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## **Commanders Corner**



I would first like to take this opportunity to thank the Membership for their support at our Change of Watch. We had a good turn out for the occasion with out of town

guests from San Antonio, Beaumont, and Orange along with District Commander Tom Derden, SN (Houston) officiating. Your continuing support throughout the coming year will be greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank P/C Armin and Janelle Brahm for opening up their home to celebrate the 2002-2003 Lake Charles Power Squadron Bridge. Also I would like to thank P/C Tom Cameron for the use of the Officer Flags and helping with seating arrangements of the head table. Thanks are in order to Ben and Pat Garber for being our greeters and taking care of the registration table. Without the support of our Members this event would not have been a success. Our thanks to P/C Chris and Annette McCain for all the work and numerous phone calls and e-mails. Chris and Annette have finally completed their Watch. Thanks for a great year. Our two families have made many memories together traveling to District events and on our vacations. I want to thank Chris in advance for his support in the coming year.

Incoming District Commander Vernon Helmke, AP has outlined some items he would like D/21 Squadrons to accomplish this coming year. I have included them in my goals. I have set some thirty-two goals for the 2002-2003 Bridge year. With a little work as a team all are achievable.

We have a good reputation throughout the District as a Boating Squadron and plans are to continue to be. I have invited our neighboring Squadrons to join us on any boating activities that we have. Orange has invited us to Port Arthur Yacht Club in August for a rendezvous. This is one trip you will not want to miss. Mark your calendars and plan to come by boat or car. Our Administrative Officer, Lt./C Songa Gremillion, P has come up with a most ingenious idea. Rather than burden one person to come up with activities for the entire Squadron, she has devised a plan to have a Captain over each boating event. The Captain will set the schedule and the details. Our boating calendar is complete for the year.

USPS District 21 Spring Conference in Orange is scheduled for 4-6 April 2002. The theme for Friday night is Six Flags over Texas. Make your reservations early. We are only thirty-five minutes away. Let's support the District in Orange.

This year will be both challenging and very busy, but looking forward to a great 50<sup>th</sup> year for the LCPS.

**Cdr. John Loukas, AP**

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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

Social starts at 1800

Meeting starts at 1900

**Mark your Calendar**

#### March

**6 General Meeting** Anchorage  
23 Easter Egg Hunt on the Water Civic Center  
**27 Executive Meeting** Anchorage

#### April

**3 General Meeting** Anchorage  
4-7 D/21 Spring Conference Orange, TX  
**24 Executive Committee Meeting** Anchorage  
27 Full Moon Arisin Raftup TBA



### Birthdays

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Janet Gilpin    | 3/5  |
| Kay Johnson     | 3/11 |
| John Loukas     | 3/14 |
| Henry Liles     | 3/17 |
| Chris Nelsen    | 3/20 |
| Ben Garber, Jr. | 3/23 |

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](mailto:mccain.c@cox-internet.com)

### 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.

## EDUCATION REPORT

Another Change of Watch! With your help year 2002 will be another great one. It is the cornerstone of our educational commitment at Lake Charles Power Squadron.

So far this year, the Lake Charles Power Squadron had three **Boating** courses given by Chris Nelsen in DeRidder; one **Boat Smart** instructed by Stan Chapman, Sheron Faulk Swoope and Ray LeBert; and one **video** course given at the Anchorage. New members were recruited from these classes. A huge THANK YOU to members who helped with the Boat Smart course: Cdr Chris McCain gave a short talk to introduce some facts about USPS and our LCPS; Ron and Songa Gremillion collected the money; Ned Dautriel supplied a heater and doughnuts and coffee; and Chris Nelsen and Chris McCain graded exams. **Seamanship** and **Advanced Piloting** are still in progress. Ben Garber, Sr reports that Lester Dousay is checking the Seamanship homework. After the last chapter in Advanced Piloting, Alice Pippin will review with her students. Congratulations to Annette McCain for completing and passing **Piloting!! Navigation** is being taken by a few members who are sailing along, and those taking **JN** are "pulling up" anchor to catch up. **Weather** will be offered this summer and an **Instructor Qualification** course is in the works. There is always something to learn. Take a course and be prepared.

About twenty names were collected at the Lake Charles Boat Show who showed interested in taking a boating safety course. We will accommodate them probably before our scheduled May 18<sup>th</sup> class. The booth is a tremendous "ad in itself" for USPS and the Lake Charles Power Squadron in spreading boating safety. Thank you to Kitty Walker who supplied candy and boating tests to the public. She worked all three days during the Boat Show. Other members also manned the booth: Armin Brahm, Cdr John Loukas, Peggy Miller, Stan and Joyce Chapman, Bill and Margaret Cromwell, Ron and Songa Gremillion, Chris McCain, Ned and Sheryl Dautriel, and Ken Wilkinson. Sheron and her committee did a great job putting the booth together.

Reminder: Boat Smart at McNeese State University  
18, May 2002

Safe Boating!  
Sheryl Dautriel, SEO

## Scripts from the Secretary

Thank you for the nomination of Secretary, 2002. Your confidence is appreciated and I will do my best to fulfill the duties of Secretary for the Lake Charles Power Squadron.

Ned Dautriel

## BOATING ACTIVITIES



HOPPY! HOPPY! BOAT HOP!!!

Yes, that's right. We are having an Easter Egg Hunt on the "water"!! This is a first, but certainly not the last. Larry and Dolla Farmer, along with Ron and Songa Gremillion are in hot pursuit of organizing a truly entertaining boat hop for Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ladies, be thinking of ideas to decorate your favorite boat hat for an Easter Hat Parade by boat. Gents, you need to be thinking just HOW you are going to get those prize eggs out of the water and YOU stay in the boat!! Please, if you don't have a boat, let us know. We can pair you up with those who do. This event you won't want to miss!! In case of rain or bad weather, the event will be held at the Anchorage.

## Editorial

As Editor I would like to apologize for the newsletter being late this month. I had an Uncle who had been on his death bed for the last three weeks and he finally passed away last Thursday. I had put off the newsletter in case I had to go on a spur of the month to Corpus Christ, TX for the funeral. I deeply apologize for the inconvenience.

Annette McCain



## We've Signed On for Another Big Year with BoatU.S!

The BoatU.S. Cooperating Group Program has proven so popular with members that club officers are renewing our "partnership" for another year. Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$19.00 – only \$9.50 a year!

If you're already a BoatU.S. Member, you can now renew your Membership at the low \$9.50 rate.

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Contact **Charles Dessommes** for a BoatU.S. Membership application. If you are renewing your BoatU.S. Membership, be sure to mention our Co-op Group Number to get the special \$9.50 rate. If you don't have it please contact Charles Dessommes.

## Vessel Safety Check

It is a great start to a new year and it's time to start thinking about all the preparation we have to do to get ready for the Boating season. With this in mind I have set up four Saturday's this year to do Vessel Inspections. At this time I have not decided where the locations will be but I will be putting a notice in the Anchorline. For those who can make it to the locations you can contact any one of the examiners to setup a date and time to do the inspection. The following dates have been setup.

Saturday, April, 13, 2002

Sunday, May 19, 2002

Saturday, June 1, 2002

Saturday, July 6, 2002

I will have more in the coming months as to the times and locations. We have eight Lake Charles Vessel Safety Examiners who have help Lake Charles be the top squadron in District 21 in 2001. Lets make two in a row. If you are interested in being an examiner please call me and I will set up a time to get with you with a book and setting up a time to take your test. Call me at 625-2088.

P/C Chris McCain, LCPS VSC Committee Chair

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Lt/C Songa Gremillion

Lt Harvey Kuttner

Lt Sheron Faulk

Lt Martin Hardy

2002 Change of Watch  
February 15, 2002



It's finally over.  
P/C Chris McCain and D/C Tom Derden



It's just Beginning  
Cdr John Loukas and D/C Tom Derden



What a great meal.



John and Vickie you did a great job.



The new bridge.  
Lt/C Sheryl Dautriel, Lt/C Ned Dautriel  
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Congratulations Cdr Loukas

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