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Commanders Corner

Cdr. Christopher M. McCain P
Lake Charles Power Squadron

With the best-laid plans of men and mice, things happen. Our Orange Co-Op turned out to be a wash out, literally. It turned into a Tropical Storm party, (Allison) as she was called. Keeping a close eye on the weather with both the weather channel and local news, as the time grew closer to cast off the leerier we got! We ended up with a good turnout from Lake Charles by car, and the food and fellowship couldn't have been better. Special thanks to Gary Freer, James Collins, and of course Billy Becker for the use of the Ye Old Boat House.

Well as you know the first day of summer has finally came and gone, The Hot sultry days have set in and probably will be with us until somewhere close to the end of September. Now is the time to further our education both on the water and inside a cool classroom! Our last Boat Smart Class was held at Gayle Hall, (McNeese) and was a huge success! Our Next Boat Smart Class will be held at the Anchorage on July 14th.

We are expecting a good turnout with all of the names that we collected at our past (2) Vessel Safety Checks.

Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on June 27th and our next Monthly meeting will be move ahead to August the 8th instead of August 1st due to summer vacations during the month of July. Don't forget to put the July 4th Raftup and the Olde Time Summer Social on July 15th down on your calendar as well as the full moon raftup on August 4th.

We are planning on making the Corpus Christi Nautical Co-Op on the weekend of July 27th. I'm sure that this will be a huge success being that we will be staying in the same Motel that we did last year, and I can smell the shrimp boiling from all the way over here in Lake Charles!

Things went really well with our last General meeting at the Anchorage, with the Bridge supplying a delicious meal of Cajun Mexican food. Ron and Songa did an excellent job with this and I personally can't wait for our next meal. We are looking into screening the down stairs area of the Anchorage and have already received price checks from P/C Armin.

Just a reminder that on August 11th we will be having a Yippie Yippie Hippie Day at the Anchorage. Come dressed as your favorite 60's or 70's character, there will be Costume Contest, Talent Show! Raffle's and Awards! Karaoke! Show and Tell! Dance! Bring family and friends plus (2) people who may be interested in joining the Power Squadron!

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

The next publication will be for September Issue

August 22, 2001

E-MAIL ITEMS TO mccain.c@att.net



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July		NO GENERAL MEETING	
	4	Fireworks and Raftup	Lake Charles
	14	Boat Smart Class	Anchorage
	15	Olde Tyme Summer Social	Anchorage
	25	Executive Committee Meeting	Anchorage
	27-	D/21 Co-op	Corpus Christi, TX
	29	Charing Event (N)	Anchorage
August	1	General Meeting	Lake Charles
	4	Full Moon Raftup	Anchorage
	11	Yippie Yippie Hippie Party	Anchorage
	29	Executive Board Meeting	Anchorage
September	1 - 3	Labor Day Cruise	TBA
	5	General Meeting	Anchorage
	5 - 9	Fall Governing Board	Little Rock, AR
	Sept 6 - Nov 11	Long Boat Safety Class	Lake Charles
	21-23	Co-Op Charting	Natchitoches
	26	Executive Meeting	Anchorage

Reminder

There will be no meeting for July we will have a raftup instead. The next general meeting is on August 8th, 2001 at the Anchorage. Due to vacation plans this is the second Wednesday of August The Meal will be provided by Marie Rodenberry. Come out and enjoy.

EDUCATION REPORT

Reminder:

Boat Smart will be offered at the Anchorage on **July 14, 2001**. Members are welcome to show their support by aiding instructors, grading exams, or helping with registration. We gladly expect to be "swamped" with students who have asked for this course again.

Introduction:

America's Boating Course will be introduced this summer by the United States Power Squadrons and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. It consists of an 80- page manual and a CD-ROM which is NASBLA approved. Passing the course examination satisfies the USPS educational requirement for membership.

Exams:

Piloting exams for Open and Closed Book were proctored in June for four members. They are awaiting results.

Did You Know?

Sound Producing Devices: To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for 1/2 mile. Boats larger than 39.4 ft are also required to have a bell.

Navigation Lights: All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white "running" lights.

Pollution Placard: Boat 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste "pollution" placard.

MARPOL Trash Placard: Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in US navigable waters, must display a "MARPOL" trash placard. Oceangoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available onboard.

Have a safe summer boating!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The days are getting longer, the temperature is rising, summer is approaching and our boating activities are on the increase. May all our journeys be safe ones.

Vessel Safety Checks:

Our vessel safety check program under the command of D/ Lt./C Ken Wilkinson is well under way. Ken has organized two days of boat inspections. We have inspected forty vessels and have found that almost everyone is willing to participate in the program. Lake Charles is moving way ahead of the other squadrons, not only in D/21, but nationally. Our squadron has eight fully certified vessel safety inspectors.

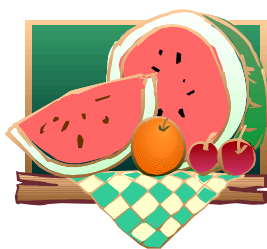
Plans are in the works to have another vessel safety check. If you would like to have your vessel inspected a date and time can be set up by contacting any of our inspectors who would be more than happy to accommodate you. We would appreciate the opportunity to inspect your vessel.

CO-OP Charting:

Orange Co-op charting had one uninvited guest, "Allison". Though the weather would not cooperate we still had a rather large crowd. Lake Charles had fifteen members in spite of the adverse weather conditions. Although we were unable to do any Co-op Charting there was plenty of good food and great fellowship. Thanks are in order to the Orange squadron and as always thank you P/C Billie Becker for providing us with the use of "Ye Olde Boat House", which is such a fine place to have a district event or any event for that matter. You'll never find a more gracious host.

Next district Co-op Charting event is in Corpus Christi, TX. July 28-30, 2001. We are staying at the same hotel as last year, which has a very nice set up. At the back of the hotel they have a large facility just perfect for Co-op Charting activities. Menu for Saturday evening will be fresh boiled gulf shrimp prepared by the Would Famous Master Chef James Collins of Fort Worth, TX. Come on down to Corpus and enjoy the great south Texas hospitality.

John Loukas, AP



Petticoats

Old Time Summer Social

The Petticoats have planned an Old Time Summer Social. Make plans for your family at the Anchorage on Saturday, July 15th at 3:00 in the afternoon. There will be watermelons, cookies and other delicious snacks. The Golden Years band is scheduled to play a little of country and Cajun music. There is no charge. Plan to bring your family and enjoy a nice afternoon.

Call Alice Pippin at 625-9239 or Joyce Chapman at 436-4633 if you would like to bring something.



Memorial Fund

In remembrance of P/C Don Akin a memorial fund has been setup by P/C Robert Sparks. Donations are welcome.



Birthdays

C.A. Miller	7/04
Margaret Cromwell	7/05
Joyce Patterson Stubblefield	7/09
Darrell Pennison	7/12
Ken Wilkinson	7/26
Robert Ward	8/04
Virginia Gilbert	8/08
Kitty Walker	8/08
Bufford Pippin	8/11
Jerry Blalock	8/12
Linda LeBert	8/13
Charles Dessommes	8/13
Connie Mead	8/18
Melissa Gilbert	8/19
Diane Wilkinson	8/20
Keith Monroe	8/24
Marie Rodenberry	8/24
Emory Breaux	8/27

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

HELP WANTED AND NEEDED

LCPS is hosting a Yippie Yippie Hippie Party on Saturday, August 11 at the Anchorage. (See flyer in this issue). **We are in need of ideas, supplies and talent for a decoration party.** The party is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 starting at around 9:00. Bring paintbrushes, paint, ideas that pertains to the 60's. Also, if you have any old photos from the 60's we might be able to use them for posters. Any old record albums can be used. If you have any questions contact Annette McCain at 625-2088 or email her at mccain.c@att.net

REDUCE YOUR INCOME TAXES

Do you or your employer have equipment, supplies, cash, etc. you would like to donate to Lake Charles Power Squadron? Remember all donations to USPS can help us and are tax deductible.

We can use audio/visual equipment and computers with CD drive to support our education program. We also can use material to screen in the lower level, make tables, have big fans, increase the power plugs for boats and RVs plus many other things. We can even use some large air conditioners to replace the older units upstairs.

Be creative and think of all the donations you can make to help your squadron improve the services to all members.

Thanks,
D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson DAO and LCPS Finance
Committee Chair

DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Only a small percentage of LCPS members (ten) have had Vessel Safety Checks completed on one or more of their boats. Our team of examiners have completed more than 60 examinations on non-member boats. We should "lead the fleet" and all of us complete the Vessel Safety Check and receive a 2001 decal on our boats so the public and law enforcement people know USPS is dedicated to safety.

Please call me or one of the examiners to receive your examination and decal.

D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson DAO and LCPS Vessel
Safety Check Committee Chair



BOATING ACTIVITIES

Janelle Brahm

FOURTH OF JULY RAFT-UP

Come out and join the raft-up for the fireworks on July 4th. The fireworks are scheduled to begin at 9PM. Bring your family and friends and lots of cool refreshments as I am sure it will be plenty warm! Come as early as temperatures will allow so we can do some "boat hopping".

LOOKING AHEAD

Labor Day is just around the corner! I am currently trying to get some slips at the marina in Galveston for our annual Labor Day cruise. If Galveston is not available, we will have a cruise to some place for Labor Day weekend, so go ahead and mark your calendar for a boating activity that weekend. I will have details at the August meeting.

News from the AnnaClaire

Charles and Jan Ware are cruising aboard their 44' twin-engine trawler. They left Lake Charles on March 10 and are now in the Chesapeake heading toward New York, Hudson Rive, Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, Montreal Canada and then back down through Lake Champlain down to Florida, the Bahamas and sell the boat in Florida next Spring. Look for updates in the AnchorLine.

Lake Charles Power Squadron
Yippie Yippie Hippie Day!
August 11, 2001



**The Lake Charles Power Squadron will be hosting a Yippie Yippie Hippie Day.
Come dressed 60's style and enjoy Lake Charles hospitality.**

Time: 1400 till 2130

Place: The Anchorage

Dinner: 1700 till 1800

\$8.00 per/person + cash bar

Dance: 1800 till 2130

Costume Contest!

Talent Show!

Game Show!

Raffle's and Awards!

Karaoke!

Show and Tell!

Dance!

**Feel free to bring family and (2) guests
who may be interested in joining the LCPS
Any and all gifts appreciated for the raffle!**

R.S.V.P. by July 31 to:

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PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

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JULY 27 - 29, 2001

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ROOMS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 20 JULY, BUT ARE LIMITED, CALL NOW!!!!

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 27, JULY

CHECK-IN	1300 - TILL
HOSPITALITY ROOM (SIGN UP YOUR BOAT)	1500 - 2300
DINNER ON YOUR OWN	1800 - TILL

SATURDAY 28, JULY

HOSPITALITY ROOM COFFEE, JUICE, PASTRY	0700 - 0800
CAPTAIN'S MEETING	0800 - 0900
SEEK & RECOVER	0900 - 1500
HOSPITALITY ROOM (WRITE UP REPORTS)	1500 - 1830
GROUP DINNER	1900 - TILL

CHEF JAMES COLLINS WILL BE COOKING AN "ALL YOU CAN EAT" BOILED SHRIMP WITH ALL THE "FIXINS". YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.

SUNDAY 29, JULY

DEPARTURE

GARY FREER PHONE (817) 335-2101
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District 21 Fleet Review and Rendezvous

**Lake Charles, La
12, 13, 14 October 2001
Lake Charles Power Squadron
Anchorage
Kiwanis Drive**

The District 21 Rendezvous and Fleet Review will be held in Lake Charles, La on October 12, 13 and 14, 2001. Attached are the Program Outline and the Program Registration Forms.

Please return the RSVP forms as soon as possible, but not later than:
[Event Registration Deadline](#)
[October 1, 2001.](#)

All LCPS members with boats in the Lake Charles Area and out of town Power Squadron members, who can trailer their boats or are willing to take a cruise to Lake Charles, are invited to participate in the Fleet Review.

There are sufficient docking facilities at the Lake Charles Power Squadron Anchorage, but only limited shore power availability. Docking and electrical Power (on a first-come first-served basis) is free. There are two nearby marinas with full service set-ups available.

Several blocks of rooms are reserved under the keyword "USPS" and available at the "Best Suites", near the Civic Center and the "Inn On the Bayou" near the Anchorage.

[Hotel Reservation Deadlines are September 24, 2001.](#)

Hotels:

Inn on the Bayou. Standard Rooms, Outside Swimming Pool, limited Docking Facilities w/o services. NOTE: The Saturday night banquet will be held at Vancheries Dockside restaurant, located adjacent to this motel.

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Lake Charles has been chosen this time to continue and even increase the fun and good times, associated with this special event in the past. The LCPS will help you to enjoy the Rendezvous and Fleet Review 2001.

[Please make your Hotel Reservations directly with the establishments.](#)
[Please mail your RSVP / Registration to and make your Boat Arrangements with:](#)

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*Registration
D-21 Fleet Review and Rendezvous
Lake Charles Power Squadron Anchorage
October 12th, 13th & 14th*

Please complete all applicable information and return by October 1, 2001 to the address shown below, with checks payable to ARMIN BRAHM. Thanks!

NAME _____ SQUADRON _____

PHONE No. _____ ARRIVAL BY: BOAT / CAR

ARRIVAL DATE _____ .ARRIVAL TIME _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____

STAYING AT _____ HOTEL _____ DOCK

If coming by Boat: (**Make reservations as early as possible if power is required**)

BOAT NAME _____ NEED SLIP/DOCK Yes No

LOA: _____ BEAM: _____ DRAFT: _____ POWER: (30- amp) Yes No

COSTS

REGISTRATION # _____ @ 12.00 EACH \$ _____

FRIDAY LUNCH # _____ @ 8.00 EACH \$ _____
(On Lake Charles aboard the "Mothership")

FRIDAY NIGHT SHRIMP BOIL # _____ @ 15.00 EACH \$ _____
(At the LCPS Anchorage)

SATURDAY LUNCH # _____ @ 8.00 EACH \$ _____
(Catered at LCPS Anchorage)

SATURDAY DINNER # _____ @ 23.00 EACH \$ _____
(Vanchierie's Dockside Restaurant)

TOTAL: \$ _____

District- wide 'Happy Hours' and D/C's Breakfast serving are included in the registration fee. Free docking at LCPS Anchorage and / or Inn on the Bayou. Gourmet Saturday Dinner includes Herb roasted Pork Loin, Snapper with Shrimp, Salad, Tea, Coffee, Desert.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW AND COME TO ENJOY CAJUN FUN AND CUISINE:

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*District 21 Rendezvous and Fleet Review
Lake Charles, Louisiana*

Schedule

THURSDAY 11 October 2001

1400 – 1730 Early arrivals
1730 – 2030 District Wide happy Hour at LCPS Anchorage
2030 - ???? Dinner on your own

FRIDAY 12 October 2001

0800 – 0900 Breakfast on your own
1000 – 1100 Transfer for Rendezvous with “Mothership”
1200 - 1400 Lunch on “Mothership”
1600 – 1700 Transfer back to Anchorage
1730 – 2000 District-Wide Happy Hour
2030 – 2130 Shrimp Boil at Anchorage

SATURDAY 13 October 2001

0900 – 1000 Pancake Breakfast prepared by your D-21 Bridge at Anchorage
1200 – 1330 Lunch at the Anchorage
1330 – 1430 Boat Hopping at Dock
1400 – 1430 Captain’s meeting for Fleet review
1430 – 1530 Transfer to Lake Charles for Fleet Review
1545 – 1700 Fleet Review by D/C Tom Derden in lake near Civic Center (Uniform F)
1700 – 1800 Return of Boats to Docks
1800 – 1900 Happy Hour at Vancheries Dockside Restaurant (Cash Bar)
1900 – 2200 Dinner at Vancheries Dockside Restaurant.

SUNDAY 14 October 2001

0800 – 0900 Breakfast on your own
0900 – 1000 D/21 Bridge meeting at Anchorage
1200 - ????? Departures

Dress Code:

Thursday, Friday and most of Saturday: **Casual attire (Shorts, short sleeve shirts)**
Fleet Review: **Uniform E (short pants, short sleeved shirt, cap) recommended**
Saturday Dinner: **Smart Casual (Long Slacks, Sport Shirt)**

*District 21 Rendezvous and Fleet Review
Lake Charles, Louisiana*

LOCATION:

**Lake Charles Power Squadron Anchorage
Kiwanis Drive, next to I-210 Bridge
Lake Charles, La 70605**

DIRECTIONS:

By Car:

From the East or North:

Take I-210 Loop west, exit on Prien Lake Road Exit. Turn left on W.Prien Lake Road. Turn right at second traffic light (in front of Exxon Station) and continue on West Prien Lake Road to the next stop sign. Turn right to next stop sign. Turn left and continue to “La Fleur Park”. *You do not have to pay the entrance fee!*

Continue under the I-210 bridge, past the boat launch into the private road. The Anchorage is the second building on your left.

From the West or South;

Take the I-210 loop, exit the first exit past the bridge. Turn right at the turn of the exit ramp and proceed into “La Fleur Park”. Continue as described above.

Navigation by boat:

Turn from ICW (at four Corners) into the the Calcasieu River Channel. Proceed to the I-210 bridge. Turn right after the bridge. Continue past the I-210 boat launch on the north side of the bridge. Proceed carefully through the bay into the bayou at the end of the bay, since the water is very shallow. The LCPS Anchorage is the second building on your right with their dock starting past the gate on the dock.



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