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## **Commanders Corner**

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

It's Contraband Day's again! With the District Change of Watch in Austin gone but not forgotten, we focus on work, work and more work. We had a picnic lunch at the Anchorage this past Sunday. I truly expected about a dozen souls to show up but to my surprise we had (26 warm bodies, and it was Bliss!) The weather was really cooperative, With the lazy days of summer about to set in the temperature was around 80 degrees and the humidity was about 90% but we had a brisk wind from the South and as fast as we could perspire we were dry again! We had (3) three brave boaters arrive and to this day I still don't know how we finally tied them to the pier?

Annette & I made the trip to Austin along with Ned & Sheryl Dautriel, John & Vicki Loukas, Armin & Janelle Braham, Ken & Diana Wilkinson, Don &

Martha Hains, Tom & Louise Cameron. I think this was the largest turnout that Lake Charles has ever had at a District Change of Watch! Orange, Beaumont, Acadiana, and Lake Charles Sponsored the Hospitality room and guess who were the first visitors? D21 Commander Joe Dorn and D21 Commander to be Tom Derdin were there at the opening; they know a good time when they see one! Our New D/C Tom Derden confides in me at least once a month whether he wants to are not.

The things one must put up with. The Cracklins were excellent, the boudin was great! The Chettos were out of this world! I want to Thank Orange, Beaumont, and Acadiana (Lafayette) for participating with us at the Austin Spring Conference.

In June of next month we plan to attend the Nautical, + Geodetic charting of the Orange and Southeast Texas area.

We so look forward to the hospitality of the Orange Texas area that we can only ask how we can be of service? Lake Charles will be putting on the finest feast one can imagine! Please don't hesitate to cross over the boarder to enjoy what your Cajun Forefathers have given to you to enjoy!

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

**May 23,2001**

**E-MAIL ITEMS TO [mccain.c@att.net](mailto:mccain.c@att.net)**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May	2	General Meeting	Anchorage
	4 - 6	Contraband Days Rendezvous	Lake Charles
	12	Raft up	Lake Charles
	19	Boat Smart Class	Lake Charles
	19 - 26	Boat Safety Week	
	30	Executive Meeting	Anchorage
June	6	General Meeting	Anchorage
	8-10	Co-op Charting	Orange, TX
	9	Raft up	Orange, TX
	17	Father's Day	
	22-24	Cardboard Regretta	Fort Worth, TX
	27	Executive Board	Anchorage

### Reminder

*Don't forget next meeting is on May 2,  
2001 at the Anchorage. It will be a brown  
bag dinner.*

*Our speaker is Alvin Touchet. He will be  
talking about the GPS. There is a lot of  
information you can learn about your GPS.  
Come out and learn a little.*



## **EDUCATION REPORT**

2001 Spring Conference was held in Austin, Texas. It was a great Texas *welcome* conference filled with fun and swamped with educational information. Stars were everywhere! Pirates invaded Texas to promote May Contraband Days in Lake Charles. Austin Power Squadron and P/C Armin Brahm provided great pics.

First of all, we learned about the new CD and booklet of America's Boating Course (ABC), which was developed jointly by USPS and the CG Auxiliary. It is reported to be similar to Boat Smart and should be released about July 4th. This advancement is targeted for the public that we cannot reach.

Computer generated random exams are now used for Seamanship and Piloting. These are assigned exams only. Don't miss the marketing video showing a vessel examiner performing parts of a vessel safety check to be shown on Speedvision Cable TV Network. Also, the USPS National Safe Boating Test video has been completed. The video will be aired on the Speedvision TV Network at 8PM, Sat., May 19th, as a start to the National Safe Boating Week. Or you may get online at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org), go to members page; then to second item on list "Nat'l Safe Boating Test". The web page has times of boating test on Speedvision Shows.

Locally, LCPS will instruct the public Boat Smart Course at McNeese State University in Gayle Hall, Sat., May 19th. Hopefully, the billboard advertising will increase enrollment. P/C Stan Chapman is scheduled to promote this class by appearing on the Morning Show on May 10th. P/C Ray LeBert began Piloting on April 12. He reports 4 attending. Upon completion of their study, an AP course will be offered. Lt Chris Nelsen will give Boating exams in DeRidder on April 26th, which includes the Feb. and March students. Updates available for those in JN and N -

Check out web page

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/eddept.htm> for the Mini-Quik Course Plotter Graphic File, the LHA Aries Calculator, and Plot Tools. Plot Tools now draws circles or eclipses for hour and vertical circles. Reminder: Examinations for N93/94 will be available until Dec.31, 2001 and examinations for JN 89/92 will be available until Dec.31, 2002.

Theft Protection: 1. Mark your equipment and photograph or video tape them.

2. Make inventory of your marine equipment, boat and trailer.

3. Security lock to a storage space to lock small equipment.

Vessel Security: Marine Hatch (add exterior hatch locks, add or replace weak hinges)

Forward Hatch (add interior hatch fasteners or padlock. For safety, those should be unlocked when the boat is in use)

Windows (dowel in track or use small lock)

Start a "dock-watch" or lake watch program in your marina. Never leave the keys aboard. If leaving your boat for any length of time, make the engine inoperable by installing and using an ignition by-pass switch, removing a spark plug, the propeller or ignition rotor.

Safe Boating!

Sheryl Dautriel

Squadron Education Officer

### **Check this out**

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2. 330 W. Alamo & Common
3. 412 E. Gauthier Corner of Common
4. 400 S. Common at Cowboys
5. 416 N/O Gauthier

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

John Loukas, AP

The D/21 Spring Conference in Austin, TX. was a great district event. The Austin squadron did a wonderful job preparing all of the events. The meetings were both educational and informative. Lake Charles was well represented with 16 members attending. The ladies took a tour of the LBJ Library and had lunch at the University Club, which I understand was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. Congratulations to newly elected District Commander Tom Derden, SN. Many thanks to P/D/C Joe Dorn, SN, for his three years of service on the D/21 Bridge.

D/21 Contraband Days Rendezvous will be here very soon, so get ready for more fun with lots of activities planned out on the lake and at the Anchorage. The events get bigger and better each year. So DON'T MISS IT!

D/21 CO-OP Charting event is going to be held in Orange, TX on June 8-10, 2001. It is hosted by Acadiana, Beaumont, Lake Charles and Orange Squadrons. This is a nautical Co-Op event so we need all the boats we can get. See flyer in AnchorLine.

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**This will also be Lake Charles Power Squadron's boating event for the month of June. See you there!**



## **BOATING ACTIVITIES**

**Janelle Brahm**

Due to our boating activity Chairman being out of town some of this is repeated.

### **Contraband Days D-21 Rendezvous**

Contraband Days D-21 Rendezvous will be here in a matter of weeks. We will have Charlie and his gang doing the pig roast again. Along, with some volunteers doing extras. Come in you pirate attire is you like. It not too late to RSVP. Deadline has been extended to the 30 of April. Have you RSVP'd

**Date:** May 4-6, 2001

The second weekend of Contraband Days is the fireworks display. We will be rafting up in Lake Charles for this as we have in the past. This will be our second boating activity for the month of April

**Date:** May 12, 2001

Come on out and enjoy the Contraband Days Festivities.



## Birthdays

<b>Ben Garber, Sr.</b>	<b>5/04</b>
<b>Herman Manuel</b>	<b>5/13</b>
<b>Bill Cromwell</b>	<b>5/14</b>
<b>Ron Rush</b>	<b>5/15</b>
<b>Ruth Giaimis</b>	<b>5/19</b>
<b>Maureen Miller</b>	<b>5/19</b>
<b>Ziggy and Ella Conrad</b>	<b>5/23</b>
<b>Charles McAlister</b>	<b>5/31</b>

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@att.net](mailto:mccain.c@att.net)

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

All members of the squadron should have your boats checked so we can proudly display the Vessel Safety Check for 2001. We need to show the general public that we keep our boats in top shape and they should do the same. Let us demonstrate safety by example.

Please contact me and I will arrange to have an inspection performed by one of the eight LCPS Vessel Examiners.

D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson,  
LCPS VSC Chairman,  
478-6886



CDR CHRIS & ANNETTE MCCAIN



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1800 – TILL

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CAPTAINS MEETING 0800 – 0900

SEEK & RECOVER 0900 – 1500

BOAT HOUSE 1500 – 1830

(WRITE UP REPORTS)

GROUP DINNER 1900 – TILL

AT THE BOAT HOUSE

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **P/C EDGAR D. AKIN, AP**

“When our sailing nears its ending  
When our course is all but run,  
When this sense of past endeavor  
Crowd upon us one by one  
When we see in true perspective-  
Knowing wrong and knowing right,  
May we say, like Saul of Tarsus,  
‘I have fought a noble fight’  
May we find our life-long courses  
Have not been steered in vain,  
Lest the bearings we have plotted  
Must be reckoned out again.  
When we leave our earthly bodies  
Buried deep in sea or sod,  
May our endeavors be our glory  
When we go to met our God,’

P/C Edgar D. Akin, AP was a valued member of the Lake Charles Power Squadron. He gave abundantly of his time, talent and knowledge, to further the education of his shipmates. Many members, who now carry insignia of rank, are recipients of constant effort to mold a stronger Squadron. He has set a lofty goal for others, who must take his place. His accomplishments are permanently inscribed in the archives of this Squadron.

Now, the Supreme Commander of the Universe has called our shipmate to sail with Him in eternal calm waters, forever free from the storms and tempests of mortal life.

We bid you ‘Hail and Farewell’, Shipmate until we drop anchor beside you at the last great Rendezvous.

Pirates Invade Austin  
Spring Conference  
April 2001



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To: District 21 Membership  
From: D/C Tom Derden, SN  
Date: 25 April 2001  
Subject: USPS Dues Increase

One of the most hotly debated issues of the Spring Governing Board meeting was the need for a USPS dues increase. The need arose due to a financial shortfall that was caused by both a decrease in the return on our investments and a larger than expected return of student materials. Both of these items caused USPS to report a loss of about \$360,000.00.

Before requesting a dues increase the Operating Committee looked at ways to cut expenses. While the list is too long to print here I can say that measures have been initiated that will save USPS about \$100,000.00 annually. These cuts were made across the board and no one department was either spared or asked to bear an unfair share. Cuts were made where they would not diminish USPS as the premier boating organization in the country.

You may ask yourself what you will get in return for this dues increase. First let me make you aware of the fact that USPS has not asked for a dues increase in the last nine years. In that time here is what we have experienced as a result of the efforts of our national bridge(s) and their committees:

- Better liability insurance that is free to the membership.
- New computer hardware and software that makes it easier for us to do our jobs. A prime example of this is the new DB2000 program that allows us to update our membership information on line and submit merit marks the same way.
- The new Vessel Safety Check program.
- 800 phone numbers for our boating course information.
- Co-Operative Charting program enhancements.
- Increase in the Ships Store inventory of products.
- Random examination program for our courses.
- A new and fresher look to The Ensign.

There are many more benefits that we have derived from our membership in USPS but let us examine why we joined in the first place. Most of us joined for the pure love of boating and the fellowship our membership brings to us. We take advantage of the classes, enjoy the cruises, promote safer boating through the VSC program and generally have a lot of fun. Those things have not changed. We still derive the same benefits as we did when we joined.

It is a fact of life that costs will go up. USPS costs have risen but they have not passed them along to the membership in the past nine years. The dues increase of \$6.00 for Active members, \$3.00 for Additional Active and \$1.50 for Family Members is miniscule compared to what we get for it. The additional costs are no more than 3 gallons of fuel per year. It works out to 50 cents a month. Not much when you consider the benefits we get out of our membership.

Two proposals designed to increase revenue were withdrawn from consideration. These were the elimination of the three month grace period for new members who join in March, April or May and the increase of \$5.00 for processing new members. The Operating Committee listened to your Squadron Commanders and withdrew the propositions.

I urge each of you to renew your membership when you receive your dues renewal notice. Let's keep USPS the organization it is and let's all work towards the USPS goal of promoting safe boating.

Thank you on behalf of your Squadron Commander and District 21 Bridge.

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