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Commanders Corner

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



As we all know, it's that time of the year again! COW is something every incoming Commander is apprehensive about, and that every outgoing Commander relishes! I want to

thank all of my bridge members as well as all of the members of the Lake Charles Power Squadron for their support. A special thanks goes out to the nominating committee for providing us with a great list of bridge members for 2002. I am sure the next bridge will have a long and busy year. At our next general meeting on 6 February we will have the chance to voice our votes for the new incoming Bridge!

To say the least this year was truly a challenge! It seems like a dream that began in March with my first General Meeting under my belt it was time to put into motions the orders of business. Our trips took us to Waco for a Co-Op charting event in March and then off to Austin for Spring Conference. With only a week or two to rest on come May bringing us back to Lake Charles with Contraband days. We even had the pirates come out and raid the boats, this was provided by one of our members, Robert Foreman. Special Thanks to P\C Ken & Diane Wilkinson and 'The MV Wilkinson' and P\C Armin & Janelle Brahm with 'Spent it All'!

June came, with the best-laid plans of men and mice, and things happen. The Orange Co-Op turned out to be a wash, literally. It turned into a Tropical Storm party, (Allison) as she was called, but was still out of this world! Thanks Again to Billy Becker! July came with another Co-op Nautical charting in Corpus Christi. We enjoy the boiled shrimp and the friendships we made. It was especially good this year with one small disappointment. We were not able to make the nautical part but being the versatile Cmdr that I am, settled for landmarks (Geodetics) and was not disappointed! I got to show my girls and my wife what a prickly pear cactus was and how to eat the fruit! This will not be forgotten anytime soon!

Our next event brought us back to Lake Charles with our first membership party, The Yippi Yippi Hippi day. This event went off without a hitch, and the fellowship was outstanding! Thanks to those who helped plan it. September brought us to the historic downtown Natchitoches for Co-Op Charting and was truly awesome. October brought us to Shreveport for fall conference, again our thanks to Shreveport for being superb hosts. It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the fleet review due to the falling economy and Sept. 11 attack. It actually worked out for the best, we had bad weather and high winds the weekend of the review, and we even suffered roof damage at the Anchorage. By November things started to quiet down. The LCPS held its own Co-Op charting event and December brought the Lighted Boat parade and fireworks along with our annual Christmas party. I feel like the biggest accomplishment for LCPS was the implementation of the Vessel Safety Check; this enables our members to get out and meet the public as well as show them what we are all about. To this challenge The Young Guns of 2001 were truly busy as a beaver.

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

February 20, 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

February

1 Galveston Bay COW	Galveston
2 HPS & GBPS Chili cook off	
2 Boat Smart Class	Anchorage
6 General Meeting	Anchorage
8 Beaumont - COW	Beaumont
9 Orange - COW	Orange
10 Mardi Gras Boat Parade	Lake Charles
15 Lake Charles - COW	Lake Charles
16 Acadiana - COW	Acadiana
22 Corpus Christi - COW	Corpus Christi
22 Lake Charles Boat Show	Civic Center
23 LRGV - COW	LRGV
27 Executive Meeting	Anchorage

March

1 Dallas COW	Dallas
2 Fort Worth COW	Fort Worth
2 Austin COW	Austin
6 General Meeting	Anchorage
8 Shreveport COW	Shreveport
9 Ouachita COW	Ouachita
15 Tres Palacios COW	Tres Palacios
16 Houston COW	Houston
27 Executive Meeting	Anchorage

Reminder

General Meeting is February 6, 2002 at the Anchorage. Social starts at 6:00 and meeting starts at 7:00. It's that time to vote on the new bridge. Menu is brown bag.

EDUCATION REPORT

Congratulations to Lt/C Ron Gremillion for passing **Cruise Planning** and **Engine Maintenance**. We are so proud of him. Others may home study a few elective courses if unable to attend class. The books are a great reference source and have been pulled out many times by Ned and myself. You are encouraged to further your education. Right now **Seamanship** and **Advanced Piloting** are in progress. It is not too late to enroll! Instructor for Seamanship is Ben Garber, Sr., JN. A new member, Peggy Miller is taking the course. Instructor for AP is P/C Alice Pippin, JN. Her eager students are Harvey Kuttner, Charles McAlister, and Annette McCain. Each week she has a different teacher to share their knowledge with the students. For our JN and N students -the **2002 Nautical Almanacs** have arrived! Lt Chris Nelsen reports that his two DeRidder **Boating** classes began January 12th and 26th with more to follow! Locally, **Boat Smart** will be at the Anchorage on February 2nd from 8:00AM-4:00PM. Members are welcome to assist in registration, grading exams, and helping students, even supplying coffee and doughnuts are appreciated!

Lt Sheron Faulk reports that the Lake Charles Boat Show is scheduled on Feb. 22-24th at the Civic Center. Let us all participate and maybe another class will result from your efforts. P/Lt/C Charles Dessommes has mailed and handed out quite a few applications since the last public course for those wishing to join LCPS. We hope to see an increase in membership.

Many thanks to our members who donated and to those who put together the new training equipment. P/C Ken Wilkinson gave an excellent "demo" on its use with P/C's Ralph Johnson, Armin Brahm, Ray LeBert, Alice Pippin, Lt/C John Loukas and myself attending. Ben Garber, Jr. has also been involved with programming and installation along with Commander Chris McCain.

Update: The new **America's Boating Course (ABC)** is in full swing. It is on-line and ready. Students passing ABC are eligible for membership. Reminder: **Boat Smart**, February 2nd at Anchorage. See you there.

Safe Boating!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHANGE OF WATCH

Arrangements have been made with The Boarding House to host the 2002 Lake Charles Power Squadron Change of Watch on the 15th of February. Invitations have been mailed, but a copy is also included in the Anchorline with more details for your convenience. Please make reservations as soon as possible. The deadline is February 11. P/C Armin & Janelle Brahm who have graciously agreed to host a Commander's reception to follow the Change of Watch

INCOMING COMMANDER'S MEETING

The Incoming Commander's meeting was held in New Braunfels, Texas. Attendees from Lake Charles were D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson & Diane and my family. This was a very organized meeting, which was very well attended. I had a full day of meetings Saturday, but Luke and Vicki took the day to explore the surrounding areas and had a very enjoyable day.

OUTGOING COMMANDER

I would like to thank outgoing Commander Chris McCain, P for his leadership and hard work this past year. I would also like to thank Annette for all of her efforts. Our two families had a great time traveling together to co-op charting events in Waco, Corpus Christi, Natchitoches and Orange.

I look forward to the coming year and hope it will be a great one. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated. We've held and attended many fun events and hopefully this year will be more of the same.

John Loukas AP

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

Due to miserable weather on January 1st, the annual New Year's Day Raft-up was cancelled. Boy, that was a hard call to make. Not for me, I'm a fair weather boater or at least a "sunshine weather" boater, but I think there were some in the squadron who would have braved the damp cold day.

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

MARDI GRAS BOAT PARADE

DATE: Sunday, February 10
TIME: 1800 hours
PLACE: Leave from Prien Lake Park

Respond to Dr. John Masse' by February 6, 2002. Call Dr. Masse' at 439-9306 to register.

FEBRUARY BOATING ACTIVITY

DATE: Sunday, February 10
TIME: 1200 hours
PLACE: Lake Charles

Last year, we spent the afternoon at the seawall and watched all the festivities connected with Mardi Gras. We had a lot of fun and would like to do it again. (That's the day we got on the "Proper Stopper") Let's go out again this year, and I will try to keep the boat secure! In fact, I won't even TOUCH the lines.

FIRST ONE OUT, DROP THE HOOK OR DOCK AT THE SEAWALL.

Lake Charles Boat Show

The Lake Charles Boat Show is scheduled on Feb. 22-24th at the Civic Center. Contact Lt. Sheron Faulk at Ship to Shore (474-0730) to sign up to help at the Squadron Booth.

You Are Invited

To

**The Orange Power Squadron
Change of Watch**

Honoring Wiley Chapman, AP

On Saturday February 9th

At

"Ye Olde Boat House"

"Ye Olde Boat House" is a most unusual and appropriate place to have a change of watch. It is on the waterfront, has dockage for several boats, especially when rafted. There will be delectable food galore, and the desert will be out of this world.

It will be a buffet sit-down dinner, and the servers will be members of the Orange Power Squadron. A cash bar will be available to add spirits to this grand occasion, and there will be live music for dancing.

Come and bring your friends, enjoy some good food, fine fellowship, and spirited fun.

Dress: Class "A" – After 5:00 PM

Cost is \$12.00 per person

RSVP to Orange Power Squadron

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Birthdays

Bill Phillips	2/2
John Mead	2/2
Marvin Douglass	2/5
Pete Manena Jr.	2/11
Ned Dautriel	2/29

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

Great Job Great Job



District 21 receives two major awards at USPS Annual Meeting

District 21 received the top USPS awards for Cooperative Charting (Mar 00-Mar 01) and for Operations Training (Nov 00-Nov 01) during the Jan 02 USPS Annual Meeting. This is the 4th consecutive year for D21 to receive the Cooperative Charting and second consecutive to receive the Operations Training awards. Congratulations to all of the members of LCPS that spent the countless hours in completing the work and helping the district receive the awards. Keep up the good work. With your help the district can receive the awards next year, while we have a good time and learn all about how our USPS operates!!

D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, D21
Administrative Officer

Vessel Safety Check

During CY 2001 the eight Lake Charles Vessel Safety Examiners completed more VSCs than all other squadrons in District 21. Our accomplishment was led by Harvey Kuttner who examined more vessels than anyone else in the district and more than ten squadrons in D21. Congratulations and thanks for all of the VSEs work in studying the requirements, passing the certification exams, and examining over 100 vessels.

Many members of LCPS had their vessels inspected in 2001; however, many did not. We should show our support for this great effort to improve safety on our waterways. The VSCs are also a way to help "market USPS" to the public as a group who believes in safety. Every member should have all vessels checked annually - canoes, kayaks, sails, and power -- big and small.

To help entice members to complete the annual VSC the USPS Boat Insurance company is offering an additional 3% discount on the insurance.

Please contact me or one of the other VSEs and we will arrange to complete your 2002 Vessel Safety Check! Be safe AND SAFE MONEY. Pass the word on to your friends who are not members - they can be sure they have a safe boat that complies with the laws and if they would like to join USPS they can get a good boat insurance break.

- D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, LCPS VSC Committee Chair
- Cdr Chris McCain
- Lt/C John Loukas
- Lt/C Ron Gremillion
- Lt/C Songa Gremillion
- Lt Harvey Kuttner
- Lt Sheron Faulk
- Lt Martin Hardy



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SAIL AND POWER BOATING

CHANGE OF WATCH

FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2002

HONORING

<i>Commander</i>		<i>John Loukas, AP</i>	<i>(Commander)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Ron Gremillion, AP</i>	<i>(Executive)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Sheryl H. Dautriel, AP</i>	<i>(Education)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Songa Gremillion, P</i>	<i>(Administrative)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Ned Dautriel, AP</i>	<i>(Secretary)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Peggy Miller</i>	<i>(Treasurer)</i>

District Commander

Tom Derden, SN

Time: 1830 Cash Bar 1930 Dinner and Program
Place: The Boarding House (337-494-0635)
425 7th Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Menu: Filet Mignon or Broiled Catfish, Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, Iced tea and Coffee
Dress: Uniform "A"(with bow tie) or "After 5"
Cost: \$26.00 per person

RSVP by 11 February 2001

Cancellation not later than 12 February 2001

Please detach and mail with check payable to:

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Lake Charles Power Squadron Change of Watch

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NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S): _____

Please indicate choice of beef or fish

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