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Commanders Corner

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Well Christmas is almost here already! Where does the time go? Hope you and your families had a good Thanksgiving. The weather was truly superb for the Nov. 3

Raft up, with (10) boats attending this function the weather was outstanding! We had a good turn out for the White Elephant Brown Bag Bingo, a couple of strangers showed up (P/C Don & Martha), and the fun began! While talking to XO John, he mentioned that he wished Don would buy another boat, and guess what, he's bought (3)! The Co-Op Charting 101 also had a good turn out with plenty of marks being handed out and John Loukas says that he has plenty more and not to hesitate to give him a call. We will be getting together on Dec 3 to do the write ups. Annette and I went to the Anchorage Saturday and hooked up our first workstation! The computer that Don & Martha Hains donated was used and is ready to go including sound! With the help of some of you Computer Gurus I hope to have (4) stations total working before the first of the year! We also hung the second Award ("Excellence in Recreational Boating Education") next to the first. They are displayed on the North wall visible when you first walk in the front door of the Anchorage!

A very special thanks to D/C Tom Derden for the \$50.00 savings bond that he gave to the LCPS to be used for Future Educational classes, he gave this to me in Shreveport and only now have I remembered to report it! I e-mailed D/C Tom about our 1st place Award for scrapbook at D-21 fall conference in Shreveport but have not received a reply yet!

The roof on the Anchorage has been repaired and (99.9%) of the debris has been hauled away; we are now waiting for the check from the insurance company.

Important Dates coming quickly! Dec. 1st Christmas lighted boat parade! Dec. 5th Christmas Party & Dinner At Vacherie's! Dec 8th Lighted Boat Parade Kemah!

We will be accepting toys at our annual Christmas Party to be given to the KPLC toy drive. P/C Stan Chapman will help arrange a time to deliver the toys and can goods that were received at the Brown Bag Bingo to KPLC. If you are interested in attending the toy delivery please contact me at 625-2088.

Our last meeting proved to be rather interesting with tensions running high from poor economy to the tragedy at the WTC, The Pentagon and Philadelphia disasters. It's easy to wear feelings very thin! Being a nonprofit corporation, as Commander my main job is membership retention! It's easy to be sidelined & blindsided by defense! My answer, blessed be the peace maker!

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

December 20, 2001

E-MAIL ITEMS TO Chris and Annette McCain

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Check us out on the Web at our website below

<http://www.lcpsonline.org>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December	1	Christmas boat Parade	Lake Charles
	5	Christmas Party Meeting	TBA
	8	D/21 Boat Parade	Clear Lake, TX
	26	Executive Meeting	Anchorage
	31-5	USPS Annual Meeting	Florida
January	1	New Years Day Raftup	Lake Charles
	2	General Meeting	Anchorage
	4	12 th Night Party	Anchorage
	TBA	Incoming Commanders Meeting	TBA
	30	Executive Meeting	Anchorage

Reminder

Christmas Party at Vanchiere's on Wednesday, December 5, 2001. This will take the place of our monthly General Meeting. Cost is \$15.00 per person. See Flyer in Anchor line.



EDUCATION REPORT

Courses scheduled:

Seamanship January 15, 2002 @ Anchorage
Instructor - Ben Garber, Sr, JN
Advanced Piloting January 10, 2002 @ Anchorage
Instructor - Alice Pippin, JN
Boat Smart - February 02, 2002
Boating Course - date pending (DeRidder)
Exams to be given shortly in Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, and Weather.

The LCPS public course dates have been forwarded to Texas Parks & Wildlife and to our La Wildlife & Fisheries Dept. The USPS has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Texas Parks & Wildlife. Check out the District 21 web site. It is available in Word and Acrobat pdf formats.
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d21/education/mou.doc>
and
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d21/education/mou.pdf>

During this time of year the education department is looking for members in good standing who wish to become aides and assistants. There are many varied courses available. Within our LCPS are knowledgeable members who know about cruising, marine electronics, engine mtn., sailing, etc. It is so rewarding to share your time and experiences with those who wish to learn. Just Do It!!

If you missed the National Safe Boating Test, which was televised, we have a tape for members to view. "There are now over 70 million Americans who consider themselves boaters, yet in many states you don't need certification of any kind to operate a pleasure boat. Many novice and experienced boaters alike are unaware of rules and regulations that make boating safer and more enjoyable. That is the reason why the USPS in cooperation with the USCG have produced this 1-hour video to challenge, educate and inform boaters at all levels of experience."

Something new: "America's Boating Course" (ABC). The LCPS has this product on CD and boaters will soon be able to take the ABC on -line at www.AmericasBoatingCourse.com. Current instructors are urged to preview this CD. "ABC can be used as an alternative to Boat Smart or the Squadron Boating Course in your classroom, using a computer as the teaching aid. Anyone who passes the ABC proctored exam will have met the educational requirement for USPS membership."

Have a Safe Boating and Merry Christmas!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday.

Congratulations to the LCPS Members who received the United States Power Squadron Honor Roll in CO-OP Charting. Boy didn't we have fun earning it? We had a very good turnout on Monday evening for CO-OP Charting 101. A lot of marks were picked up. Chris Nelson has done a tremendous amount of work in the DeRidder area with over fifty marks that he has sought for. One in particular was monumented in 1935 and the last time it was documented was in 1943. Now it will be reported found in good condition by the USPS. Good job Chris! We will meet on December 3rd to write up our reports.

The end of the 2001-2002 Bridge is fast approaching. We have tentative plans for the Change of Watch at the Lake Charles County Club on February 15th 2002. I want to thank Harvey Kuttner for the preliminary arrangements.

There are still a few openings for the upcoming year. If you are interested in holding a particular office, please contact me. Some P/C's will be getting a call from me in the near future. Thanks are in order for those who have called to volunteer.

We have some interest in Coastal Pilot and Adopt-A-Chart Program. If we (LCPS) elect to participate in this USPS program it is a long-term commitment. This is not an individual event, but a squadron commitment for years. If any Members would like to commit to this type of long range goals please feel free to contact the Commander or myself. This would be a very good Squadron boating activity with a great deal of work involved. We have a Member who has done this work single-handed. So I feel we as a Squadron can use this sort of expertise to gain recognition as a Squadron and to support the District.

John Loukas AP



REMEMBERING THE BREFFEILHS

Birthdays

Pat	Briggs	12/06
Dolla	Farmer	12/04
Trisha	Garber	12/04
Greg	Hemphill	12/14
Kelli	Hemphill	12/14
Annette	McCain	12/17
Thomas	Price	12/17
Bill	Stracener	12/20

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

TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY

January 4, 2001

1900-2230

At the Anchorage

Features: Music by Southern Production (DJ)
Setups and Ice
BYOB

Cost: \$5.00 per person
(Covers cost of DJ)

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Call: Alice at 625-9239
Or
Joyce at 436-4633

In 1971 my daughter, Katie, met Bill Breffeilh in class at S. J. Welsh Jr. High School before I met Mel in Newcomers Club. They had just moved back to this country from South America where George was employed for many years.

As Mel and I became acquainted, we introduced our husbands. My husband and I introduced them to the Power Squadron. Some people in newcomers confused Mel and me because we wore our hair the same way; both husbands were engineers names George; both last names began with B and we had children in the same class.

A few years later when Bill was a student at Texas A & M he was in a mounted unit and rode in the same Cotton Bowl Parade that my son, Brian, marched in as a member of an Air Force band.

George Breffeilh, though older, used to affectionately refer to George Bellinger as "the old gentleman." I will always have fond memories of Mel & George.

Rosemary Bellinger
Nov. 8, 2001

P.S. Does anyone know where Bill is now?

Squadron Store

We have nametags and shirts with squadron burgees. If you need information about them please contact Annette McCain at 337-625-2088. The tags have our squadron burgee with name in white on a black background. The prices are as follows. A tag with a pin Clip is \$5.00 and a tag with a Magnetic clip is \$7.00. On orders of 3 or less there is a charge of \$1.00 for shipping cost.



BOATING ACTIVITIES

Janelle Brahm

Our November Boating Activity was a GREAT success. The first weekend in November was just stunning. It was a perfect example of how nice it is to live in Louisiana in the fall. The boats began arriving at the raft-up early Saturday afternoon, and by nightfall, we had a total of eight boats at one time or another. The weather was so nice that five boats spent the night and the last ones did not leave Prien Lake until Sunday afternoon. Boy! If we could just bottle up some of that crisp fall air!

December Boating Activity
LC Christmas Lighted Boat Parade

DATE: Saturday, December 1
TIME: 1830 hours
Christmas Lighted Boat Parade.
Tagging and position assignments for the parade begins at 1700 at the Lady Claire dock. Monitor VHF channel 68 for assistance. The parade is at 1830. This event is sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana. Phone: 439-2787

December Activities

Wednesday, Dec. 5 Christmas Party
Vanchiere's Dockside at 1800. The cost is \$15 per person. Bring an unwrapped child's gift if you would like. Call Janelle at 478-6856 if you will be attending.

New Year's Day Raft-up

We will be rafting up in Lake Charles on New Year's Day at about 1200. Bring your traditional New Year's food. (Bring good weather too!)

DISTRICT 21 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget the D/21 Christmas Party. Join In The Fun, Food, And Merriment As We Watch The Christmas Boat Parade Of Lights On Clear Lake

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

There are 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.

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



CHRISTMAS ON THE BAYOU
AT
VANCIHERE's DOCKSIDE

*Our Annual Christmas Dinner Social will be on
Wednesday, December 5, 2001
at 1800*

*Please you may bring an unwrapped Children's Christmas Gift to this event. This is Voluntary. We
will pass it on to a Charitable Organization as part of our LCPS help to the needy.*

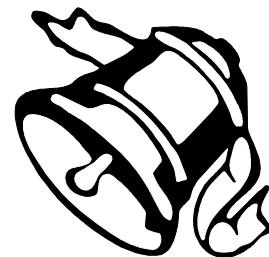
Call 478-6856 or 625-2088

Menu

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo
Potato Salad
Crisp French Bread
White Chocolate Bread Pudding
Water, Tea, Coffee

Cash Bar

Cost is \$15.00 per person
(includes gratuity and tax)





ROSTER AND SQUADRON SURVEY

Please respond to this survey by December 31, 2001, so that we may update our National roster for the New Bridge. Thank you for helping us bring the Squadron's records up-to-date. Return to Annette McCain, 413 Bowmer Ln. Sulphur, LA, 70663.

NAME

Member _____ DOB _____

Spouse _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS

Mailing _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Residence _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL Address _____

BOAT INFORMATION

Name _____ Description _____ Length _____

SQUADRON INTEREST

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Bridge _____ Committees _____ Vessel Examiners _____

If you have any questions please contact Annette McCain at 337-625-2088.



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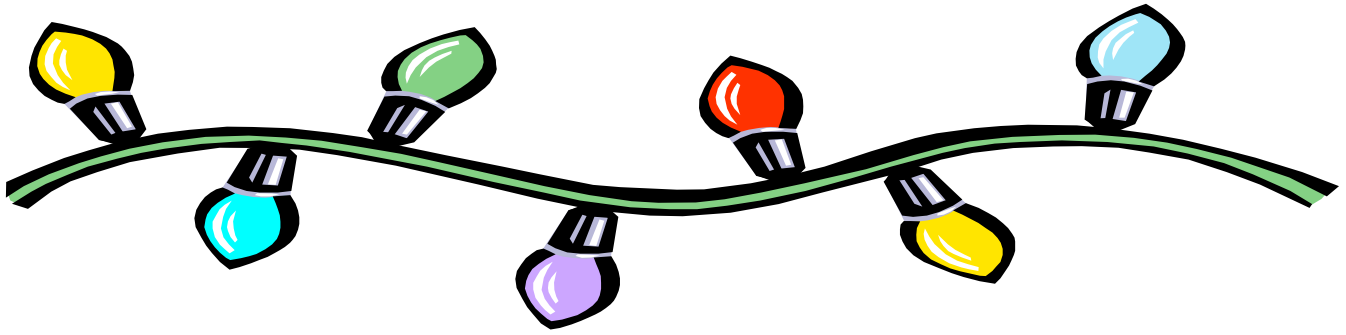
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