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Due to work our Commander is MIA. He has been working hard at work and for the squadron. After working long hours at night for his job he was still able to come out and give a talk to our Boat Smart students on May 24th. He promises to give us a report in the next newsletter. Until then come out and enjoy the nice weather at our annual Poker Run scheduled for June 21. Bring your friends and family and lets make it a fun event. It's sure to be an exciting event.

Cdr. Ron Gremillion

Mark Your Calendar

June		
4	General Meeting	Anchorage
14	Vessel Safety Check	Ellender Bridge
21	Poker Run/BBQ	Bill and Maggie Cromwell's
28	Cardboard Boat Regatta	Fort Worth, TX
July		
	No General Meeting	
12	Vessel Safety Check	TBA
19	Raftup/Fishing Trip	TBA
30	Executive Board	Anchorage

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General Meeting

Our next General meeting is on June 4th, 2003. Social starts at 1800 meeting starts at 1900. Menu will be covered dish. Mrs. Rachel Claret will be our speaker. She owns a local company called ORGANIZEN and her slogan is "Creating Harmony out of Chaos". She will give a short 10-minute talk on organization of which will include our home away from home, *our boats*. Rachel welcomes your questions on organization and will offer solutions to any problem. It should be informative for both guys and gals.

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

Patsy Manuel	6/2
Armin Brahm	6/5
Linda	
Dessommes	6/8
Stan Chapman	6/15
Sheryl Dautriel	6/19
Ray Lebert	6/21
Billy Gilbert	6/29
Ron Gremillion	6/29

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

May 21, 2003
E-MAIL ITEMS TO
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Check us out on the Web at our website below
<http://www.lcpsonline.org>

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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



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Education Report

District 21 was well represented at the Governing Board in May. Congratulations to D/1st/Lt Sheryl Dautriel for completing the Instructor Certification Program at the Spring 2003 Governing Board in New Orleans. She and SEO John Loukas plan on the free seminar to be scheduled soon to certify anyone wishing to complete the program. Re-certification is every four years.

Sixteen students attended and passed the 24 May 2003 Boat Smart class at MSU in Gayle Hall. They were a bright and fun group. Those wishing to learn were a mother and daughter sail team, and all others were power boaters of which included fathers and their sons. A BIG THANK YOU to instructors P/C Stan Chapman, Lt Sheron Faulk Swoope, and P/C Ray LeBert. Support and aids were P/C Chris McCain, Lt Harvey Kuttner who are both promoting Vessel Safety Checks and Lt/C Songa Gremillion. Harvey & Sheron also put ads in the American Press. Lt/C Ned Dautriel set up the room, loaded and unloaded boxes of manuals & brochures, furnished doughnuts, too. Coffee was available and the "M & M" candy campaign promoted. Cdr Ron Gremillion spoke on USPS organization and LCPS and signed those important Boat Smart Certificates of Completion. D/C Ken Wilkinson also addressed students on VSC, membership and dues. As class was near completion, Fox 29 News cameraman took shots of the group and instructor P/C Ray LeBert and interviewed Lt/C Ned Dautriel about the LCPS and it's civic duties and goals. (To be aired on evening news 24 May) Lastly, thanks to Lt/C Annette McCain and Lt/C Ned Dautriel for grading 16 exams. Annette also helped with packing equipment at end of the day. Even though the class fell on Memorial Day weekend, we were pleased with the good attendance.

Happy and Safe Boating!

P/C John Loukas, AP

Article submitted by D/1st/Lt Sheryl Dautriel

Administrative Department

HOW CAN "M & M" CANDY HELP US GROW?

MARKETING and MEMBERSHIP

M & M candy was distributed to capture our interest at the Governing Board meeting in New Orleans. For now on whenever you see this logo, M & M, you will think of Marketing and Membership or marketing membership. Let's reach more potential members and involve them in boating activities.

This year Lake Charles Power Squadron has promoted our squadron publicly by use of a booth in the Boat Show, participating in Mardi Gras and Contraband Days Boat Parades, and squadron activities, and boating safety classes. A Poker Run is scheduled for 21 June, which always generates interest. Invite someone to our next meeting. As D/C Ken Wilkinson reported, two campaigns were unveiled: "You're in Command" and "Power of One Campaign". He has ordered marketing material that should arrive soon.

Fort Worth, Texas Power Squadron will host a D/21 Cardboard Boat Regatta (or Regretta as the story goes) 28 June 2003. Let's enter this fun event and win as Keith Monroe has done in the past.

All of these events are for members and also your quests wishing to join a boating organization. **Invite** someone today – it is the only way to grow.

Ned Dautriel
Administration Officer



Co-Op Charting News

Congratulations!!!!

The final DSI Report has been issued and District 21 is once again number one in the Nation for Coop Charting. I would like to thank all of you who have participated. Without your efforts the District could not have accomplished it.

I would also like to thank those on my committee who helped in many unseen ways:

Ron Slay - Quality
Chris Nelsen - Geodetics
Scott McDonald - Nauticals
Ray Kearney - Aeros

When you see them, please thank them for their effort.

Participation in Coop Charting for this past year was outstanding for the Squadrons and District with significant improvements. There were 18 people in the TOP 75 this year as compared to 8 for the previous year and most of the Squadrons moved up in the national rankings.

Also, there were 187 participants as compared to 178 for the previous year. But more importantly, there were 132 people on the Honor Roll as compared to 72 the previous year. This is a fantastic effort on your part.

Once again, thanks for your efforts.

John Morawski
D/21 Coop Charting Chairman
281-992-9793

Squadron Store

If there is anyone who would like a new tag you can email me the information at mccain.c@cox-internet.com or catch me at the next general meeting.

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 the gold border along with your name in white on a black background.

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

Vessel Safety Check

Memorial day weekend proved to be a great weekend for the Squadron.



On Saturday we held our Boat Smart class and on Sunday we held our first Vessel Safety check of the year. We had four vessel examiners and one aid show up at the Prien Lake Boat ramp at 9 am ready and eager to inspect the boats. At first it was slow. We had one or two here and there. Then the boaters started pulling in around noon.

When we left at around 2 o'clock we had inspected a total of 25 boats. Thanks goes to D/C Ken Wilkinson, Lt/C Songa Gremillion, and Lt Harvey Kuttner for coming out on a Sunday. A thanks also goes to Lt Harvey Kuttner for calling KVHP TV and the Lake Charles American Press for our public relations. They sent a photographer for the paper and a cameraman for the TV station. That evening D/C Ken Wilkinson was on the news and his picture along with Lt/C Songa Gremillion was in the paper. Hope you got to see them.

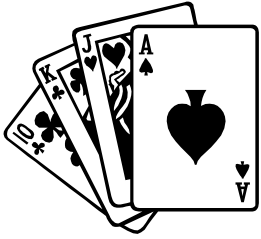
Thanks Again
P/C Chris McCain
VSC Chair



It's Garage Sale Time

It's spring-cleaning time and the Lake Charles Power Squadron is asking for your help. If you have anything that you would like to get rid of please call Annette McCain at 625-2088 and she will pick it up or arrange for someone else to pick it up. The executive board is planning to have an auction at the June General meeting. Anything left over following the auction will be put in a Garage sale to help raise funds for the Squadron.

As they always say "One man's junk is another man's Treasure". So nothing will be turned away.



LAKE CHARLES POWER SQUADRON
Saturday June 21, 2003
POKER RUN



Cost: \$25.00 donation per hand includes a free dinner.

There will not be a limit to the number of hands you can play. If you are working the event and unable to ride in a boat you can participate in the poker game for the same \$25.00 fee. Non-gamblers will pay \$5.00 for dinner.

Location: The dock of Bill & Maggie Cromwell's at these coordinates.

30` 10.49' N

93` 17.34' W

Land coordinates are

3850 Bluff Lane
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Time: Registration is from 1300 – 1400.

At this time you will be given a set of GPS coordinates for 7 locations in the Lake Charles area. The length of this run will be approximately 15-18 miles depending on the order you choose to take. All stops will handle large and small boats with a minimum water depth of 5'. Boats without GPS on board will be provided with a small chart pack.

Instructions: At each stop on the run one person will be picking up a small round tag per boat. This is to be attached to a card with the names of the players on that boat. You must have at least 5 tags on this card to play the game. When you are finished collecting the tags you return to the dock for the games to begin. The official end time for the run will be 1700 so don't be late. Upon completion of the run, a dealer will deal 3 hands at a time with the highest hand placed on board; this process will be repeated until all hands are dealt. Rules for ranking poker hands will be posted for this event. The pot will be split 50/50.

Chef's Armin and Bill will serve jambalaya at 1800. Bring your own drinks. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday June 18, 2003 to Armin Brahm **478-6856**. If you do not have a boat please contact me, Ron Gremillion at 527-5570, 540-6667 or email me at gremsg@communicomm.com and I will try to find you a ride for the event.



LCPS members please bring a dessert or chips and dip.

Cooperative Charting Program
Point Whitehorn II 1858, A Step Back In Time!!

The **quest** was to find a small granite boulder (two and a half foot in diameter and one foot high) on the north side of Point Whitehorn, Washington, along the south shoreline of Birch Bay.

The **challenge** was to find the exact boulder that a Coast and Geodetic Survey crew drilled a half-inch diameter hole, one and a half inches deep, and identified it as a survey marker in 1858! Today, it's in the NGS/NOAA database identified as PID TR2155.

The **reward**, if found, **would be the first USPS member to recover this 145 year old marker and potentially set the bar as the oldest marker, with the longest time span, ever recovered by a USPS member** under the Cooperative Charting Program.

On the morning of April 27, 2003, I set out from Seattle, Washington, where I was spending some vacation time with my mom, to search for this marker. With the two page data sheet that reflected CGS recoveries in 1949, 1959, and 1960, along with a WAAS enabled Magellan 330M GPS, a shovel, a wire brush, and a large screw driver, I was equipped to find this marker. The temperature was in the low 50's, with blue sky and sunshine, and it had all the makings for a great day. My plan was to arrive at Birch Bay State Park near Bellingham, Washington, approximately an hour and a half before low tide. Since the rock would be in the tidal zone, it would give me several hours to look for this marker

Parking near the west entrance to this beautiful park, I grabbed my equipment, crossed the road to the beach and began the thirty-minute walk along the beach toward Point Whitehorn. Birch Bay was as calm as glass and along the way a large redheaded woodpecker and a great blue heron let me know they didn't appreciate my presence. About half way down the beach, the Magellan 330M gets turned on and I continue to enjoy the peaceful walk along the beach. As I make the Point, I can't believe what I see. With a mental picture of several boulders on the point, in which one would stand out because that's why it was chosen in 1858, I see hundreds of boulders and suddenly the challenge is not only on, but it's much greater than I expected. The GPS says I've arrived, so I lay it on a large four-foot high boulder, take off my jacket, and begin walking the Point. Looking west, you can see the Canadian Gulf Islands, looking south you can see the San Juan Islands, and looking east, you're looking straight up at a 170 foot tall bluff. For the next hour plus, I walk more than a hundred yards along the beach in each direction from the four-foot boulder, with no success. It's beginning to feel like the old "needle in a haystack" search, and victory will not be achieved today. I take time to re-read the data sheet again, along with some additional thinking on where to search. Two things stick out in my mind. The first being, I should be relying more on the accuracy of the GPS. As a degreed Civil Engineer, I was trained in the "old fashion method" of surveying, and the CGS survey crew in 1858 used very similar levels of precision and accuracy to establish this point. The second being the bluff had to have experienced serious erosion over the last century, and none of the original measurements would be even close today. Going back to the GPS, it was now WAAS averaging the longitude and latitude I programmed in and it was telling me I needed to go 24 feet toward the water, deeper into the tidal zone where all of the boulders were completely covered in a layer of barnacles. I watched my footing as I walked through the slippery seaweed and placed the GPS on a rock that said I was within three feet of the marker. The 1949 recovery notes indicate the boulder would be under one foot of water during high tide. I'm standing where it appears these rocks would be four or more feet under water. But a mental picture of how the bluff might have looked one and a half centuries ago clearly puts me in a possible location. So with renewed energy, I begin looking for a boulder that has a flat side on it and a couple of rocks stand out by having fairly large flat sides. Neither have horizontal sides, but I begin scraping all the barnacles and seaweed off of the first rock, and nothing. The shovel then attacks the second flat rock and I see a dark color. With wire brush and screwdriver in hand, there it is...a half-inch diameter drilled hole...the 145 year old survey mark, and it's just as clean and round as if it was drilled just a decade ago! Success is so sweet, and after taking several pictures of the recovery, I take one last look at the beauty of this area and begin the very enjoyable and rewarding walk back to the car.

For you history buffs out there, the Coast and Geodetic Survey was actually called the Survey of the Coast between 1807 and 1878. One year before this survey mark was established, our 15th President, Franklin Buchanan was elected. Three years after 1858, saw the beginning of the Civil War. Nine years after 1858, the US Senate ratified the purchase of Alaska from Russia, and 31 years after the survey crew drilled this survey marker, Washington became our 42nd State in 1889! And on a closing note, the survey crews who worked during this time period typically made between 25 to 60 cents a day, plus a subsistence allowance. I wonder what they would think today and I also wonder how impressed they would be with the accuracy of their work when they heard eleven satellites showed them to be within three feet of the coordinates they established 145 years ago?

Point Whitehorn, Washington
The search for PID TR2155



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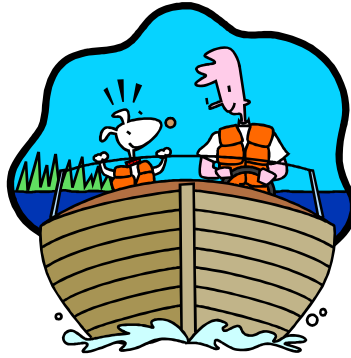
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Editor, Annette McCain

District 21 Rendezvous, July 4th Fish Fry Fireworks Festival, and Adopt-A-Chart

Freeport, TX

Hosted by Dallas Sail & Power Squadron

June 29 – July 3 (fishing trip/vacation)

July 3 – July 6 (rendezvous)

Event Schedule:

June 29	1600 or later	Check-in for Fishing Expedition
June 30 – July 3	Times TBD	Near Shore/Offshore Fishing and seaside vacationing
July 3	1600 or later	Check-in for Rendezvous
July 4	0900 – 1700	Family Picnic and Fish Fry Festival \$10/adult \$5/child age 5-12 Under 5 yrs old free BYO Beverages
	1900	Depart for Fireworks (some by boat and others by land)
	2100 +/-	Fireworks
July 5	0800 – 0830	Chart Assignments
	0830 – 1500	Adopt-A-Chart (double coop points)
	1500 – 1830	Hospitality Room (submit reports)
	1900 – ????	Group Dinner at Local Restaurant (pay your own)
July 6	your schedule	Departure

We will have opportunities for both near shore and offshore fishing, subject to space availability on boats at time of registration (you will be contacted with confirmation information). **You are responsible for your own fishing license with saltwater stamp.**

The July 4th family picnic and fish fry festival will be at the Surfside Beach Picnic Grounds. Fish and fixin's will be provided – bring your own beverages. You may want to bring beach/picnic furniture. The fireworks display will be viewed offshore a few miles north from where the picnic is. We will have a group going by boat and others by car pool to view the show.

On July 5th we will break out for both land-based and water-based adopt-a-chart work in the Freeport area. Participants will earn double-points for this work.

Hotel (where hospitality suite will be located):

Main Stay Suites
1003 West Highway 332
Clute, TX. 77531
Phone number: 979.388.9300

The [Main Stay Suites](#) is a nice hotel and we have an arrangement to receive Government Rates. The rate for a Queen Suite with a queen-size bed, kitchen, bath, and living room is \$69.95. The rate for a Double Suite with two queen-size beds, kitchen, bath, and living room is \$79.95. The rate for a 2 Room Suite with two bedrooms, one with king and the other with two queens, kitchen, 2 baths, and living room is \$109.95. Be sure to tell them that you are doing work for NOAA and request the government rate.

Other hotels in the area

- Holiday Inn Express 979.265.5252
- La Quinta Inn 409.265.7461
- Ramada Inn 979.297.1161
- Comfort Suites 979.297.5545
- Best Western 979.388.0055

As this is a holiday, don't delay – make your hotel reservations early!

District 21 Rendezvous,
July 4th Fish Fry Fireworks Festival, and
Adopt-a-Chart

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by June 15, 2003

Complete the information and return with your check made payable to DSPS

To: **Dallas Sail & Power Squadron**
Attn: Cdr. Bradley Chilcote, JN
203 Drew Lane, Heath, TX 75032

For additional information, questions: Phone (214) 706-1183 E-Mail: bcsail@earthlink.net

Name: _____ Squadron _____

Evening Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Arrival Date/Time _____

Will you be bringing a Boat? Yes No Boat Size: L: _____ B: _____ Boat Name: _____

YOU MAY REGISTER FOR ONE OR ANY COMBINATION OF THREE EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

1) Number of Persons for fishing trip: _____ **You are responsible for your fishing license**

2) Registration for Fish Fry Festival (BYO Beverages)

_____ adults (over 12 yrs old) @ \$10.00/adult = _____

_____ children (5-12) @ \$5.00/child = _____

TOTAL = _____

3) Number of Persons for adopt-a-chart: _____ Number for dinner on July 5: _____

NOTE: Registrations must be received by June 15. On site or late registration is not available
Fishing participants will be contacted by June 22 to confirm boat availability.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE BRINGING A BOAT

Local launch ramp available at \$5.00 per day of use. Overnight berths are available at less than \$1.00 per foot per night (discount and availability subject to change). If you need anchorage or directions by boat, contact P/C Glenn Roe (Glenn.Roe@sbcglobal.net or [972.239.5010](tel:972.239.5010)). We will assist you as best as we can, depending on space availability. Fuel and fresh water are available.

CHECK IN WILL BE AT THE MAIN STAY SUITES HOTEL

June 29th 1600 or later

July 3rd 1600 or later

For other arrival times, contact Cdr Brad Chilcote by June 22 (see above) to coordinate check-in