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Commanders Corner

*Cdr. Christopher M. McCain P
Lake Charles Power Squadron*



We hope that everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! With the times ahead of us and behind, our experiences truly

control our life! Things of past, our last boat trip, which included the lighted boat parade in Lake Charles, was fantastic! Leaving my dock, we encountered many floating objects including two docks, one approximately 12' X 12' and another about 4' X 6,' someone up river will be sad. With Marine Electronics under my belt I closely monitored my Radar monitor and I couldn't believe it! From past experience I knew that the radar would not pickup wood, and PWCs, high rainfalls up North provided all kinds of flotsam and jetsam! Can you believe that my 24-mile Furono radar on set for 1/8th of a mile was accurately showing groups of lily pads!

We docked at the Civic Center and my heart sang! Engines as well as the generator and all of the Christmas lights worked like they were suppose to and I docked with no problems! Annette and the Girls had decorated **Tail's it Is** in the most extravagant splendor with lights & bows that I thought that she was brand new! Coast Guard came up to me after circling me for about 15 min and all they could do was give praise! We left the dock about 17:30 and proceeded to set anchor in the lake! After

watching the boat parade, I hailed the three LC Power Squadron participants in the Lighted boat parade on the radio and two agreed. The third participant said that he had to leave rather early with all his guests so Chris Nelsen and friends circled and serenaded our boats just until the fireworks started. P/C Armin and P/C Stan approached and tied off with the efficiency of a full-blown tugboat crew! The camaraderie was fantastic. The winds were light and temperature was perfect! Last year we went with John & Vickie Loukas and it was so cold that it was truly painful to get out of their warm cabin to watch the fireworks and parade!

It's easy to lose sight of what the Squadron is all about! Hopefully my goal and yours is to insure safe boating for all of the USA. The way that we can instill this is to teach. We are still looking for teachers from every walk of life to help out with our educational department! I want to thank everyone associated with the squadron for all the work and time that they have committed! Now I ask for you to truly give a little bit more, get involved and give a little more time and effort. The education proficiency stripe will look really good on your uniform and the pleasure you get from exchanging ideals and good times is worth every minute that you spend with new students!

Our Christmas party was very well received from all members and friends, the toys and food that were collected from both the brown bag bingo and Christmas party were presented to KPLC TV at the Market Basket in south Lake Charles, Thank you to all members that showed up and supported!

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

January 23, 2002

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

January	1	New Years Day Raftup	Lake Charles
	2	General Meeting	Anchorage
	4	12 th Night Party	Anchorage
	18 -	Incoming Commanders	New Braunfels
	19	Meeting	Texas, 18 - 19
	30	Executive Meeting	Anchorage
February	1	Galveston Bay COW	Galveston
	2	HPS & GBPS Chili cook off	
	6	General Meeting	Anchorage
	8	Beaumont - COW	Beaumont
	9	Orange - COW	Orange
	15	Lake Charles - COW	Lake Charles
	16	Acadiana - COW	Acadiana
	22	Corpus Christi - COW	Corpus Christi
	23	LRGV - COW	LRGV
	TBA	Mardi Gras Boat Parade	Lake Charles
	27	Executive Meeting	Anchorage

Reminder

General Meeting is January 2, 2002 at the Anchorage. Social starts at 6:00 and meeting starts at 7:00. It is a brown bag meeting. We are trying to get a speaker but at this time do not know who it will be.

Twelfth Night party is January 4, 2002. See page 4 in the Anchor line for more information.

EDUCATION REPORT

Courses Scheduled:

Seamanship: 15, January 2002 @ Anchorage.

Instructor - Ben Garber, Sr., JN

Advanced Piloting: 10, January 2002 @ Anchorage.

Instructor - P/C Alice Pippin, JN

Boating Course: 12, January 2002 in DeRidder.

Instructor - Chris Nelsen, P

Boating Course: 26, January 2002 in DeRidder.

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Boat Smart: 02, February 2002 @ Anchorage.

Exams:

In December exams were given in Cruise Planning and Engine Maintenance. We are also waiting for results of a Piloting exam given this Fall.

Donations:

Thank you to Larry and Dola Farmer for donating a computer to the LCPS. Members are encouraged to view the "education computer counter" that our Commander Chris McCain and P/C Ken Wilkinson have made available for your boating education. We plan to use this technology for the February Boat Smart class.

Update:

For Junior Navigation and Navigation students needing 2002 Almanacs, an order will be made soon. For our Louisiana southern region, Spring is the best time to take sites. Examinations for N93/94 expired on December 31, 2001. Examinations for JN 89/92 will be available until December 31, 2002. Let us work hard (**harder**) to complete those site folders. The USPS has posted on the Navigation web page a PDF version of the Sight Checkers Guide for JN and N students. Also on the web page are corrections or both printings of N99. Check it out. <http://www.usps.org>

Safe Boating and Have a Happy New Year!

Sheryl Dautriel

Squadron Education Officer

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.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hope everyone's Holiday's were fantastic. We wish everyone a happy New Year and that 2002 may be prosperous for all.

LCPS Annual Toy Drive

Thanks are in order to P/C Stan Chapman for organizing the annual toy drive and having airtime to make the presentation to KPLC.

CO-OP Charting

Reports of Bench Marks have been turned over to P/C Ron Slay of Houston. There were over a hundred marks turned in by the LCPS Membership. Chris Nelson did an outstanding job!

Volunteers To Support The LCPS In 2002

The 2002 Bridge is quickly approaching. There are many ways you can help as an officer on any of the numerous committees. If you wish to hold a position please feel free to contact the Commander, Member of the Bridge or the department you are interested in. Nominations will be made after the first of the year.

Incoming Commander's Meeting

Incoming District Commander, Vernon Helmke, AP would like for all incoming officers, in particular, Commanders, Executive Officers, Educational Officers, Administrative Officers and Assistant Education Officers to attend. Incoming Commander's meeting which will be held January 18th and 19th in New Braunfels, TX. Reservations can be made with the Holiday Inn in New Braunfels.

Phone # 830 625-8017 ID as United States Power Squadron to receive special room rates. \$69.00 for single or double.

John Loukas AP



Birthdays

Liz Phillips	1/01
Nonie Liles	1/03
Richard Gilpin	1/05
Vernon Garber	1/08
Martin Hardy	1/08
Martha Hains	1/12
Sheron Faulk	1/18
Ralph Johnson	1/25
Dolores Ward	1/30

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



TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY

January 4, 2001

1900-2230

At the Anchorage

Features: Music by Southern Production (DJ)
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Cost: \$5.00 per person
(Covers cost of DJ)

For Reservations and Menu Development

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BOATING ACTIVITIES

Janelle Brahm

The December Boating Activity was the Lighted Boat Parade held in conjunction with the Christmas Tree lighting festivities at the Civic Center. The LCPS was represented in the parade by MISS JP, SPENT-IT-ALL, and REEL PARADISE. TAILS IT IS was decorated and anchored in the lake waiting to receive the parade participants when the parade was over. We had a nice raft-up from which to watch the fireworks. It was a great night for boating. Too bad there were so many conflicting events going on in Lake Charles that night.

January Boating Activity New Year's Day Raft-Up in Lake Charles

DATE: Tuesday, January 1

TIME: 1200 hours

PLACE: Lake Charles

Bring your favorite New Year's Day food for
GOOD LUCK, GOOD HEALTH AND
WEALTH.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

December 2, 2001

Lt/C Howard Rodenberry
Secretary, Lake Charles Power Squadron

Subject: 2002 Bridge and Committee Nominations

In accordance with our Squadron By-Laws, the Nominating Committee nominates the following candidates for our 2002 Bridge and elected Committee membership:

Commander	John Loukas
Executive Officer	Ron Gremillion
Educational Officer	Sheryl Dautriel
Administrative Officer	Songa Gremillion
Secretary	Ned Dautriel
Treasurer	Peggy Miller
Immediate Past Commander	Chris McCain
Member at Large	Harvey Kuttner
Member at Large	Annette McCain
Member at Large	Larry Farmer
Assistant Educational Officer	No Nominee
Auditing Committee	Jerry Blalock (Chairman) Nelson Ray Lebert Bob Ward
Nominating Committee	Ken Wilkinson (Chairman) Armin Brahm Chris McCain
Rules Committee	Charles Dessommes (Chairman) Don Hains Keith Monroe

Respectfully,

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen
Nominating Committee Chairman



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 _____

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BOAT INFORMATION

Name _____ Description _____ Length _____

SQUADRON INTEREST

Boating _____ Education _____ Social _____

Bridge _____ Committees _____ Vessel Examiners _____

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



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