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Commanders Corner

Cdr. Christopher M. McCain P
Lake Charles Power Squadron



I really don't know where to start. These last two-months have been so hectic that it seems like a dream! At our last meeting, it was decided that we would screen in the bottom of the

Anchorage! I've been taught that when life serves you up a bowl of lemons make lemonade! We were really disappointed that our one day Boat Smart Class turned out to be a bust, but not totally. With most of the Bridge showing up to help with the class, I said let's make this a workday and so we did. We started to prep the bottom of the Anchorage in which we had planned to start the following weekend. We then proceeded to frame up the down stairs of the Anchorage and complete over 50%. With only three (3) student's showing up everything went better than planned! With P/C Armin reprimanding us for making too much noise for the students above, we kept the noise decibels as low as possible! The following weekend we finished the job. A Special thanks to those who helped with the job. A thanks also goes to P/C Roy Brown for supplying us with the lumber. Grade "A" I might add!

We made it to the Corpus Christi CO-OP Charting event and again things were beyond expectations. A special Thank you to Anita West as well as the South West Texas four who put on this event. It was truly fantastic! Our Nautical fell through but we did geodetics instead. We found only one marker out of 15. The friendship and fellowship along with the BOILED SHRIMP were Superb. Attaboy Gary & James! A real family affair that included exploring Southwest Texas and even picking up a sales ad for the Anchor Line! Thank you Chuck West. Hating to leave and leery of the drive home and dreading the next leg of our trip we bided everyone farewell! After a quick trip home and a short drive to Marshal Texas the Loukas's & McCain's caught a much-needed rest. The following morning we departed for Branson Missouri, arrived around 15:30 at Table Rock Lake. The week flew by; taking in a couple of shows and the amusement parks and then back to Sulphur we came. We arrived around 17:00 just in time for the August 4th full moon raft up but after putting a little over 1000 miles under our belt in 8 days decided to take a rain check. We heard that 4 boats made it to the raftup!

I would like to personally thank every one who helped out and participated in the Yippi Yippi Hippi Day, we really had a blast! More work was done in a few short weeks than in my entire membership of the Squadron. It really makes you feel good when you see the membership pull together as a team.

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

September 19, 2001

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Check us out on the Web at our website below
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/lcps>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| September | 1 - 3 | Labor Day Cruise | Galveston, Tx |
| | 5 | General Meeting | Anchorage |
| | 5 - 9 | Fall Governing Board | Little Rock, AR |
| | Sept 6 - | Long Boat Safety | Lake Charles |
| | Nov 11 | Class | |
| | 21-23 | Co-Op Charting | Natchitoches |
| | 26 | Executive Meeting | Anchorage |
| October | 3 | General Meeting | Anchorage |
| | 4 - 7 | Fall Conference | Shreveport |
| | 12-14 | Fleet Review | Lake Charles |
| | 31 | Executive Board Meeting | Anchorage |

Reminder

Next meeting is September 5, 2001. Social starts at 1800 with the meeting at 1900. This months meeting will be held upstairs. The meal is Chinese w/egg rolls.

EDUCATION REPORT

Our Safety Committee Chairman, Sheron Faulk, gave another **safety talk** to PPG the middle of July. She also supplied safety "CG Approved" items for demonstration usage for the July BS class. Ken Wilkinson was invited to speak at the Boating Club about Vessel Safety Check program. Thank you both for spreading the word.

Welcome a new member, Peggy Miller; from a **Boat Smart** class of three given on July 14th. Instructors Stan Chapman, Armin Braham, and Ned Dautriel did an excellent job covering the BS material. Thank you to Cdr Chris McCain and John Loukas for getting the bldg ready and stocking soft drinks. Ned Dautriel brought doughnuts and coffee. The Gremillions grilled wonderful hamburgers. Other members arrived to show their support - the Rodenberrys and Margaret Cromwell. We are so thankful for members who give of their time to instruct and to help in classes.

Congratulations to our newest **Junior Navigator, Ben Garber, Sr!!** He has successfully passed all requirements (CB, OB, and site folder) in July. This is an accomplishment to be proud of. Also, congratulations to Ron Gremillion for completing **Advanced Piloting**. He has worked hard and we are also proud of him. Buford and Alice Pippin were their instructors who each worked long hours to present their courses. Four members have taken the **Piloting** exams and are awaiting results. They are Martin Hardy, Harvey Kuttner, Charles McAlister, and Annette McCain. Ray LeBert was the instructor who has taught this course many times and we also thank him. Harvey Kuttner has passed **Marine Electronics**. Earlier this summer, he had completed **Cruise Planning** and **Engine Maintenance**.

The Education Dept is excited to acquire an LCD projector from Ken Wilkinson and the Chapman's Boating CD from Don Hains. These items will greatly enhance presentation of classroom material and the LCPS thanks them for their donation.

Reminder: **Squadron Boating** Course is Sept 6th @ McNeese University 7-9PM.

Safe Boating!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As we approach some of our hottest weather we need to check the operation of our carbon monoxide detectors. With the cabin area closed and the air conditioner running carbon monoxide is at its greatest danger. Carbon monoxide detectors are reliable, relatively inexpensive and can be purchased at local boating merchants.

Thanks to all squadron members for their donations of time and materials to screening in the Anchorage. This is a great addition to our facility.

The Yippie Yippie Hippie Day celebration was one of the best events ever. We had a great crowd. Members from the District 21 Bridge, Acadiana Squadron and Orange Squadron were in attendance. Thanks to all for supporting this event.

We had a District 21 CO-OP Charting event in Corpus Christi last month. Over seventy district members participated. The Lake Charles Power Squadron was well represented as we had ten members making the trip.

Next CO-OP Charting event is to be in Natchitoches, LA.

Check the information on page 5 of the Anchorline for Schedule and Reservation. Reservations Must Be Made By September 12th, 2001

Hope to see you there!

John Loukas, AP

Radio Technical Committee

MariTel has launched the nation's first Marine Wireless VHF Radiotelephone Network in the Gulf of Mexico and lower Mississippi. The network brings cellular phone-like technology to the maritime environment and offers mariners private and automatic telephone calls between their ships and the land-based public telephone network, vessel location services and data transfer.

1st/Lt Ned Dautriel
Radio Technical Committee



Memorial

Linda Stracener, wife of P/C Bill Stracener past away on August 3. Also, P/C Alice Pippin lost her mother in August. Please keep them in your prayers.

News from the Anna Claire

Jan Ware has been updating their travels through Canada on a weekly basis. Because of space in the newsletter I have decided to have them put on the website. She has also sent pictures which will also be put on the website. You can access the website at:

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/lcps>

Yippie Yippie Hippie Day Video's

We have videos of the Hippie Day available for only \$5.00. Contact Songa Gremillion at (337) 527-5570. Let her know how many you need and she can get them for you.



Birthdays

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|-------------------|------|
| Marcus Pierson | 9/03 |
| Alice Pippin | 9/04 |
| Charles Goen | 9/08 |
| Chris McCain | 9/11 |
| Charles McLemore | 9/17 |
| Howard Rodenberry | 9/21 |
| Eleanor Sherwood | 9/24 |
| Tom Cameron | 9/29 |

Please remember that if it isn't here then I don't have it. Please contact me at 625-2088 or email me at McCainChris@msn.com

Welcome New Members

We have four new members. Please give them a call and let them feel welcomed to our Squadron.

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Peggy Miller
1704 Moss St.
Lake Charles, LA 70601
337-433-7066

Letter from Ralph and Kay Johnson

Dear all y'all,

This is a fantastic trip and gorgeous country. You'd think being on a boat for three days straight might be boring, but there are continuous activities and lectures to participate in. Or ignore if you just can't skip the nap. We've seen sea otters, Orcas, a hump back whale, harbor seals, many bald eagles and even some sunshine. We arrived at Ketchikan about noon today and of course the rain came to the rain capital of the world. Partly because we had signed up for a float plane trip, and partly because we needed the rain in the rain forest which was our alternate tour. Oh, yes, we have also seen 5 Holland American floating hotels. Wow! They are huge! And they don't get to go to all the really neat bays and coves our small ship goes into several times a day. Our 96 possible passenger ship has only 91 for this 7-day part of our tour from Seattle to Juneau.

The open eating seating prepared by 4 cooks and an extremely trained chef who knows that presentation is half the meal. Good everything and certainly excellent fish.

The bridge is open to us 'cept in tight spots. We nosed right up to the harbor seals favorite lounging rock and seals didn't care about us at all and stayed right there in the sunshine.

It started raining just about the time we got to the salmon capital of the world also known as the rain capital of the world. That meant we went on a bus tour to a totem pole preservation park instead of on the floatplane flight we were signed up for. No point flying when the only clear area is thirty feet above the water.

I'm in a cyber café in Ketchikan, only there doesn't seem to be even one bit of café about it. Ralph did manage to find a Coke machine, which was good. These people keep their building insides much too hot for people wearing many layers of waterproof clothing.

And on that high note, I must stop. There is a lecture on Tlingit Indian culture and art at 5 pm on board the boat, which is 100 yds behind me.

Love to all of you until the next time, and I hope this gets to some of you.

Kay

Fair Weather Sailor

People who know me will tell you that I'm a fair weather sailor. Not only a fair weather sailor but I'm a very sometimes sailor. In fact, most people don't even know that I have a boat. So I got to thinking of going into another profession. I've got two jobs now and I'm getting three hours of sleep each night and surely I don't need that much. So I was thinking of going into brick laying until I met this guy all injured and I asked him what happened.

He said, "I was just finishing up a job five stores high and found that I had about five hundred bricks left over. Not knowing how to get the bricks down I decided that if I tied a rope to a barrel and ran it through a pulley on the roof and pulling it on the roof and tying it off on the ground, I could lower the bricks off the roof. I did this, and after filling the barrel with 500 pounds of bricks, I went down and untied the barrel. Now, I weigh 165 pounds and after untying the rope and holding on to it I met the barrel coming down about the vicinity of the third floor, thus receiving the broken arm.

After continuing my rise to the top the barrel then hit the ground spilling the bricks and jamming my fingers into the pulley on the roof, thus breaking them. The barrel, upon losing its load begins to rise and my 165 pounds now becomes heavier of the two. Again the meeting of me and the barrel in the before mentioned vicinity of the third floor, contact with the barrel breaks my other arm forcing me to release the rope and falling to the ground on bricks, breaking my leg. Releasing the rope only to make the barrel heavier and so speeding downward upon me breaks my other leg. After hearing the story I've decided to give up looking for another job and try to go sailing more.

This is his story and he's sticking to it.

Herman Manuel, P



BOATING ACTIVITIES

Janelle Brahm

I hope all of you have had a wonderful summer. Keeping cool has been a number one priority around our house. Speaking of keeping cool, how about that "Screened Porch" at the Anchorage? Thanks to all those hard-working men in our squadron we will be able to enjoy many more outdoor activities in the future.

Our Fourth of July Raft-up was a great success. Even though the weather was threatening all day, we never had any rain and enjoyed the cooling benefits of a cloudy sky. There was a respectable turnout considering that the holiday was right in the middle of a work week. There were eight boats from our squadron and a boat from the Clear Lake area in the raft-up.

I'm sorry to say, our August Boating Event wasn't as well attended. Too many things going on, and a very HOT day. There were a few good sports who made the outing.

COMING UP

Our Labor Day Cruise will be to the Galveston Yacht Basin. Boats from the Lake Charles Squadron will be going over to Galveston from August 23 until September 1. Arrangements are to be made by calling the Yacht basin directly at (409) 762-9689. We will go to dinner as a group Saturday night, September 1. We will meet on "D" dock at 1730. If you want to join us for dinner, call me at (337) 496-0703.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our Boating Activity for October is the D-21 Fleet Review. See registration form in the September issue of the Anchorline.

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| CHECK IN | 1300 – TILL |
| HOSPITALITY ROOM (MEETING ROOM) | 1500 – 2300 |
| DINNER ON YOUR OWN | 1800 – TILL |

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

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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.

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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 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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