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Commanders Corner

Cdr. Christopher M. McCain P
Lake Charles Power Squadron



The D-21 Fall Conference was held in Shreveport on Oct. 4-7, and I was truly pleased to have ten (10) member of Lake

Charles to represent us there! I would like to personally thank P/C Tom Cameron and his wife Elaine as well as P/C Ken Wilkinson and his wife Diane, P/C Armin Brahm, Lt/C John Lukas, Lt/C Sheryl Dautriel, Lt/C Ned Dautriel and my wife Annette for showing support from our Squadron.

We should all be proud that our scrapbook won first place in all of District 21. Thank you very much Kitty Walker for the extensive time spent on this ongoing endeavor! I would also like to thank Sheryl Dautriel and Chris Nelsen as well as all of our instructors for their time and effort; it was an honor to receive for the 2nd year in a row the "Excellence in Recreational Boating Education" award. This award is presented by both the National Boating Federation and The United States Power Squadron. The Plaque will be displayed next to last years at the

Anchorage. Please congratulate them when you see them.

Beaumont, Orange, Lafayette and Lake Charles pooled together again for the hospitality room, and as usual it was a big success! Thanks for all the food and drink brought to our Hospitality Room but mostly for the camaraderie and fellowship that everyone enjoyed. The weekend went off without a hitch! Well almost, Sunday morning at the Governing board-planning meeting for Orlando in January 2002, I was elected or should I say nominated to be in a skit at the Governing board to promote the Spring Conference in Houston! It has to do with two horses and I bet you can't guess which end I was stuck with!

We had to cancel the D-21 fleet review due to lack of participation and I'm sure the catastrophe of 9-11 had a lot to do with this. The weather turned really nasty that weekend and incase you haven't been by the Anchorage lately we had wind damage that included loss of shingles and tarpaper on the northwest corner of the roof. We are now waiting on insurance to get back with us on a settlement.

Annette and I will be cooking Thanksgiving dinner next week so please plan to attend.

Cdr Chris McCain

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

Social starts at 1800

Meeting starts at 1900

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

November 21, 2001

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Check us out on the Web at our website below
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/lcps>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November	7	General Meeting	Anchorage
	3	Raftup	Prien Lake
	16	Brown Bag Bingo	Anchorage
	19	Co-Op Charting	Anchorage
	28	Executive Committee	Anchorage
December	1	Lake Charles Boat Parade	Civic Center Seawall
	5	Christmas Party	Vanchieres
	26	Executive Committee	Anchorage

Reminder

Next meeting is November 7, 2001. Social starts at 1800 with the meeting at 1900. The menu provided by Cdr Chris and Annette McCain is Turkey with the fixings. The cost is \$5.00.



EDUCATION REPORT

The public **Boating Course** continued into October with P/C's Ken Wilkinson, Ralph Johnson, Armin Brahm, and Earl Moore instructing. 1st Lt Ned Dautriel finished up the course by instructing the Trailing chapter. Charles Dessommes gave an informative talk about the Lake Charles Power Squadron and USPS membership and its goals. Exams were given to nine students and graded by P/C Earl Moore. He made a new slotted answer sheet, which was much easier to use. Martin Hardy and Ned Dautriel attended class for support. All nine students passed and hopefully a new member will be recruited. "Thank you" to the members who helped with this class. A plaque was presented to McNeese University for the many years use of Gayle Hall. Dr. Robert Hebert accepted it at our last general meeting.

The LCPS also has acquired four computers via Chris Nelsen from Boise Cascade. Along with other donations of LCD projector from P/C Ken Wilkinson and another computer from Don & Martha Hains, the Education Department is well on its way to upgrade classroom presentations. Members are willing to help when called upon and everyone is truly appreciated.

District 21 Fall Conference was hosted by Shreveport with a new format, which was both casual and informative. Workshops were on Membership, VSC, and PR. We are proud to announce that Lake Charles has again received the **Excellence in Recreational Boating Education** award. The award is jointly given by both the National Boating Education Federation and the United States Power Squadrons to recognize excellence in Boating Course enrollments. Lake Charles Power Squadron received the award from District 21 for the highest percentage of students examined relative to squadron membership. Boating Course and Boat Smart Course data is combined. The LCPS's goal is to promote teaching and communicating safe boating to our community and we will strive to continue this effort. Thank you for making our squadron shine.

Safe Boating!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FALL CONFERENCE

I attended the D/21 Fall Conference in Shreveport. Vicki was not able to attend the Conference due to conflicting scheduling at the Port. LCPS had a good turn out of Members. LCPS must have a long record of past D/21 events. I have now attended a few D/21 Conferences and other District Members tell of some most interesting stories. I attended some very informative meetings. We received numerous awards. Thanks to all the Membership for their hard work and support. One of the interesting events was we were all treated to supper on Saturday evening at the Science Museum. We had Mexican food. After supper we saw the IMAX film Everest.

FLEET REVIEW

The Fleet Review had to be canceled because we were not going to have a high turn out of boats and out of town guest. Thanks are in order to Armin and Janelle Brahm for all the work in planning such an event.

CO-OP CHARTING

We have set the date of November 19th to learn about CO-OP Charting. This is to be very informal training on reading the description. I have down loaded and sorted marks from Lake Charles and surrounding areas. Making small packets of between seven to ten descriptions for different parts of your area. Actually Vicki sorted, cut and stapled the marks for me. We will take two weeks to find marks. Then we will meet at the Anchorage to write up our reports. The offer is still open, if you will hunt for the marks I will write them for you. I wish everyone would try this just once because I think you would then be hooked. My family has a real good time looking for marks. Luke calls it a treasure hunt. A good turn out is really needed to help Lake Charles in the District standings.

I would like to know if there are any members who would be interested in the Adopt-a-Chart Program. This is where we file an application with NOAA to make corrections on charts in our area. I think this would be an easy thing for membership involvement as we all travel these surrounding waters and could verify the information on the charts. Please let me know if you are interested.

John Loukas, AP



Birthdays

Paul	Schuldes	11/2
Kay	Johnson	11/3
Karen	Finchum	11/4
Peggy	Miller	11/4
Lester	Dousay	11/7
Faith	Monroe	11/29
Kay	Pennisson	11/30
Kathy	Thibodeaux	11/30

Please remember that if it isn't here then I don't have it. Please contact me at 625-2088 or email me at McCainChris@msn.com

District 21 Email List Update

It is time to prepare for a new year and update the D/21 Email List. The district communication via email has been very well received. It is the prime means of communication between the District Officers and the Squadron Officers and members. Event announcements and other items of interest are first sent out via email.

The success of the list depends on the names that are on it. In order to be included please send an email to:

joedorn@stonemedia.com

Please be sure and include your squadron and any offices you currently hold.

Many of you have changed addresses and failed to notify me. As a result I have removed you from the list. If you have not received anything from me in the past two months, please send me your address again.

If you wish to be taken off of the list at any time send an email to the above address. The list is protected and used only for USPS business of interest to the District 21 members.

The Postmaster
P/D/C Joe Dorn, SN

New Officers, Committee Chairs for 2002

It is time to begin putting together a list of nominees for the 2002 Bridge Year. This is your opportunity to continue the excellent traditions of Lake Charles Power Squadron. You can help your squadron by volunteering for the many elective and appointive positions that must be filled. If in doubt about the positions that are available review the LCPS roster and/or the USPS Operations Manual. Talk to the incumbents or members of the nominating committee to learn more about the places where you can serve. Contact your nominating committee to volunteer to be a candidate for offices.

Lt Chris Nelson, Chairman, 463-0141
D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, 478-6886
P/C Armin Brahm, 478-6856

Operations Training

On October 20th we held Operations Training at the Anchorage. We had six Members attend the course. If you have taken the course you know the material that is covered. For those who have not had the opportunity to take the course some of the information that is covered is what the United States Power Squadron is all about and how it functions. It is recommended that you take this course once every five years.

We discuss staffing from the Squadron level to National. We had some interesting conversation sparked by the group that we had on hand. We did a lot of idea generation to planning. Some of the ideas that came up are to be followed up by the Executive Committees.

If you have an opportunity to attend an Operations Training course in the future please do so. You may be surprised by the topics that are discussed in detail that the manual does not cover.

John Loukas AP



**2001 Lighted
Christmas Boat
Parade**
Let's Get Together !!!

BOATING ACTIVITIES

Janelle Brahm

Our October activity, which was to have been the Fleet Review, was cancelled due to lack of interest. Sometimes things happen for the best, we just don't know it at the time! It would have been a total washout (even inside the Anchorage).

We are going to try again.....

November Boating Activity

DATE: Saturday, November 3*

TIME: 1400 hours

Raft-up in Prien Lake.

***Date changed from original schedule.**

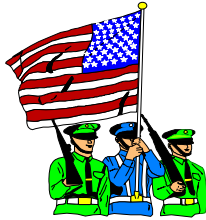
December Activities

12/5 Christmas Party

12/1 Lake Charles Lighted Boat Parade

Lake Charles will once again be hosting the Lighted Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday, December 1. For our family, it has become a tradition for more than half a decade and we really look forward to the first Saturday of every December. With typically more than a dozen family and friends on board, we enjoy dinner on our boat while watching the sun set over the lake, throw on the Christmas music, enjoy the folks on the seawall, and the fireworks are always great. For those of you who are regular participants to this annual event, you know how enjoyable this evening can be. If you haven't participated, or it's been a while...think about starting your own Christmas tradition with your family and friends. For me, it's a great way to begin the holiday season. Enclosed in this Anchorline is the application form for this event. Hope to see you out there.

Merry Christmas,
Chris H. Nelsen



DISTRICT 21 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join In The Fun, Food, And Merriment As We Watch The Christmas Boat Parade Of Lights On Clear Lake

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\$35.00 per person for youth ages 18 and below.

Call for table price if group rates needed or see
the Reservation and invitation at the next
general meeting.

For Information contact:

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Anchor Line

November 2001

DATE: Saturday, December 8, 2001

FUN TIME: 1700 (5.00 PM)

LOCATION: Nassau Bay Hilton
(11th Floor), Clear Lake Texas
3000 Nasa Rd 1, Houston, TX 77058

D/21 has reserved suites at the Nassau Bay Hilton located across the lake from South Shore Harbor, where the annual Christmas Boat Parade begins. Join us to watch the parade in comfort and warmth while visiting with young and old friends. This evening will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit! If you thought it could not get any better than a beautiful view of Clear Lake and the Christmas parade we will have a full bar and some finger type foods for your indulgence. **AS ALWAYS AT A SQUADRON AND DISTRICT EVENTS, YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE OR FINGER FOOD.** (Due to an over abundance in previous years, we ask **NOT** to bring a veggie tray.)

COST: \$15.00 per person for this evening, a bargain at any price.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: The hotel has set a block of rooms aside for District 21 members who would like to spend the night. The rates will be \$89.00/night, plus tax. For reservations call 281-333-9300 or 1-800-634-4320. These rooms cannot be held past November 29, 2001, so **ACT NOW** if you want a room.

RSVP to:

D/LT Robert Donley, AP
620 Nottingham Lane
Dickinson, TX. 77539

Name (please print) _____
Squadron _____ Telephone #: _____
Attending: _____ X \$15.00 = _____
Amt. Enclosed.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ROBERT DONLEY**

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On Earth As It Is...

Once upon a time in the Kingdom of Heaven, God was missing for six days. Eventually, Michael, the archangel found him, resting on the seventh day. He inquired of God, "Where have you been?" God sighed a deep sigh of satisfaction and proudly pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look, Michael, look what I've made." Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said, "What is it?" "It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put Life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a great place of balance."

"Balance?", inquired Michael, still confused. God explained, pointing to different parts of earth, "For example, northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth while southern Europe is going to be poor; the Middle East over there will be a hot spot. Over there I've placed a continent of white people and over there is a continent of black people." God continued, pointing to different countries. "This one will be extremely hot and arid while this one will be very cold and covered in ice."

The Archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to a large land mass and said, "What's that one?" "Ah," said God. "That's Texas, the most glorious place on Earth. There are beautiful mountains, lakes, rivers, sunsets and rolling plains. The people from Texas are going to be modest, intelligent, and humorous and they are going to be found traveling the world. They will be extremely sociable, hardworking, and high-achieving, and they will be known all throughout the world as diplomats and carriers of peace." Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, "What about balance, God? You said there would be balance!"

God replied wisely, "Wait until you see the crazy bunch I'm putting next to them in Louisiana."

Brown Bag Bingo

Friday, November 16, 2001

Social begins at 1800

Games begin at 1900

Bring a white elephant brown bag item
Canned food item and snacks.

The Canned foods will be donated to a local food
bank to help with Thanksgiving baskets.

\$5.00 per person will get you a card and dinner.

Extras cost \$1.00

Come out and do some winning.

For more information contact:

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