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Due to work our Commander is still MIA. We hope to have him back for our July Executive Board meeting. In the meantime there is one item that we need to mention. We have information from the Louisiana legislation on Required Boating Safety Education. House Bill 560, Act 921, Section 1 R.S. 34:851.36 was introduced into the regular session of the legislation. The House approved this bill with 98 yeas and 3 nays; the Senate approved this bill with 34 yeas and 1 nay. ***The House Bill has been passed to the Governor for signature.*** If the Governor signs the bill, it will become law. If the Governor does not sign the bill within the time frame he is required to sign it, it automatically becomes law. If the Governor vetoes the bill, but the legislature then approves it, it becomes law on the day it's approved.

It reads as follows:

Boating Safety Education required for any operator of a watercraft powered by more than 10 hp and born after January 1988. The last revisions softened the law with changes that include: It will be considered a Class 1 violation, but if the offender completes an approved class within one year of the offense, they will not be required to pay any civil penalty and the violation will be expunged from the offenders record.

So folks...it looks like we may finally have a law that helps support boating safety and enrollment may be going up!

### General Meeting

Please make a note. Our next General meeting is on **Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003**. Social starts at 1800 meeting starts at 1900. Menu will be covered dish.

### Mark Your Calendar

July		
4	Fourth of July Picnic	Anchorage
12	Vessel Safety Check	Prien Lake Park
19	Raftup/Fishing Trip	TBA
30	Executive Board Meeting	Anchorage
August		
4	General Meeting	Anchorage
15 – 17	Summer cool down rendezvous	Port Arthur
27	Executive Board	Anchorage

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## Birthdays

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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

Social starts at 1800  
Meeting starts at 1900



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## Education Report

We have several home study courses in progress: Seamanship, Advance Piloting, Marine Electronics, Weather, and Sail. Actually, Vicki and I are the ones who are taking Weather. We decided we would start the course when Vicki was in the hospital and maybe it would help to keep us from being so bored. Unfortunately, it didn't exactly work out the way we had planned. Every time we would start reading my study partner would doze off on me. Oh well, hopefully, now that we are home and she is feeling much better maybe we can continue our studies.

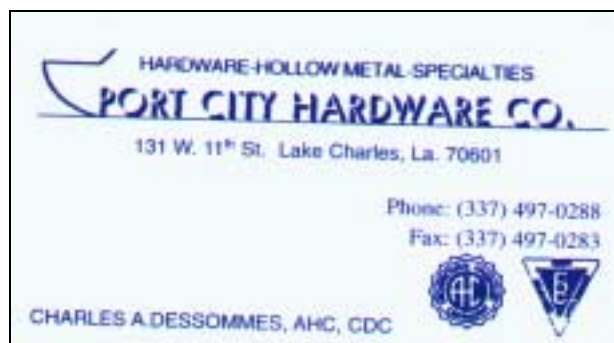
Other news to report is D/Lt Chris Nelson, P, has been nominated for the Charles Chapman Excellence in Teaching Award to be submitted to District.

Our Fall Public Boating Course is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 11, 2003. This will be our long boating course, seven weeks.

Happy and Safe Boating!

P/C John Loukas, AP

Article submitted by D/1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Sheryl Dautriel



## Administrative Department

### **Member Activities**

Plans have been made for our first “off-shore fishing and raft-up” activity. The date is **26 July 2003**. Ned will have Lat/Longs for those wishing to join in the fun. Hopefully enough fish will be caught to have another seafood dinner at the Anchorage. This is open to members and their guests. So invite someone.

Ned Dautriel  
Administration Officer

### Vessel Safety Check

On Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> we held our second VSC of the year. We had three vessel examiners, one examiner who needed just four exams under his belt to become an examiner and one aid show up at the Ellender Boat ramp at 2 pm ready and eager to inspect the boats.

At first it looked like rain on the way to the boat launch but it proved to be just another typical Louisiana day. It turned out to be great day even though we didn't get as many inspections done. Sheron Faulk-Swoop agreed to come back to the boat ramp on the weekends to do more since she just lives around the corner. Our next inspection is scheduled for July 12 at the Prien Lake Boat ramp. This time we will start at 2:00 pm until 5 pm.

Thanks Again  
P/C Chris McCain, VSC Chair

## Summer 2003 Poker Run, An Afternoon of Fun!!!

Four of us left DeRidder at 0730 on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, to set up the poker run course and enjoy a day on the water as well as the fellowship of every one else who wanted to try their luck at lady luck. Before leaving DeRidder, the sky was threatening rain, the forecast had gone from 20% to 50%, and we all made sure we had rain gear for the day. In short order, once we got to Lake Charles, we had four of the markers in place just by driving around town, then we took off on Reel Paradise for setting up the final three. This time we added a small twist to the run; we had two floating markers with run tags on them, to help create a somewhat bigger challenge. As it turned out, if you didn't have your GPS programmed correctly, they were a little tough to find.

With members showing up a little before 1300 hours, and the last of the boats arriving at the Anchorage around 1330 hours, we were looking good. The Anchorage dock was filled with more boats than I had ever seen (some secured three abreast), and that's not counting the M/V Wilkinson, which was anchored out in the bay. Although not as big as our last two runs (a lot of folks couldn't make it for a lot of good reasons), we still had 23 folks signed up for the run. At 1345, after a short speech of being safe and having fun, we were off. Just like we've done on our boat the last two times, we all anted up \$5 for our own boat pot, in which the player on our boat that was dealt the best hand would win the pot.

1700 hours came fast, and for some of us, almost too fast, because missing the deadline disqualified you. The good news is we all made it (we made it with 8 minutes to spare), and all the boats were able to find and recover all seven markers. No small feat considering some were pretty high up, others were very low, and two were almost unseeable until you were within 50 foot of the marker. As a great spread of food was laid out, and folks began digging in, we all called the dealer off the Lu-e-Lueze, and with a little encouragement, our longhaired, professional looking dealer left the boat and sat down at our game table. Some say it was our Commander, others weren't too sure. All I know is that this dealer did an incredible job that afternoon. On the third or fourth round, my name was drawn, as well as Chris McCain, and Jerry Nolen from DeRidder. Chris asked if we wanted to make a \$5 side bet between the three of us, and we were all in. With lots of strong hands being dealt, our dealer managed to deal me my first good hand in three poker runs, and by the time the 23<sup>rd</sup> hand was dealt, my full house of aces over fives not only took the Poker Run pot, but the table side bet and boat pot as well. Our Squadron collected \$287.50 for our treasury and I think we had a total of 27 people there that evening enjoying the fellowship and conversation. I know several folks stayed on their boats at the Anchorage that night, and I can't think of a better way to end a great day.

If you missed this one, I hope we'll see you at the next poker run. My thanks to all the folks who helped make this event possible...from the communication, to the organizing, to the registration, the food preparation, the clean-up, and those who came out to make it a great day. And special thanks to the dealer, for dealing me the hottest hand of the day.... I plan on spending it on spark plugs, fuel filters, oil filters, oil, and the remaining items I need to finish my annual pm's on the boat!!!

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen

## Cooperative Charting

### ***Great News For Our Squadron and District 21!!!***

The official 2002/2003 NOAA Cooperative Charting report was released with a long list of successes for District 21 and our Squadron. Here's a brief summary of the report:

- District 21 came in 1<sup>st</sup> place again with more than twice the number of points over the second place District (District 27)
- District 21 had 187 members participate and 132 achieved Honor Roll status
- Our LCPS made Honor Roll status and ranked #13 in the National Honor Roll standings out of 160 Squadrons
- Our LCPS had 25 members participate which was the highest participation in our District
- Our LCPS had 12 members achieve Honor Roll status
- Our LCPS ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in our District, right on the heels of San Antonio and Fort Worth
- Of the 32 Districts in the USPS, only 12 had 100% participation by all Squadrons and made Honor Roll status, in which District 21 was one of them
- District 21 placed 18 members in the prestigious "Top 75" this year, out of 753 participating members

LCPS Honor Roll Members	LCPS Contributing Members
<b>Don Hains</b>	<b>Tom Cameron</b>
<b>Martha Hains</b>	<b>Stan Chapman</b>
<b>Ralph Johnson</b>	<b>Ned Dautriel</b>
<b>Kay Johnson</b>	<b>Sheryl Dautriel</b>
<b>Harvey Kuttner</b>	<b>Charles Dessommes</b>
<b>John Loukas</b>	<b>Ben Garber</b>
<b>Vicki Loukas</b>	<b>Ron Gremillion</b>
<b>Annette McCain</b>	<b>Songa Gremillion</b>
<b>Chris McCain</b>	<b>Bruce Hammett</b>
<b>Chris Nelsen</b>	<b>Alice Pippin</b>
<b>Diane Wilkinson</b>	<b>Buford Pippin</b>
<b>Ken Wilkinson</b>	<b>Bill Stracener</b>
	<b>Robert Ward</b>

All of you can be proud of your contribution to this important activity as well as our combined accomplishments. We've had a number of very successful years recently and let's work together to make the 2003/2004 Cooperative Charting year another success for both our Squadron and District....as well as having a lot of fun along the way.

## Summer's Here And It's Time To Rack Up The Points!!!

After coming off the high of all of our Squadron and District accomplishments for the 2002-2003 Cooperative Charting Program, we're beginning to pick up momentum. **Ralph and Kay Johnson** have been contributing well to the Squadron, and recently **Don and Martha Hains** submitted an entire page of recoveries, which may put them out in first place in our Squadron. Although we only had a single member at each of the two District Cooperative Charting events held recently, we're already in the game and moving forward. I'll be asking John Morawski if he can run a report showing us how we're doing one quarter into the new charting year. **Here are some upcoming activities and events:**

1. A couple of our recent commanders have expressed a strong interest in our Squadron "**Adopting a Chart**". We've discussed it, but that's as far as it's gone. I believe we have the folks and commitment to take on this program, especially since it involves the chart that many of us use. Besides being an important contribution to NOAA, it's fun and can yield our Squadron a lot of points. It could be a good time to put our Squadron on the map by participating in this program.
2. **September 19-20, District 21 Nautical Cooperative Charting Event**, which I believe is now scheduled to be held in **Corpus Christi**, and hosted by the Dallas Squadron. It's a great city and typically an event that is well attended from across our District.
3. **October 10-11, District 21 Geodetic Cooperative Charting Event**, which will be held in **Waco, Texas** and hosted by the Austin Squadron. Steve Schmidt is working hard to make this a really enjoyable weekend.
4. I'll be talking to the Bridge about having one of our upcoming General Meetings scheduled to discuss Cooperative Charting, maybe include a short orientation, and discuss the new CCWeb data entry system for assigning member points, and other interesting topics around this program. As a special bonus for those attending the meeting, **I'll be giving away (yes, free) a door prize, which is a new, 8 foot Shakespeare Galaxy 5225 fiberglass marine antenna**. So I hope to see you at that meeting.
5. With summer vacations and travel ahead for many of us, don't forget it's a great opportunity to pick up a few markers and points along the way. If I can help with data sheets, and/or location maps, please don't hesitate to ask, as I'd be glad to help you out. As a side note, early this month we returned from Disney World in Orlando, where we took two of our grandchildren, along with our two daughters. I figured I might have some spare time to look for a couple of markers (what a ridiculous thought), so I pulled some markers together. I didn't end up having any spare time, but I still have the data sheet of a geodetic marker, within the Disney World complex (near Epcot) and the PID is named "Rat World". I would have enjoyed finding that one!

**I may be asking for your help again this year to find at least one marker** to help out our Squadron, so don't be surprised if one day I tap on your shoulder, or you receive something in the mail. If you can't wait for me to call on you, please don't hesitate to call me or e-mail me. I'm ready to fix you up right now and continue to appreciate your support. Thank you,

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen  
Cooperative Charting Committee Chairman

# DISTRICT 21 "Summer Cool Down" RENDEZVOUS

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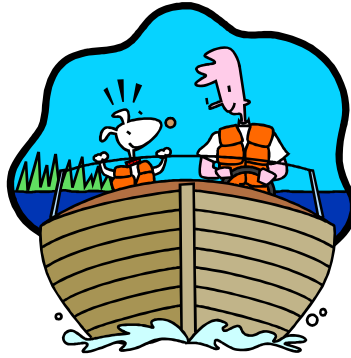
**No RSVP and you will be served last. All 'no shows' will be billed for price of event.**

## SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – AUGUST 15 <sup>th</sup>	CHECK-IN	AT YOUR LEASURE
	WATERMELON FEAST (AT SCREENED BOAT HOUSE)	1800 – 2000
	DINNER (ON YOUR OWN)	WHEN HUNGRY
SATURDAY – AUGUST 16 <sup>th</sup>	BREAKFAST (COFFEE, JUICE, PASTRY) (AT PAYC CLUB HOUSE)	0700 – 1000
	ACTIVITIES – TBA (Q-BOATS, FISHING, FUN, SUN, VISITING & etc.)	DAYLIGHT – TILL
	GROUP BBQ DINNER (AT PAYC CLUB HOUSE)	1900 – TILL NO FOOD
SUNDAY – AUGUST 17 <sup>th</sup>	DEPARTURE	AT YOUR LEASURE
	COFFEE (AND WHATEVER IS LEFTOVER)	AM – TILL

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a designated driver on the road.  
make safe decisions about  
Let's keep boating safe for  
Peter Coors**



**water is as important as  
And all boaters should  
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everyone, everywhere"**



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