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Commanders Corner

Anchorage Termite Damage

We have discovered major termite damage to the Anchorage in the galley area of the building. The damage appears to have been done in the past. No active hives found. D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, P/C Don Hains, P/C Chris McCain, Lt. Annette McCain, and Lt/C Ned Dautriel all helped in removing paneling, cabinets, and insulation and combining efforts to plan a solution in making the Anchorage galley functional. Volunteers are needed to complete the project, no experience needed. Plans are to complete repair or to make the galley functional at the Anchorage for the BBQ cookout to be held on the grounds of our Anchorage on the 4th of July prior to the scheduled raft up.

Non Renewals

We have suffered a set back in a number of non-renewals this year. We count on continued support from the Membership to fund the activities we have grown to expect this also funds the maintenance to the building, grounds, and dock. We do a great public service in educating the general public in boating safety in which we count on our instructors. Some have

decided not to renew their membership. In the future you may be asked to step up to the plate and teach a portion of a boating class. Reminder, we once sat in the student's seats and were educated by volunteers. So if you know someone who would make a good Member ask them to attend a general meeting or an activity of ours.

Orange and Lake Charles Power Squadron's Rendezvous

Plan to attend the Orange and Lake Charles Power Squadron's Rendezvous. We will meet at the Port Arthur Yacht Club on August 9th, 10th, & 11th. Some of the activity plans are to be watermelon social Friday evening, boat hop Saturday afternoon followed by dinner on Saturday evening. Continental style breakfast will be served both Saturday and Sunday mornings. You can come to the Rendezvous by either car or boat. If you plan to travel by boat Orange PS has made the necessary arraignment to have berths with shore-power available. Please RSVP to my attention either by e-mail, loukajl@msn.com or by phone 337 625-2056. Information that will be needed will be length, beam, and shore-power requirements of your boat. The cost will be \$20.00 per person to cover our cost. So bring a guest.

Cdr John Loukas, AP

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OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Board of Directors)

General Meeting

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The next general meeting is Wednesday, August 7th, 2002. The menu is Potluck. Social starts at 1800 and meeting starts at 1900. I hope to see you there. P/C Ralph Johnson is the speaker for the evening. His topic is to be his recent travel with NOAA. Plan to attend.

Mark your Calendar

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|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| July | No General Meeting | |
| 4 | Fourth of July Raftup | Anchorage |
| 6 | VSC | Prien Lake |
| 26-28 | Co-Op Charting Event | Orange, TX |
| 31 | Executive Board Meeting | Lake Charles |
| August 7 | General Meeting | Anchorage |
| 9-10 | Port Arthur Rendezvous | Port Arthur, TX |
| 15 | Boating Course | Anchorage |
| 20 | Instructor Qualifications | Anchorage |
| 23-25 | Co-Op Charting Event | Corsicana, Tx |
| 28 | Executive Board Meeting | Anchorage |

Birthdays

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Maggie Cromwell | 07/05 |
| Joyce Patterson | 07/09 |
| Darrell Pennison | 07/12 |
| Ken Wilkinson | 07/26 |
| Richard Hebert | 08/04 |
| Bob Ward | 08/04 |
| Susan Hardy | 08/07 |
| Virginia Gilbert | 08/08 |
| Kitty Walker | 08/08 |
| Buford Pippin, Jr. | 08/11 |
| Linda Lebert | 08/13 |
| Charles Dessommes | 08/18 |
| Connie Mead | 08/18 |
| Roy Brown, Jr. | 08/20 |
| Diane Wilkinson | 08/20 |
| Tab Finchum | 08/21 |
| Keith Monroe | 08/24 |



DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

May 22, 2002
E-MAIL ITEMS TO
Chris and Annette McCain
mccain.c@cox-internet.com

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

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

Cdr John Loukas is to be thanked for his role in the **Boating Safety for Kids** given to "81" Cub Scouts on 14 June 2002 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Ernest Street, Lake Charles, LA. Also, thanks to Sheron Faulk Swoope for use of Coast Guard safety equipment. Sixty-seven (67) cub scouts were from Wolf, Web I, Web II, and Bear packs and fourteen (14) were from the Tot pack. The boating safety program was suited for each age group with activities that included a life jacket style show, a hypothermia experiment, and use of two homemade life rescue line throwing bags. Rescue and self-rescue were taught with the basics of "Sit, Throw, Yell, and Wave". Students were divided into five groups that lasted from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Our canopy tent was situated next to a boat, which aided in demonstrations and discussions. This could be an annual program for LCPS to make boating safer and more fun for kids. USPS Boating Safety for Kids Certificates were presented and MetLife Activity Books were distributed. The day was such a rewarding one!

Charles "Chuck" Lemoine has taken the **America's Boating Course** (ABC) exam. He chose to buy the CD and complete assignments at home. This is available for those who could not attend a regular boating class.

Lt Chris Nelsen is again conducting two (2) **Basic Boating Course** classes in DeRidder; one on 29 June and a second one on 30 June 2002. Many DeRidder boaters enrolled in the poker run. Thanks to Lt Chris Nelsen for his service in the DeRidder area.

P/C Alice Pippin is instructing a "free" **Instructor Qualification** (IQ) course beginning 20 August 2002 at the Anchorage. Class starts at 6:30PM for those wishing to enhance effective communication skills. This class offers practical instruction for the teacher and speaker in use of visual aids and effective teaching techniques. Communication benefits us in all walks of life.

The **Weather Course** is still in the works. Although books have arrived, a date has not been scheduled until instructor is available. D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson has put the Wx CD with the Power Point file into the LCPS computer and projector setup.

The CD was gratefully accepted from USPS National ABC co-coordinator and Marine Environmental Committee author of Weather graphics, Jean Hamilton.

One more course to announce is the six week **Public Boating Course** on 15 August 2002 at the Anchorage on Thursday nights only. Get the word out to your neighbors and friends. We plan to fill the Anchorage with students. LCPS website has generated many calls from the public concerning boating classes. Thank you to Ben Garber, Jr for a great looking website.

Have a safe boating summer!

Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

Did you see one of these?

This was one of our billboards advertising for the Boat Smart class in May. We need to thank Ned and Sheryl Dautriel for their hard work with the educational dept.



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 w/pin Clip is \$5.00 and a tag w/Magnetic clip is \$7.00.

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LCPS Web Sight

Thanks to Ben Garber for his continued updating and upgrading of our sight. He is currently making changes under the event category. Please take sometime while surfing the net to look at the sight. Ben has designed and maintains an informative sight. Did you know that USPS has requirements to be met before a Squadron will be allow to open and link to Nationals web link? The LCPS web site has met and exceeded the requirements. Also D/21 and National web sites have been updated so please take a few moments to view the sites. A lot of work and effort is put forth to maintain these site so that all Members are able to access information.

General Correspondence

The minutes from the National and District meetings, announcements and other items of interest are posted on the bulletin board for your information. Copies of newsletter for other squadrons are on top on the filing cabinet next to the front door.

Grounds Upkeep

Thanks to Chris and Annette McCain for they're continuing work mowing the lawn and trimming around the Anchorage. The grounds look great.

Hurricane Preparation Seminar

Galveston Bay Power Squadron will be hosting a Hurricane Preparation Seminar especially geared for boaters and coastal residents in the Clear Lake/Galveston Area. Speakers will be from FEMA, NOAA and local Fire and Police Depts. and a Marina Dock master. Topics covered will be:

1. Proper ways to secure sail and power boats using storm lines and chafing gear.
2. Evacuation routes away from Clear Lake.
3. What to do with pets.
4. What not to leave on the boat.
5. How to re-enter the area.

6. Important items regarding filing an insurance claim.
7. Documenting your losses.
8. The 15-Minute Rule.
9. Why a current USCG/USPS Vessel Safety Check is important.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

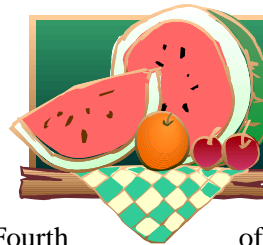
Friday, July 12th, 7-9 PM CASH BAR

Lakewood Yacht Club, Grand Ballroom
2425 NASA Rd 1
Seabrook, TX 77586

For more information:

Call Joe Jordan (713) 680-3181 (Business Cell)
yachtsmanjoe@hotmail.com

Boating Activities



For July we will have two boating activities. The first will be a Grand Ol' Fourth of July picnic and raft up. We will meet at 12:00 at the anchorage for a picnic. Bring your favorite dessert, potato salad or green salad. Chris and I will be cooking hamburgers. There will be horseshoes, ping-pong and other games to play. We will then be leaving the anchorage by boat to raft up in Charlie's Lake to watch the fireworks. For those who want to watch the fireworks on one of the boats please call Chris and Annette McCain to make arrangement with one of the captains. RSVP to Annette McCain at 625-2088 by July 1st to let us know how many hamburgers to cook.

The second activity will be a trip to Orange the weekend of July 26 – 28. We have a district Co-Op charting event planned for that weekend and have made plans with P/C Billie Becker to have a weekend raft up at the Ye Lode Boat House. For those who what to come by boat the plans are to leave on Friday and cruise on over to Orange for the weekend. Directions will be provided for those who come by car. Contact Chris & Annette McCain at 625-2088 for more information.

LAKE CHARLES POWER SQUADRON NEEDS YOU!!!

It is time for the LCPS Nominating Committee to begin putting together a slate of candidates for the elective positions for the 2003 Bridge Year. The elective positions are Bridge, Assistant Education Officer, Executive Committee Member at Large, Auditing Committee, Nominating Committee, and Rules Committee. We need YOU to step up and offer to serve your squadron. As you are enjoying your summer activities think about how you can serve.

The Education Officer and Assistant Education Officer nominees must be submitted to USPS National and District 21 for approval by the end of October 02. The other nominees must be selected by the end of December 02.

Please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee and **VOLUNTEER!!**

D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson (Chair)
P/C Armin Brahm
P/C Chris McCain

*The Lake Charles Power Squadron will
be having another Free Boat Safety
Check*

Saturday, July 6, 2002

Prien Lake Boat Ramp

Lake Charles

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

*For more information about the VSC program
or to schedule exams at your convenience
contact Chris McCain with the Lake Charles
Power Squadron.*

Chris McCain * 337-625-2088

District 21

**“NAUTICAL”
COOPERATIVE CHARTING**
Orange, Texas
July 26-28, 2002

**“GEODETIC”
COOPERATIVE CHARTING**
Corsicana, TX
August 23 – 28, 2002

**For more information on the Co-Op
charting events scheduled in July and
August email Chris Nelsen
chrisn@wordlnetla.net**

Proper Stopper Safety Award

It's time again to award our most coveted award. The Proper Stopper award has been sitting dormant for quite some time. It is now time to dust it off and bestow it on one of our members.

During the Lake Charles Power Squadron's 1st annual Poker Run one of our members was having engine problems and was left dead in the water. Thanks to a fellow member, his boat was towed to a nearby fuel dock where it was left until the following morning when he was able to repair it enough to make it to his slip. Rumor has it he had some plugged fuel filters and some old fuel. To get the full story attend our Grand Ol' Fourth of July picnic and raft up and ask P/C Chris McCain for the details.

USPS Cooperative Charting Program

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen

“Tools of the Trade”

Let's see where we are. In the May issue of the Anchorline we spent time introducing the Cooperative Charting Program and three areas our Squadron has focused on in the past. In the June issue we covered how to retrieve a data sheet and how to report your findings. Today, we'll spend a little time on “Tools of the Trade” to make your search as productive as possible!!



Highly Recommended:

1. NGS Marker Data Sheets you want to search for
2. 25' Measuring Tape
3. Short handled, square bladed shovel

With these three “tools”, you can easily find a large number of markers, especially if adjacent witness post signs identify them. You'll have fun and your searches will be rewarding.

However, if you're going to search for some of the more elusive markers, or you want to be as efficient as you can in finding these markers, you may want to consider having some of the following tools:

1. Handheld GPS with marker coordinates already loaded as way-points
2. Quick sketch on the data sheet of what you expect to see
3. 100 foot measuring tape for measuring those long distances
4. Gloves for handling the shovel, machete, sticker bushes, etc.
5. Small brush and rag for cleaning off the surface of the bronze marker
6. Metal detector, which can help find an elusive buried marker
7. Machete for brush and stickers, but be careful and wear proper clothing
8. Handheld compass to help determine bearings when measuring distances
9. Drinking water, hat, insect repellent, sun tan lotion, etc.

Note: Last month we talked about what needed to be reported to give you credit for your searches, and one of the items included “Total Time of Search”. This includes the time required to get the Data Sheets, input the coordinates into your GPS, make the quick sketch of what you expect to see, driving time to and from the marker, as well as the actual search time.

Fifth USPS® Youth Poster Contest Entry Form 2001- 2002

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.

Fifth USPS® Youth Poster Contest Entry Form - 2001- 2002

Theme: "Get on board for Boating Safety"

Instructions: Complete this form and paste on back of poster. **Deadline:** July 24, 2002

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: _____

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Squadron Member's Name _____

Address _____

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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 _____

**Orange and Lake Charles Power Squadron's
2ND ANNUAL CRUISE RENDEZVOUS
To The
PORT ARTHUR YACHT CLUB on PLEASURE ISLAND
August 9 –11 2002**

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| FRIDAY 9 AUGUST | SIGN-IN 1300 -TILL WATERMELON SOCIAL 1830 DINNER ON YOUR OWN |
| SATURDAY 10 AUGUST | CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 0730-0930 SIGN-IN Q-BOATS & LASERS (RENTAL AVAILABLE IF 10 PEOPLE INTERESTED – NOMINAL FEE) MAN OVERBOARD DRILL BADMINTON HORSESHOES ICE CREAM BOAT HOP FISHING EVENING MEAL 1830 |
| SUNDAY 11 AUGUST | CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 0730-0930 DEPART OPTIONAL RAFT UP AND BBQ IN LAKE SABINE BRING SOMETHING TO PUT ON THE GRILL. |
| RSVP IS REQUIRED | ALL RSVP'S THAT ARE "NO SHOWS" WILL BE BILLED FOR PRICE OF THE EVENT |
| RSVP BY JULY 31 | -- SLIP RESERVATIONS ASAP |

The cost for the weekend will be \$20.00 per person to cover our cost. So bring a guest. RV and Hotel costs are extra.

RSVP is required whether you plan to attend by car, RV or boat. Please RSVP to John Loukas either by e-mail, loukajl@msn.com or by phone 337 625-2056. If you will need a boat slip the information that will be needed will be the length, beam, and shore-power requirements of your boat.

Driving instructions from the Lake Charles area:

Take I-10 west to Texas state highway 62 (this is the exit where the Flying J is located). Go south on 62 until it dead-ends into Texas Highway 87. You need to take a right onto 87. This will bring you through Bridge City, TX and to Port Arthur. Once over the Rainbow Bridge you will need to take Texas Highway 73 then exit Texas Spur 214. This will take you between two large refining plants. Follow Spur 214 over M.L.King Bridge. Once over the bridge and at the stop sign take a right and follow this road until you reach an intersection. Take a right go about a block the gate to the Port Arthur Yacht Club will be on your left.

Come have a good time!

Schedule subject to change.

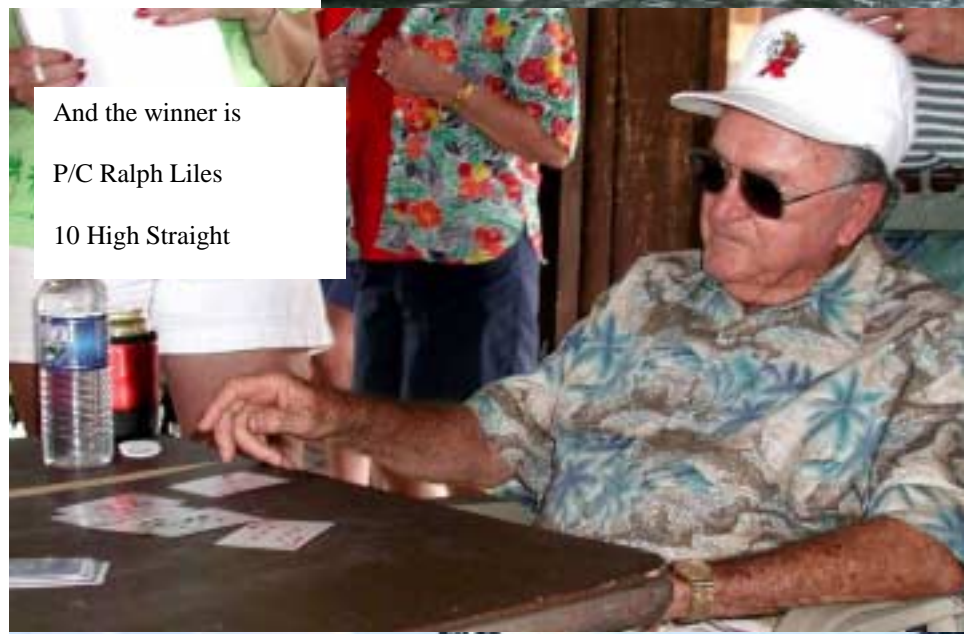
Let the game begin.



Lake Charles Squadron's 1st Annual Poker Run.

Saturday, June 22, 2002

And the winner is
P/C Ralph Liles
10 High Straight



Our very own Poker Dealer, Linda Dessommes

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