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Hello LCPS members. We have come to that time of the year where we can look back at the fun times we have had and plan for the future to come. Last January we set goals for ourselves and many of them have become reality. I would like to thank each one of you for all the help and energy that was given to make all of our events a success. Looking back at a few...

D/C Ken Wilkinson for the many calls answered for advice to keep me straight. As busy as D/C Ken was, he always tried to attend all the meetings and activities our Squadron had. We need more members like him and Ms. Diane.

I would like to extend thanks for the many other positions. Executive officer Songa Gremillion: Well there is not any way I can count the ways she keeps me out of trouble. Admin officer Ned Dautriel: WE need to recognize Ned for the fine effort he has given with building upgrades, boating activities planning, cooking, just all around great effort. Secretary Annette McCain: I can't say enough about the amount of time she has donated, Anchorline, timely reports, true team player that can always be counted on. Annette keeps us all in line. Education Officer John Loukas: Thanks John for accepting this position when you truly deserved a rest coming off a year as commander. The education department has held up the true tradition of the power squadron in promoting the training and teaching of the public and fellow squadron members. Thanks, also to Sheryl for help and support. Treasurer Chuck Lemoine: I didn't know Chuck very well before this year. Since I had the pleasure of working with him, he has held my feet to the fire over every penny that was spent in this past year. He has told me more than once that he can't do much with that darn computer, but I'll take his pencil over a computer any day when it comes to giving an accurate balance on our account. Members at large: Harvey Kuttner, Larry Farmer, Thanks to these guys for attending board meetings and providing lots of impute on the day to day business of our squadron. VSC chair, Chris McCain, who has always kept our grass mowed and made our weeds disappear.

Cow: of 2003 was a good time with an attendance of around 60 people.

Spring Conference: WOW!!! The work and coordination for this event was something to see. I saw people come forward and shine that had not been very active in the past and my hat goes off to each one of you for the awesome effort. Also we actually made a few bucks in the process. I know one thing I would not want to work by our calculated hourly rate on this event. If you divide the time spent by our members by the total funds collected, we would all be making around \$.25 cents per hour.

2003 BRIDGE: I can only thank each one of you just so much. This group was always there when I needed help. All awards given to our squadron is a direct reflection of the fine coordinated effort given by each of these people who volunteered for these positions.

With that said let's look forward to the 2004 Bridge. Our nominating committee has done its work well and will be presenting the new bridge nominees at our January meeting. Please plan to attend and let them know your support. This group has already started to plan your next year's calendar. I promise you from what I have seen; there won't be enough days in the year to get it all done. So get ready! I promise you it will be fun!!!

Cdr. Ron

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

**Social starts at 1800
Meeting starts at 1900**

Mark Your Calendar

Next General Meeting is Wednesday, January 7. The menu is wine and cheese. We will have a presentation by Chris Nelsen on the Adopt a Chart program and there will be presentation of the new bridge by the nominating committee. Please plan to attend. Social begins at 6 and meeting starts at 7.

January

3	Raftup	Lake Charles
7	General Meeting	Anchorage
23 – 25	Incoming Commanders Meeting	Galveston, TX
28	E Board Meeting	Anchorage

February

4	General Meeting	Anchorage
8	Chilli Chili Raftup	Prien Lake
13	Change of Watch	TBA
14	Orange Change of Watch	Orange Tx
25	E-Board Meeting	Anchorage

Birthdays

Please remember that if it is not here then I do not have it. Please contact Annette McCain at 625-2088 or by email at mccain.c@cox-internet.com

Liz Phillips	1/01	Bill Phillips	2/02
Nonie Liles	1/03	John Mead	2/02
Martin Hardy	1/08	Terry Robideaux	2/03
Martha Hains	1/12	Marvin Douglass	2/05
Sheron Faulk	1/18	Pete Manena Jr.	2/11
Ralph Johnson	1/25	Bruce Hammett	2/18
Delores Ward	1/30	Ned Dautriel	2/29

Education Report

LCPS Members Education

Our home study courses are making very good progress. Waiting the results on Open and Closed book exams in Navigation. Also waiting for the results in Marine Electronics. Testing dates have been set for Seamanship, and Weather. Test for Sail has been ordered.

Public Boating Course

It is not too early to start planning for the next Public Boating Course. I would like to have the course scheduled the following week or the second week after the Boat Show. We will need volunteers to man the Boat Show booth. We will also need volunteers for instructors teach the course and Members to welcome and register students along with grading the test.

E-Mail From National

A new type of gift certificate is available from Headquarters: a gift certificate to provide a USPS boating course to the recipient. Squadrons may advertise the availability of these gift certificates at a price that covers their charges for providing a boating course, including the course manual, any additional materials such as plotting tools, etc., facility charges, and applicable sales taxes. These gift certificates would be excellent holiday gifts.

A squadron officer may obtain these gift certificate cards (item number 08-30-113) from Headquarters, free for the asking. Just tell Headquarters how many certificates you would like and they will be on their way to you immediately. They may be tailored to the programs and course costs of each squadron. It is suggested that an expiration date for redemption be established, perhaps a year from date of issue. The gift certificates may be used for Advanced Grades, Elective Courses, and Learning Guides.

R/C Dick Kyle, ANEO

Happy and Safe Boating!
P/C John Loukas, AP
Squadron Educational Officer



Executive Officer Report

It has been an honor to serve as your Executive Officer this year. I feel we have had a great year, with our Commander leading the way. Below is a report of some committees that were currently assigned to the Executive Department:

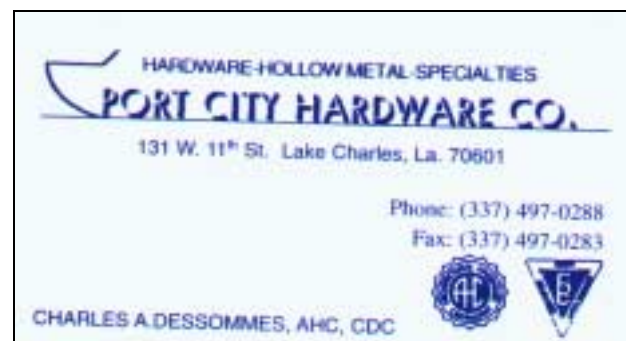
Sheron Faulk chaired the 2003 Boat Show held at the Civic Center. Sheron supervised the design, structure and display of the squadron booth. Personnel were scheduled to man the booth. The Boat Show was a well-attended show and gave the Lake Charles Power Squadron exceptional exposure to what our Squadron is all about. Thanks Sheron for all the hard work!

Chris Nelson was chair of the Cooperative Charting initiating special cruises, land parties, and other activities necessary to encourage participation in the program. Chris processed all individual reports to the district chairman, and checks all reports as prescribed. Chris was also a member of the district Cooperative Charting Committee. Because of his outstanding abilities, along with all the members who participated, Lake Charles Power Squadron placed 2nd in District 21 in Cooperative Charting Award.

Stan Chapman monitored and reviewed enacted or proposed legislative matters affecting boating in the squadron area in order to keep the commander and membership informed. Stan also was in charge of the Spring Conference Change of Watch in which he did an excellent job, along with Armin Brahm.

Harvey Kuttner did an outstanding job publicizing the dates, locations and other information pertaining to the Boating course and Vessel Safety Inspections. Harvey increased awareness of the contributions of the squadron and USPS to boating safety and education. Sheron Faulk was responsible for getting Grant moneys to promote Boat Safety. We are fortunate to have two members, Harvey and Sheron who have the initiative and ability to serve, and have taken the time to establish effective contacts and develop well-coordinated public relations programs.

Songa Gremillion



Administration Department

First of all a big THANK YOU to the KUTTNER'S for hosting the 2003 Christmas Party. Of course everyone had a great time. Guests were invited this year and good contacts made for prospected new members. Margaret and Harvey are committed to squadron growth in 2004. The Power of One Campaign continues.

Also, the Lighted Boat Parade was on Saturday, 06 January and headed by D/C Ken Wilkinson at the Seawall. A report will be given at next meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES to remember (calendar or palm pilot will do):

03 January 2004 New Year's Day Raft up @ Prien Lake
07 January General Meeting @ Anchorage
23-24 Jan. Incoming Cdr/Officers Meeting TBD
15-18 January USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, FLA
28 January Executive Board Meeting @ Anchorage
30 January Galveston Bay COW
04 February 2004 General Meeting @ Anchorage
08 February Chilly Chili Raft Up @ Prien Lake (**Best Chili Recipe!**)
13 February Lake Charles COW (Let us show our support for the new Bridge)
14 February Orange COW
25 February Executive Board Meeting @ Anchorage

Certificates of Completion for twenty members completing the Operations Training Course on 05 November 2003 have arrived and will be presented at the General Meeting 07 January 2004.

Ned Dautriel
Administrative Officer
LCPS

Anchorage Dock Update

We had a few problems with 3 of the 30 Amp plugs on the new dock power boxes. Ben Garber, Sr helped me out by going by and testing the plugs to find out which ones were bad. Once we figured this out, I was able to round up some new plugs and get them changed out. So for now, all of the boxes should be fully operational. Remember to turn on/off the breakers in the main box before and after usage. If you have any problems, please let me know.

Thanks. Ben Jr.

Memorial



Please keep in your prayers at this time of year, Elaine Cameron, the family of Robert "Sparky" Sparks and Patsy and Herman Manuel.

Elaine's husband, P/C Tom Cameron passed away Thanksgiving Day. Tom was a very special man in the Squadron. When you had a question concerning the rules and policies of the squadron you could always count on Tom to let you know what was the correct way to do things, from the correct way to hang the bridge flags at the Change of Watch to the correct handling of the meetings. Tom was always there to lend a helping hand.

P/C Robert "Sparky" Sparks was active in the squadron teaching boat safety classes and helping Bill Stracener with the collecting of the Merit Mark reports and many other boating activities in the years before his illness.

Patsy's mother passed away just after Thanksgiving. They all need your prayers at this time.

Lake Charles Annual Boat Show

The Lake Boat Show will be held on Friday, January 23 through Sunday January 25, 2004. We need volunteers to man a Power Squadron booth. There will be a signup sheet at the next general meeting or you may contact Sheron Faulk Swoop at Ship to Shore to sign up. We have plenty of time slots call early to pick the best times. Call Sheron at 474-0730 or email at shiptoshore@expedius.net

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05 November, 2003

Lt/C Annette McCain, S
Secretary, Lake Charles Power Squadron
413 Bowmer Lane
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In accordance with the Lake Charles Power Squadron Bylaws, Section 6.8, the Nominating Committee (P/C Armin Brahm, P; P/C Chris McCain, P; P/C John Loukas, AP) submits the following list of candidates for the respective 2004 elective offices. The list of candidates must be published in the Anchorline not less than 30 days prior to election, to be held during the January 2004 General Meeting.

Bridge:

Commander	Lt/C Songa Gremillion, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Ned Dautriel, AP
Education Officer	P/C Ronald Gremillion, AP
Administrative Officer	Margaret Kuttner, S
Secretary	Lt/C Annette McCain, S
Treasurer	Lt Harvey Kuttner, AP

Executive Committee
Members at Large

P/C Ronald Gremillion (Immediate P/C)
P/Lt/C Charles Dessommes, S
Lt Bob Ward, S
Lt Chris Nelsen, P

Auditing Committee

Chair (1 Yr)	Lt Bob Ward, S
(2 Yr)	P/Lt/C Margaret Cromwell, P
(3 Yr)	P/Lt/C Chuck Lemoine, S

Nominating Committee

Chair (1 Yr)	P/C Chris McCain, P
(2 Yr)	P/C John Loukas, AP
(3 Yr)	P/C Ronald Gremillion, AP

Rules Committee

Chair (1 Yr)	Lt Keith Monroe, AP
(2 Yr)	P/C Armin Brahm, P
(3 Yr)	P/C Ray Lebert, P

All have been filed as of November 05, 2003 in accordance with the LCPS Bylaws, Sections 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3.

Respectfully submitted,

Armin Brahm

P/C Armin Brahm, P
Chair, LCPS Nominating Committee
4201 Waterwood Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70505

Cooperative Charting November and December Update

With college football games and the holiday season, not a lot of Cooperative Charting activity has occurred over the last two months, which is typical for this time of year!

But after the New Year Bowl games, we still have three months left in the Cooperative Charting year to keep our edge and potentially place a few more Squadron members on the top 75 list.

Cooperative Charting and Adopt-a-Chart Program

I'll be sharing a short training presentation at our upcoming **January 7th General meeting** on the above subject. Make sure you put this meeting on your calendar because our Squadron will get District 21 Cooperative Charting points for this meeting. **At the end of the presentation, there will be a free drawing for a brand new 8-foot long Shakespeare Galaxy 5225 fiberglass VHF antenna.** It could be your lucky night!

Spring/Summer 2004 Cooperative Charting District 21 Geodetic Event

We're going to a new area for our first geodetic event this year and tying it in with the same weekend as the famous Canton Flea Market. **The Geodetic event will be headquartered out of Tyler, Texas on June 4 – 6** and Saturday will be the main event day. That gives you flea market fanatics Thursday, Friday, and/or Sunday to find those bargains at nearby Canton. Go ahead and mark your calendar for this weekend of fun...and a lot of points for the Cooperative Charting program.

John Morawski Chairs District Cooperative Charting Program in 2004/2005

John has done an exceptional job during the 2003/2004 Cooperative Charting year and I recently received information that he will continue as our District Chairman for the upcoming program year. John recently asked if I would volunteer to continue as the Assistant Chairman and chair the Geodetic portion of this program and accepted. The last year and a half has been enjoyable and with the support I continue to get from our Squadron, it was an easy answer.

Remember

There are still three months left in this year's Cooperative Charting program, which means plenty of time for more fun, fellowship, finding markers, and filing Adopt-a-Chart information. **If you're interested in making this year's NOAA Honor Roll, receiving a geodetic search package, or getting involved in our new charting program, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I'll have you fixed up in no time!!!**

Thanks,

**D/Lt. Chris H. Nelsen
Cooperative Charting Committee Chairman**

Garage Sale Update

Our garage sale was held the first weekend of November. The Friday before, Margaret and Harvey Kuttner, Ron and Songa Gremillion, Chris and myself made a trip to the Anchorage to gather the items.

Upon inspection of the Anchorage we had noticed that the building needed a little "winter cleaning". The men started going through the items upstairs while the women were downstairs pricing. Anything they found they thought could be put in a garage sale they loaded it onto the trucks to Port City Hardware Co. were our membership chairman, Charles Dessommes, was waiting with open arms. To his delight there were about three truckloads of items to be stored in his warehouse until the next morning when we could set things up.

Saturday morning I arrived at Port City Hardware bright and early expecting a lot of people waiting for our sale but there was not a soul in sight. Charles, Ron, Harvey and Chris were already they're setting up the tables that we found at the anchorage and using them to put items on. Songa arrived a couple of hours later to help with the selling but I think the men did the most selling. Chuck and Charles's wife Linda was having her own garage sale next door so between the two of us we expected a lot of people. To our surprise so did the 50 or so other garage sales being held that day.

Well the morning starting out slow with a few people here and there. There were a few times when one or two of our own would venture to the garage sale next door. One even tried to get his wife to talk Linda into selling some video he wanted dirt-cheap. Due to weather and a slow crowd the men wanted to end the sale early. We dropped the remaining items off at goodwill and headed home.

We had collected a lot of items from several members. Thanks to those who donated items. We made \$297.00 that day. Someone asked me when the next garage sale would be. As of now I have yet to plan it, but it will probably be closer to the end of school so start gathering your items. Margaret Kuttner said that she would collect the small items if you have any.

Thanks again for you help.
Annette McCain





LAKE CHARLES POWER SQUADRON
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SAIL AND POWER BOATING

CHANGE OF WATCH

SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2003

HONORING

Commander	Songa Gremillion, AP	(Commander)
Lieutenant Commander	Ned Dautriel, AP	(Executive Officer)
Lieutenant Commander	Ron Gremillion, AP	(Education Officer)
Lieutenant Commander	Margaret Kuttner, S	(Admin Officer)
Lieutenant Commander	Annette McCain, P	(Secretary)
Lieutenant Commander	Harvey Kuttner, AP	(Treasurer)

INSTALLING OFFICER

District Commander Ken Wilkinson, AP

Time: 1800 Cash Bar 1900 Dinner and Program
Place: Harrah's Casino Hotel
Menu: Salad, Gumbo, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans
 Baked Chicken Breast w/ Etouffe Sauce
 Or Grilled Catfish w/Lemon Butter Sauce
 Chocolate Cake, Tea and Water
Dress: Blue Blazer with tie optional or "After 5"
Cost: \$25.00 per person

RSVP by February 5, 2004

Cancellation not later than February, 10, 2004

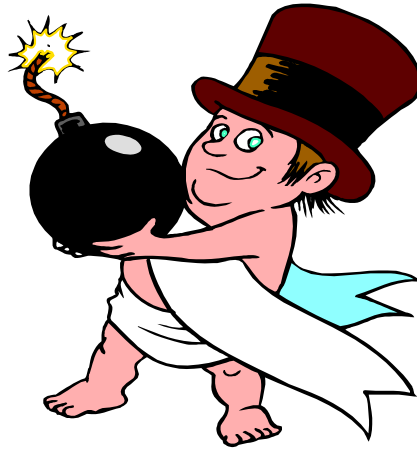
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Lake Charles Power Squadron Change of Watch

Reservations at \$25.00 a person TOTAL _____ Menu Item: _____

Name(s) of Attendees: _____



Happy New Year



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