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## **Commanders Corner**

### **Meeting**

The next general meeting will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will start at 1800 and the meeting 1900. Thanks to P/C Ralph Johnson for his presentation at our last general meeting on his adventures on the high seas.

### **Anchorage Repairs Completed**

Repairs are complete! Please thank all those who donated their time, skill and materials to the project.

### **Boating Activities and Social Activities**

Thanks to P/C Chris McCain and Lt. Annette McCain for organizing the July 4<sup>th</sup> BBQ at the Anchorage followed by the raft up. We had a good turn out of boats and members and the firework display was outstanding.

We had four boats from Lake Charles make the trip to the Port Arthur Yacht Club. Members from the Orange, Beaumont and Lake Charles Squadrons combined efforts to have a great weekend. We even have two junior sailors.

Plans are in the works for next year.

### **CO-OP Charting**

D/21CO-OP Charting held in Orange, TX. July 26-28 had a good turn out from the D/21 Squadrons.

P/C Billy Becker opened up her home so that we could use it as a "Home Base".

We continue to turn in reports to NOAA updating their database. A worth while effort.

Reminder - Lake Charles Power Squadron will be hosting D/21 CO-OP Charting event November 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please make plans to help welcome our out of town guest. Lt Chris Nelsen has made all the necessary arrangements to have a successful District event. The date is fast approaching so if you would like to volunteer please do not hesitate to contact Chris or myself.

### **Merit Marks**

I have received word that we should start submitting information for Merit Marks.

Submit with e-mail the following:

Name

USPS member number

Position you hold

Describe in as few words as you can a short paragraph what you did this year or what you will have completed by Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. This needs to include, for instance attended --- District Conferences, National Governing Boards, presented reports, voting member and/or provided efforts of whatever relates to your job and any task you performed in your job capacity. If you also did work for our Squadron, or the Squadron Commander, please include this information in the report. Remember this is the only pay check we get for the service that we as members do.

Cdr. John Loukas, AP

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(Board of Directors)

## General Meeting

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The next General Meeting is Wednesday, September 4, 2002. Social starts at 1800 and meeting starts at 1900. Menu is Fried Chicken. The Chicken will be provided by P/C Chris McCain. We need you to bring the fixing's. See you there.

## Mark your Calendar

Please make a note of the following calendar changes. The Fleet Review has been canceled for September. Our boating activity for October will be a Poker run starting at the Anchorage. Check out next month's newsletter for more details.

<b>September</b>	1-2	Labor Day Cruise	Galveston
	4	General Meeting	Anchorage
	11-15	Fall Governing Board	Des Moines, IA
	25	Executive Meeting	Anchorage
<b>October</b>	2	General Meeting	Anchorage
		Poker Run	
	12	Membership Drive	Anchorage
	17-19	D/21 Fall Conference	Acadiana
	30	Executive Meeting	Anchorage

## DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

May 22, 2002

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

## Birthdays

Alice Pippin	09/04
Chris McCain	09/11
Kenneth Wright	09/12
Charles McLemore	09/17
Eleanor Sherwood	09/24
Margaret Kuttner	09/25
Thomas Cameron	09/29
Donald Hains	10/01
Vicki Loukas	10/08
George Duchmann	10/09
Larry Farmer	10/09
Cindy Vaughn	10/12
Joyce Chapman	10/16
John Giaimis Sr.	10/23
Jannelle Brahm	10/28

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](mailto:mccain.c@cox-internet.com)

# EDUCATION REPORT

Congratulations to Charles McAlister and Harvey Kuttner for completing Closed Book and Open Book exams in **Advanced Piloting!** We are proud of them and their instructor, P/C Alice Pippin.

Lt. Chris Nelsen reports five passing the 29 June 2002 **Boating Course** in DeRidder with one person joining our membership. The second class of 30 June 2002 was cancelled due to schedule conflict with students. Lt Chris Nelsen is now reorganizing the Boating Course in Power Point for use in classroom instruction.

Since the 14 June 2002 Boating Safety for Kids given to "81" Cub Scouts another **Boating Safety for Kids** was taught by Lt/C's Ned and Sheryl Dautriel at the home of Boy Scout leader Mr. Fred Bennerscheidt in Lake Charles on 18 July 2002. Nine Boy Scouts were in this class. Our home was open to six students on 25 May 2002 who took the one day **Boat Smart** course and passed exams. Ned and I are available for anyone wishing to home study or for questions concerning **all** USPS approved courses.

P/C Alice Pippin will instruct the "free" **Instructor Development** Course (formerly IQ) beginning 20 August 2002 at the Anchorage. Course starts at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays. Plan to attend this fun and interesting course.

P/C Stan Chapman says "It's not too late to enroll in the Fall **Boating Course** now open at the Anchorage". Each Thursday night at 7:00PM a different instructor will teach and share their knowledge about boating safety. Spread the word.

D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson found a detailed listing for discounts on boat insurance offered by USPS. Completion of Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics, Engine Mtn., Weather, and Sail will give 2.5% discount for each course for a total of 15%. SN will give 5%. A current VSC will give 3% discount. All discounts will add up to **23%**. This should motivate members to take additional courses.

Our District 21 Educational Officer George Fullwood has found a great website. Check out: [www.sailingusa.info](http://www.sailingusa.info)

## **Keep on file these phone numbers of interest to boaters:**

Black Bayou Bridge	437-9216	All bridges Ch 13.
Grand Lake Bridge	437-9217	
Kelso Bridge	762-4650	
ASCO Fuel Dock Cameron	775-5727	
Bayou Marina (Grout's)	439-2794	
Bowtie Marina	478-0130	
Bridge Point	436-0803	
Davis Seafood and Fuel	762-3793	
Hebert's Marina	598-2001	
Lake Charles Yacht	433-9257	
Nalmar Landing	494-1959	
Parkside Marina	855-7591	
Coast Guard Station Sabine	(409)971-2175	

The Coast Guard has established a temporary regulation for the safety and security of US naval vessels. Read the attached Naval Vessel Protection Zones.

Safe Boating!

Sheryl Dautriel  
Squadron Education Officer

## 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.

## THANKS

Big thanks go to our Secretary and Squadron Education Office, Ned and Sheryl Dautriel. They gave a nice donation to our Education dept. Along with the donation they helped us out on raising money for our squadron by renting the docking along the waterfront of the anchorage. We will surely miss their boat along with the security they provided when they came by to check on it.

## Naval Vessel Protection Zones

The Coast Guard has established a temporary regulation for the safety and security of U.S. Naval vessels. These zones are necessary to provide for the safety and security of such vessels.

The Temporary regulation is in effect until June 15, 2002, at which time a final rule will be issued. We do not expect any changes in the final rule. The regulation establishes the zone as follows:

- All vessels within 500 yards of a U.S. naval vessel shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and shall proceed as directed by the official patrol (the senior naval officer present in command or designee, or a Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer.)
- No vessel is allowed within 100 yards of the U.S. naval vessel, unless authorized by the official patrol.
- Vessels requesting to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel shall contact the official patrol on VHF-FM channel 16. The official patrol may permit vessels that can operate safely only in a navigable channel to pass within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel in order to ensure a safe passage in accordance with the Navigation Rules.
- Commercial vessels anchored in a designated anchorage area may be permitted to remain at anchor within 100 yards of passing naval vessels.
- Violation of the Naval Vessel Protection Zone is a felony offense, punishable by up to six years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000.

In addition to the Naval Protection Zone, the Coast Guard advises all vessels to observe and avoid all security zones that may be in place in a given area. Avoid commercial port operation areas, especially those that involve military, cruise line, or petroleum facilities. Violators will be perceived as a threat, and will face a quick, determined, and severe response.

Do not stop or anchor beneath bridges or in the channel. If you do, then expect to be boarded by law enforcement officials.

Keep a sharp eye out for anything that looks peculiar or out of the ordinary. Report all activities that seem suspicious to the local authorities, the Coast Guard, and the port or marina security. Do not approach or challenge these acting in a suspicious manner.

**For more information call 474-9358 or 474-9205**

## Everyday Phrases and their Nautical Origins

**Have you ever heard a nautical word and wondered what its Nautical Origin is. Here are a few of those words and what they mean.**

### **Admiral**

An admiral is a senior ranking officer in the US Navy, and the word signifies a commander of a fleet, or part of a fleet, in all maritime nations. From the Arabic word *amir* meaning prince or leader.

### **Adrift**

Not moored, at the will of the wind and tide. From the middle English *drifte* (to float). Sailors used the word to describe anything missing or come undone. From this word came **drifter**, a person without purpose or aim in life.

### **Ahoy!**

This traditional greeting for hailing other vessels was originally a Viking battle cry.

### **Aye, Aye**

Aye is old English for "yes." The seaman's reply "Aye aye, sir," means, "I understand and I will obey."

### **Bamboozle**

From the 17th century, it described the Spanish custom of hoisting false flags to deceive (bamboozle) enemies

### **Barge**

The word barge has two nautical meanings. First as a term applied to a flag officer's boat or highly decorated vessel used for ceremonial occasions. The second usage refers to the more common, flat-bottomed work boat which is hard to maneuver and difficult to control. Hence the term . . . **barge in.**

### **Before the mast**

The position of the crew whose living quarters on board were in the forecabin (the section of a ship forward of the foremast). The term is also used more generally to describe seamen as compared with officers, in phrases such as, "he sailed before the mast." Most ships today have cabins for their crew.

# USPS Cooperative Charting Program

*Lt. Chris H. Nelsen*

## “Nautical – Running Ranges”



The hot summer months are almost behind us and we're just a couple of months away from the Geodetic Cooperative Charting event we're hosting on November 1-3. We need to get out and begin recovering markers to help our Squadron in the District 21 race for #1 as well as get the easy ones around Lake Charles witnessed soon. Otherwise, our friends from across our District will be searching for them in November and I can guarantee you....they will find them!! Good luck and if I can help in any way, please let me know.

Now on a new subject. In January, a Navigational Range Initiative was put in place for the NOS-USPS Cooperative Charting Program. We've been asked to collect positioning information on navigational ranges that appear on NOAA charts. ***Here's the good news...it's easy, it's fun, it's fast, it's a boating activity, and you get 200 points for running a single range along with automatic "Honor Roll Status" for you!***

Between the Cameron Jetties and Lake Charles, I'm aware of seven ranges that would be easy for us to jump on. NOAA is looking for a number of folks running these ranges so they can get a large data base...so a lot of you can participate and here's what's involved.

First you need a GPS that is either DGPS or WAAS capable. This is because NOAA is looking for maximum accuracy. A pair of good binoculars is a must too. You then begin to run the range and at 2 – 2½ miles away, you slowly position your boat so you're exactly on range and make it a waypoint. You continue advancing up the range about a half-mile at a time, repeating the process. You continue until you're at the end of the range, still in the channel, and this becomes your last waypoint. On your chart, you should not take a position reading along the dashed line of the range. You need to have a minimum of four positions along the range....and that's basically it. Give me the longitude and latitude for each of the range waypoints, and I'll take care of the NOAA uploading and filling out the form 77-4's. If interested, let me know and I'll send you the detailed information which is five pages long and will help ensure you do it correctly. ***Have fun and I look forward to hearing from you.***

**District 21**  
**“GEODETTIC” COOPERATIVE CHARTING EVENT**  
***Lake Charles, Louisiana***

**November 1–3, 2002**

**HOTEL**

Hampton Inn  
210 Henning Drive  
Sulphur, La. 70663  
Reservations: (337) 527-0000

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Interstate-10 to Exit 20 (Sulphur/Cameron)  
Turn North on Hwy 27 and go one block  
Turn Right on Henning Drive  
Hotel is just east of Cajun Charlie’s Restaurant

**Rates: \$64.00 + tax per night (Identify yourself as a USPS member for this rate)**

Hotel offers **free deluxe** Continental breakfast including biscuits & gravy, waffles, pancakes, French toast, hardboiled eggs, bagels, pastries, fruit, and much more!

Shuttle service available to and from the casinos and racetrack. Block held until 10/18/02

**Schedule**

**FRIDAY, Nov 1**

CHECK-IN	1400 -TILL
HOSPITALITY ROOM	1500 – 2300
DINNER ON YOUR OWN	1800 – TILL

**SATURDAY, Nov 2**

BOARDROOM	0700 – 0800
(Join us with your breakfast)	
GEODETTIC ASSIGNMENTS	0800 – 0830
SEEK & RECOVER	0830 – 1500
BOARDROOM	1500 – 1830
(WRITE UP REPORTS)	
GROUP DINNER	1900 -TILL
(Cajun Charlie’s Restaurant next to Hampton Inn)	

**SUNDAY, Nov 3**

DEPARTURE

JOHN MORAWSKI

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This Geodetic Event will cover Southwest Louisiana, including roads long the coastline, along marshlands, driving through old Cajun towns, along rice fields, and you may even end up in our forested rolling hills. Throw in the after-hour activities including a half dozen gambling casinos, a horse racing track, our Creole Nature Trail, and a host of other activities, insures this is a trip you’ll certainly want to put on your calendar.  
Come enjoy Southwest Louisiana!!!

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## **David Letterman's Top Ten Reasons**

For Going to the Lake Charles

November 1-3

### **District Cooperative Charting Geodetic Event**

10. Fishing Calcasieu Lake for trophy speckled trout and redfish.
9. Visiting a 20 square block area of restored Victorian homes known as the "Charpentier District".
8. Playing a round of golf at the new and impressive Gray Plantation Golf Course.
7. Seeing alligators and tropical birds on the Creole Nature Trail National Scenic Byway.
6. Making a winning bet on a thoroughbred horse at Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino.
5. Enjoying a weekend of fine Cajun cuisine dining at one of several great restaurants.
4. Enjoying the four gambling casino boats of Harrah's and the Isle of Capri.
3. Supporting the NOS-USPS Cooperative Charting Program.
2. Helping your Squadron achieve additional Cooperative Charting points and potentially getting you on this years "Honor Roll".

*And the Number One reason for heading to Southwest Louisiana....*

1. For the fun and fellowship of seeing old friends and making new friends, along with the fun and challenges associated with finding geodetic markers.

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