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Commanders Corner

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Members of the Bridge along with the Membership at large for their determination to strive in completing our goals and wish the incoming 2003-2004 Bridge a successful year. I want to thank the membership who participated in squadron events and those who offered suggestions for continuous improvement of the squadron.

We start with a new year and a new bridge and our support is greatly needed, so volunteer to help carry the Lake Charles Power Squadron into the future. Without our support whether it is in monetary, physical or moral, the Squadron cannot sustain. We have to look forward. We have an opportunity to continue to lead D/21. In the fifty years as a squadron we have provided the USPS numerous officers and educated countless students with our public boating classes in which we all have successfully completed.

Lake Charles Power Squadron Change of Watch

Date: February 15th
Place: Pujos Street Café
Time: 1900
Dress: Uniform "A" or "After 5"
Cost: \$25.50
RSVP By: February 12th

If you have never been to a Change of Watch you don't want to miss this one!

Vessel Inspections

Something we need to think about, it is a new year and it is time to have our vessel's inspected. Please contact one of our "Vessel Inspectors" to have your vessel inspected and upon passing the examination proudly displaying the VSC decal.

D/21's Commander

This is a bit premature, but Congratulations to Ken Wilkinson as our new District Commander

Area Change of Watch

Beaumont February 7th Uniform "A" \$22.50 per person
Orange February 8th Uniform "A" or "After 5" \$18.00 per person
Acadiana February 14th

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 5th 2003 at the Anchorage. Social will be at 1800 and the General meeting will start at 1900. Menu will be announced in the Big Mouth. Hope to see you then!

Let us be "Boat Smart" and sail safely!

Cdr. John Loukas, AP

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
Social starts at 1800
Meeting starts at 1900

General Meeting

Our next General meeting is on February 5th. Social starts at 1800 meeting starts at 1900. This will be the last meeting for the 2002 bridge. Menu will be announced with a big mouth.

Mark Your Calendar

February

5	General Meeting	Anchorage
15	Lake Charles COW	Pujo St. Café
15	Boat Smart Course	McNeese
15-16	Raftup following the COW	Lake Charles Seawall
26	Executive Board Meeting	Anchorage

March

2	Raftup	TBA
5	General Meeting	Anchorage
26	Executive Board Meeting	Anchorage

Birthdays

John Mead	2/2
Bill Phillips	2/2
Terry Robideaux	2/3
Marvin Douglass	2/5
Pete Manena Jr.	2/11
Bruce Hammett	2/18
Ned Dautriel	2/29

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

EDUCATION REPORT

Attending The USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida 01-05 January 2003 included events, meetings, seminars, exhibits and activities. Power point and Computer Aided programs are here to stay. Some courses will be offered on CD in 2003 such as Cruise Planning. The Boat Smart Course Addendum for inclusion with the Student Manual has been NASBLA approved through the year 2005.

Update from the Instructor Development Committee: The old Instructor Qualification course was discontinued and the new Instructor Development installed. Many state members of NASBLA now require that USPS use certified instructors; the requirements for certification are currently left to USPS. No later than 01 January **2006**, all instructors of USPS basic boating safety courses offered to the public must be certified. USPS instructor certification is valid for four years. Re-certification of all instructors requires completion of the USPS four-hour ID re-certification seminar. A handout explaining certification will be given to instructors at next February General Meeting.

USPS and the Sea Scouts: Delivering the boating safety message to the youth has been encouraged by memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Sea Scouts and USPS by teaching our public boating courses to the Sea Scouts-Boy Scouts of America. More on this is published in the latest USPS CURRENTS on display at our February meeting.

Also attended was the Incoming Officers Meeting on 17-18 January 2003 held in Lake Charles and hosted by the incoming **2003 District Commander Ken Wilkinson**. The Education Department provided a handout package for all incoming Squadron Education Officers and our new District Education Officer Roger Penneman gave a computer presentation and reviewed information included in handout package. So much was learned; information collected from attending the two meetings will be shared with members.

As you know, my three- year term as SEO ends at Change of Watch in February 2003. A replacement has not been found. Suggestion from incoming D/C Ken Wilkinson: Harry Bush is completing his three years on the D/21 Bridge and will be assuming the job again as SEO of Beaumont. Currently Harry is teaching part of the Piloting class for Orange. He lives about 35 miles away, about the same or more than our members, so he is proposing that many of the advanced grades be taught in Orange for the three squadrons. This way the classes can be larger and more productive for the instructors. He will take care of scheduling, rooms, material, etc. This is an excellent opportunity, especially with our dilemma of not having a SEO or ASEO on the horizon.

REMINDERS:

Public classes have been scheduled in 2003 at McNeese State University in Gayle Hall:
Boat Smart 15 February 2003 8AM-4PM
Boat Smart 24 May 2003 8AM-4PM

Safe Boating!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

Squadron Store

If there is anyone who would like a new tag with the gold border you can email me the information at mccain.c@cox-internet.com. The prices are as follows. A tag w/pin Clip is \$6.00 and a tag w/Magnetic clip is \$7.50. The tags have our squadron burgee with name in white on a black background.

If you need information about them please contact Annette McCain at 337-625-2088



Incoming Administrative News

First of all the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida was quite knowledgeable for me as it was my first one. As incoming Administrative Officer for 2003, I attended the workshops for that department. The Member Involvement Seminar centered around "Recruit and Retain... Rally Around Membership".

Recruit – Market Lake Charles Power Squadron by smiling, have proctors at each class, explain and promote who is USPS, have safe boating activities, create a value to the potential member, promote –promote-promote-fun with learning.

Retain - Retain members by involvement through a mentoring program. Assign an existing member to your new one. Make sure that they are invited to all meetings. Convince them to serve on a committee related to their interest. Explain the Merit Mark program which is the true measure of involvement.

Did you know that there is a Member Involvement Committee Award to squadrons who find programs that have worked and produced measurable results to increase Member Involvement/Retention?

Let's get involved!!
Ned Dautriel



Lake Charles Mardi Gras Lighted Boat Parade

Sunday, March 2, 2003

An Evening of Boating Fun !!!

Over the last two weeks, I've made phone calls and sent e-mails, and have yet to find out who the individual is who is coordinating this enjoyable event. So as of this typing, I don't have a registration form to include in this month's Anchorline. A quick reminder on the specifics as listed on a website from the intranet:

Event: **Civic Center**
Lighted Mardi Gras Boat Parade
Date: **March 2, 2003**
Day: **Sunday**
Time: **1900 hours**
Location: **Lake Charles**
Seawall

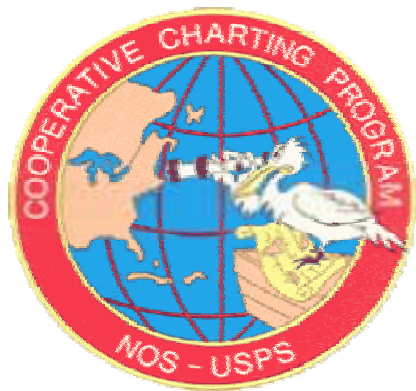
We've purchased a couple of cases of 33-inch bead necklaces in green, gold, and purple, which look really sharp. Each case contained 60 dozen necklaces (720 total) at a cost of just under \$30 per case. Last year, the boats made three passes, and we'll probably get one more case of beads which will give each member of our Krewe about 80 necklaces per pass. So we'll be set on the throws. All we have yet to do is identify the crew of friends, nail down the food, and the fun will certainly follow on Sunday night.

If you're interested in joining in on the boat parade, just drop me a quick e-mail, and I'll make sure you get a registration form.

Until then, see if you have a Krewe who wants to enjoy the evening and begin planning your own Mardi Gras fun this year.

Hope to see you there,

Chris H. Nelsen
chrisn@worldnetla.net



Cooperative Charting

It's hard to believe we're down to the final two months of the 2002 – 2003 Cooperative Charting year. Our Squadron has enjoyed a good year participating in this program and my expectations are that we'll have a very respectable showing when the year-end DSI report comes out. We had Squadron participation at both of the District Nautical events, and had Squadron participation at both of the District Geodetic events, in which we hosted one of them and had a really good turn out by our folks.

Squadron members who have participated so far this year include:

Tom Cameron	Stan Chapman	Ned Dautriel
Sheryl Dautriel	Charles Dessommes	Don Hains
Martha Hains	Alice Pippin	Buford Pippin
Ben Garber Jr.	Ron Gremillion	Songa Gremillion
Bruce Hammett	Kay Johnson	Ralph Johnson
John Loukas	Vicki Loukas	Annette McCain
Chris McCain	Chris Nelsen	Bill Stracener Jr.
Bob Ward	Ken Wilkinson	

Don and Martha Hains have been really active during the month of December and have been racking up the points. We still have a few members who aren't listed above who have data sheets from last year, and there's still a solid month of time left to get them turned in. So don't put it off, and get them turned in.

The 2003 – 2004 District Cooperative Charting Event schedule was set back in December and you may want to get these dates put on your calendar:

Event	Date	Location	Host Squadron
Geodetic	May 16 – 17, 2003	New Braunfels, TX	San Antonio
Nautical	May 30 – 31, 2003	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Nautical	Sept 19 – 20, 2003	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Geodetic	Oct 10 – 11, 2003	Waco, TX	Austin

Thank you for your efforts this year and I'm looking forward to another successful Cooperative Charting year for both our Squadron and our District.

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen
Cooperative Charting Chairman



LAKE CHARLES POWER SQUADRON

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SAIL AND POWER BOATING

CHANGE OF WATCH

SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2003

HONORING

<i>Commander</i>		<i>Ron Gremillion, AP</i>	<i>(Commander)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Songa Gremillion, P</i>	<i>(Executive)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>(Education)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Ned Dautriel, AP</i>	<i>(Administrative)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Annette McCain, P</i>	<i>(Secretary)</i>
<i>Lieutenant</i>	<i>Commander</i>	<i>Chuck Lemoine</i>	<i>(Treasurer)</i>

INSTALLING OFFICER

District Commander

Vernon L. Helmke, AP

Time: 1800 Cash Bar 1900 Dinner and Program
Place: **Pujo St. Café 337-439-2054**
901 Ryan St.
Corner of Ryan St. and Pujo St.
Lake Charles, LA

Menu: Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo or Blackened catfish,
Rice Pilaf, Steamed vegetables, Dessert, Iced tea and Coffee

Dress: **Uniform "A" (with bow tie) or "After 5"**

Cost: \$25.00 per person

RSVP by 12 February 2003
Cancellation not later than 13 February 2003

Please detach and mail with check payable to:

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Lake Charles Power Squadron Change of Watch

Reservations @ \$25.00 each TOTAL ----- MENU ITEM:

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S): _____

Sixth USPS® Youth Poster Contest Entry Form 2002- 2003

Who can enter? Children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of USPS member's ages 6 to 14 years old are eligible. There is a first, second, and third place winner in each division. All entries will receive a certificate and treated to a party. Winners will receive gift certificates.

Age divisions: Ages 6 - 8, 9 – 11, and 12 – 14

Contest Rules:

- ✓ The entry must be vertical, not horizontal, in orientation.
- ✓ The entry must be on **15 by 20 or 14 by 22 inch poster paper**.
- ✓ Participants may sketch the design lightly with pencil, but the end result must be a color poster.
- ✓ There is no limit to the type of media used, except professional illustrations, photos or copyrighted material may not be used, and computer generated art may not be submitted.
- ✓ Do not fold poster.
- ✓ The poster will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability.
- ✓ The contest entry form must be completed and pasted on back of the poster.
- ✓ One entry per person, please.
- ✓ All entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission and modify any poster for future reproduction.

Sixth USPS® Youth Poster Contest Entry Form - 2002- 2003

Theme: “CATCH THE BOATING SAFETY HABIT”

Instructions: Complete this form and paste on back of poster. **Deadline: February 24, 2003**

Mail to: Annette McCain, 413 Bowmer Ln., Sulphur, LA, 70663. All entries become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use submission.

Artist Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: () _____

Squadron _____ District _____

Squadron Member's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: () _____

I give the United States Power Squadron® permission to include a picture of the above named artist in any publication of the United States Power Squadron including the squadron and district newsletters.

Member's Signature _____



Happy Mardi Gras

Just a reminder: Don't forget to
mail in reservation form for the
COW and District Conference



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