treasurer's Report - given by Karen Andros for the month of December.

New Business: USPS National Meeting in Orlando being held at The Coronado Springs Hotel in Disney World. The Winter Council Meeting will be on Saturday January 22, eight members are planning to attend. Monday Feb. 7th is the next bridge meeting and the next General Meeting will be Thurs. Feb.17 which will be our Founder's Day meeting. Ray Lennon mentioned that Terry Lane from the county will speak at a future meeting. P/C Jerry Murphy chairman of the Audit Committee reported that audit for 2011 had been done with Elmer and Barbara Bakalla in attendance as well as Treasurer Karen Andros and that the squadron books were in good shape.

P/C Jerry Murphy announced the new bridge for 2011:

Robert A. Scott, JN – Commander

Roy K. Merritt, JN- Ex-O

Ray Lennon, AP- Admin

Anne Merritt, JN – SEO

Sandra Carlson, S – Secretary

Karen Andros, AP – Treasurer

P/C Jerry Murphy asked for a motion to have the names accepted as read. Lee Lincoln made the motion and it was seconded by Dave Haslam. A vote was taken and the motion carried. It was also brought up that we need members to fill committee openings. Stan Hartman will chair the Nominating Committee along with John Carlson and Matt Bandilla.

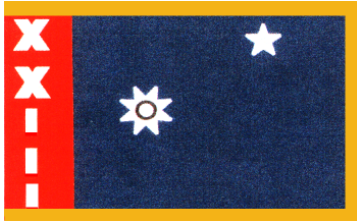
Ray Lennon who had been asked to find out a new meeting place reported that it looks like we would be probably be paying about \$20.00 per hour. The Indian River Civic Center had been looked as a possible place to hold our meetings and is owned by the city but run by the county.

Elmer Bakalla reminded that we need at least two grills and servers for our Founder's Day meeting. Anne Merritt and Karen Andros were thanked for decorating the club. Barbara Bakalla reminded members about collecting the pop tabs.

New name tags with magnetic backings will be ordered for those who request them at a cost, new members who have not had a name tag will receive one cost free.

Barbara Bakalla won the 50/50.

Commander Merritt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was done by Matt Bandilla and seconded by Elmer Bakalla.



GALAXY 23

From the District Bridge

D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN

Commander

It's the New Year and it should be an exciting year for D 23. First off we have the D 23 winter council meeting on Saturday, 22 January being held at the ARC center in Daytona Beach. If you attended the fall D 23 Conference you will remember that several "ad-hoc" committees were formed to report on several items: the continuance of having two yearly D 23 Conferences; moving some of our D 23 treasury money into gold were two of the topics that will be reported on at the council meeting. And this is the council meeting that our D 23 bridge Officers spend some time with the incoming D 23 squadron officers showing them what we can do to assist them in their squadron positions. So please insure that the old and the new bridge officers attend the council meeting.

Right after the council meeting the next USPS event is the Annual Meeting. Again it will be held in Orlando at the Disney resort complex. Here is a chance to meet many of our USPS members from all over the country, islands etc. It is also a chance to see the USPS in action. Committee meetings, booths featuring USPS activities along with several related marine type activities are always high on the "to see" list of attendees. And of course the awards event on Friday and the actual annual meeting on Saturday will be more of the highlights for those attending. So be sure to spend at least one and hopefully additional days attending the annual meeting the week of 31Jan-5 Feb. Check the USPS web site for more info. And oh yes, once again the meeting is held in OUR territory and we are the host district. Don Clark and his gang of National Meeting Committee people will need plenty of assistance. Give Don a call and see what you can do to help out!!

Squadron Changes of Watches should be completed by the time of our D 23 Spring Conference hosted by our newly formed squadron, Central Florida Sail & Power Squadron. Cdr Kat Feder and her crew promise us a great conference. The Friday night theme is PIRATES! I am sure there will be lots of info regarding this conference on the D 23 web site as well in each of the D 23 squadron publications. So be on the lookout and mark the dates.

While all of the above items are of great importance, the most important topic is still MEMBERSHIP!! Only each of you can build our squadrons back to where they were several years ago. The economy appears to be getting better and hopefully more potential boaters will be heading for the water. Go after them. Get them to take our ABC3 course. Sign them up as new members of your squadron. We have the best courses available along with the best organization for boaters. Make it happen.



Abandon all Hope Ye Who Enter Here

Attention All USPS D23 Pirates

*Beware of
Pirates!*

and Wenches

*Beware of
Pirates!*

Save the Date March 18-20, 2011

for the D23 Spring Conference and COW

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and a poolside buffet. Prizes for the best costume! Photo
opportunity with pirate couple cut-outs! Saturday night
will be the D23 COW. There will be lots of auction items as
well as door prizes. Keep watch for more information

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USPS DISTRICT 12 – 2011 SPRING CONFERENCE AND COW



March 18-20, 2011



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		Number Attending	Cost
Friday, March 18	16:00 Hospitality Room,	free to all	free
	19:00 Pirate Poolside Buffet cost per person of \$29.00	_____	_____
Saturday, March 19	07:00 Hospitality Room Continental Breakfast	_____	free
	12:00 Boxed sandwich (turkey ___ ham ___ roastbeef ___) \$9.00	_____	_____
	16:00 Hospitality Room	_____	free
	19:00 Dinner, Cost per person of \$32	_____	_____
(Select one: Dijon Portabella Chicken _____ New York Strip _____ Grilled Cajun Tilapia _____)			
Sunday, March 20	N Club Breakfast Sunshine Buffet Cost per person of \$17.00	_____	_____

TOTAL COST _____

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