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Hello fellow Power Squadron members.

I would like to thank each one of you for your support and prayers in the recent loss of my mother. Each card and flower just let me know how good it is to have good friends in our organization.

We are quickly getting through summer as we pass through August. There is still plenty of time for some good warm boating fun.

In mid July the Lu"E" Lu"EZE" and the Manzanita embarked on a nice float trip to the Galveston Bay area. We spent 7 days just cursing for spot to spot anchoring each night in a different spot. Some of our destinations include Moody Gardens, Clear Lake; Strand at Willie G's, Noah's Ark. We also visited the new Red Fish island project, which turned out to be a great spot to spend the day. WE traveled about 450 miles during the weeklong stay. Those of you who plan to make the Labor Day cruise to Galveston and would like more information on some of these spots let me know.

We also traveled to Port Arthur to meet up with the Orange Squadron for some fine food and games.... We had 3 boats make the trip. LU"E" LU"EZE', TAILS IT IS, VICKI TOO. The weather was a little warm but we managed to stay cool. The games were most interesting and lots of fun.

Upcoming events.

Exec Board Aug. 27 6:30 PM.

September General meeting Monday September 8

Long boating course September 11

There will be some Shreveport squadron members coming to Lake Charles on Sunday August 31. They will be staying at Bowtie and Inn on the Bayou. Lets try to raft up that Sunday evening in Lake Charles and meet them.

That's all for now see you on the water
Cdr. Ron



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

Social starts at 1800
Meeting starts at 1900

General Meeting

Please make a note. Our next General meeting is on **Monday, September 8th, 2003**. Social starts at 1800 meeting starts at 1900. Menu will be covered dish.

Mark Your Calendar

September

3 – 7	Fall Governing Board	Reno Nevada
19 – 21	Co-Op Charting	Freeport, TX
24	Executive Board	Anchorage

October

4	Poker Run	TBA
3 or 6	General Meeting	Anchorage
10 – 12	Co-Op Charting	Waco, TX
27	Executive Board	Anchorage

Birthdays

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

Marcus Pierson	9/3	Don Hains	10/1
Alice Pippin	9/4	Vickie Loukas	10/8
Charles Goen	9/8	George Duchman	10/9
Chris McCain	9/11	Larry Farmer	10/9
Jerry Doucet	9/23	Cindy Vaughn	10/12
Ellie Lemoine	9/24	Charles Lemoine	10/13
Margaret Kuttner	9/25	Joyce Chapman	10/16
		John Giaimis	10/23
		Janie Doucet	10/24
		Janelle Brahm	10/28

Education Report

At our last General Meeting we demonstrated our new LCD projector. It is a great new teaching aid and a needed asset. National has worked out an agreement with the manufacturer, InFocus, for Squadrons to purchase this type of equipment at greatly reduced pricing thus benefiting the LCPS.

This new equipment was purchased with Lake Charles Power Squadron funds of only \$690.00 and retail was \$4500.00. Thanks to the hard work of the following Members, P/C Stan Chapman applied and received a \$2000.00 donation from ExxonMobil. Lt. Ben Garber, Jr. had a rebate coupon for \$200.00 that D/C Ken Wilkinson sent in to the manufacturer and recently received the \$200.00 check.

Also Lt. Sheron Swoope has applied and received a grant for educational signs from Entergy. D/C Ken and Diane Wilkinson pick up a check at the Entergy Grant Luncheon.

P/C Ralph Johnson has received his sight folder that was sent in for grading. Hope Ralph does not mind me telling that his folder did not have one mistake. Congratulations!!!

Ben Garber, Sr. has volunteered to teach the Seamanship course. Those of you who would like to take the course please contact Ben or myself to set up a date and time.

We have the following courses as home studies currently underway:

- Seamanship
- Advance Piloting
- Marine Electronics
- Weather
- Sail

REMINDER:

Our Fall Public Boating Course is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at the Anchorage at 1900.

Happy and Safe Boating!
P/C John Loukas, AP
Squadron Educational Officer

Administrative Department

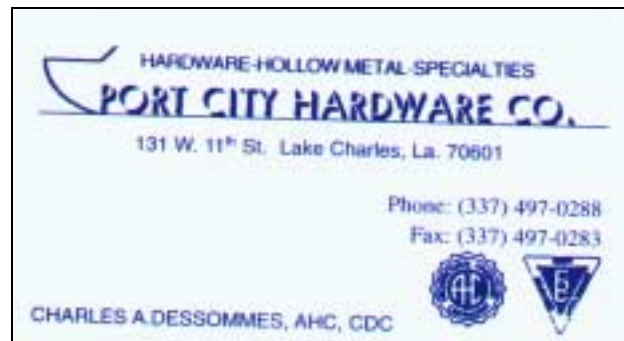
OFFSHORE FISHING/RAFTUP

There is nothing like heading out to the Gulf of Mexico on a dark and clear night with great weather and calm seas. July 25 was such a night with three vessels and their crew in high hopes for chests full of fish. JP IV captained by Lt/C Ned Dautriel with P/C Ralph Johnson, Ned's brother, Jay, and his son Jason; JENNY II captained by P/C Ray LeBert; and THE GREAT ESCAPE captained by Lt Keith Monroe -all arrived at the assigned Lat/Long at EC 118 rocks (East Cameron). Thanks to Ray the rocks were located - Jenny II was on the mark and was first to hook Red Snapper. You haven't fished until you hang a snapper! Everyone caught their limit. Ned and Keith served a fish dinner at the August General Meeting. Let's do an Offshore Fishing/Raftup again next year!

September Activities:

03-07 USPS Fall Governing Board Reno, NV

Lt/C Ned Dautriel
Administrative Officer



Cooperative Charting July Update

It's really hard for me to believe that in a few short days it will already be August. Since the beginning of the 2003-2004 Cooperative Charting year that began on April 1st, our Squadron has continued to make steady progress and I'm pleased to report we continue to head up the ladder

Thanks to *Ralph and Kay Johnson*, they racked up more than 200 recoveries during the month of July and I should shortly have enough work from them to keep me busy for part of a weekend. Congratulations to you for all your hard work during the month. It's clear you two will make Honor Roll status again this year.

Going into the month of July, *Don and Martha Hains* were probably leading the pack in our Squadron with their recoveries on a recent trip to Florida. They are now on their way to Yellowstone Park and depending upon their success, may give Ralph and Kay a run for their money during the month of August. This trip should give them Honor Roll status again this year too!

So by the end of August, at least five members in our Squadron will probably be on the Honor Roll, with plenty of time left in the year for many of you to gain a similar position on this prestigious list.

If you're feeling like you're being left out of the fun of Cooperative Charting, not to worry. ***You're in luck because our District is holding a Nautical Cooperative Charting Event in September down in Freeport, Texas, as well as an October Geodetic Cooperative Charting Event in October over in Waco, Texas.*** The Dallas Squadron is hosting the Nautical event, and the Austin Squadron is hosting the Geodetic event. ***Look for the event flyers in this month's Anchorline and book a mini-weekend vacation to one or both of these events.*** It's a great way to rack up a lot of points because under today's point system, the hours and mileage driven to, during, and from a Cooperative Charting event are all

worth points (in addition to the recovery marks you receive!!! Hope to see ya there.

Cooperative Charting August Update

August is nearing an end and our Squadron had another month of significant activity. My thanks to all of you who are helping our Squadron and District.

Don and Martha Hains returned early from their trip across country, which covered 6,000 miles, and took them to the Oregon coast and Crater Lake. During part of their trip the two of them recovered 16 markers. They missed out on hitting Yellowstone National Park during this trip (in which they had 75 additional data sheets for marker recovery), so somewhere in the future, they have a chance at a small goldmine of geodetic recoveries.

Chuck and Ellie Lemoine jumped into the program during the month and I have all of their information for reporting to NOAA this afternoon. I appreciate their involvement in this program.

Ralph and Kay Johnson have been gathering information to begin reporting Aeronautical Cooperative Charting recoveries, which brings our Squadron good points as well.

While in Seattle this last week, I took a drive from Seattle, through Fife, Olympia, Centralia and Chehalis and racked up a large number of recoveries and got to visit some places I had never seen before.

If you want to get your name on our Squadron's Cooperative Charting list and find a marker or two...just give me a call or e-mail me and I'd be glad to set you up. Hope to see you at one or both of our upcoming District events in September and October.

Until next time, safe hunting for geodetics!

Chris H. Nelsen, Co-Op Charting Chairman

Louisiana Passes Boating Education Legislation !!!

Hats off to **House Representative Jack D. Smith** for introducing House Bill 560 (2003 Regular Session Act 921) to this years' Legislature. As most of you know, over the last ten years, similar legislation has failed to make it off the House floor.

On March 20th (my birthday) the bill was prefiled and the following day referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Over the course of the next three months, the bill went through several amendments and three votes. On the first vote there were only three nays (**Bowler, Devillier and Toomy**). On the second vote there was a single nay (**Adley**). On the third and final vote, it passed with 96 yeas and 0 nays and none of the previous folks who voted nay were absent during that final vote.

With what up until now would have been considered unprecedented speed, the bill was sent to our Governor on June 23 for Executive approval and **on July 1 Governor Foster signed the bill into law**. When this is done, it becomes law effective on that date. However, in talking with some folks from Fish and Game, they say the law will begin being enforced beginning on July 1st 2004.

House Bill 560 Subsection A basically says "*No person born after January 1, 1989, shall operate a motorboat powered by a motor in excess of ten horsepower unless he has successfully completed a boating safety class approved by the National Association of State Boating*

Law Administrators". Subsection B allows such an individual to operate any boat as long as another person is onboard who is over the age of 18 and if required to have completed a boating safety course under this law, has completed the required boating safety course. Subsection C says a violation of this law will be considered a class one violation subject to certain penalties and enforcement procedures. Reading on, it says any violator will have up to one year to successfully pass an approved boating safety course and if that is done more than 30 days prior to the hearing date, any civil penalty will not have to be paid and the violation will be expunged from the person's record. So although it's sort of a soft "catch me if you can" law, it does have some teeth in it and over time, all folks on the water will have had to take a boating education course.

So next year, I see a lot of potential interest by young boaters in taking our Boat Smart Course. I plan on talking with the Fish and Game folks up here and maybe doing a couple of community courses at our local Civic Center with their support and involvement.

Great News for Louisiana Boating Safety,
D/Lt Chris H. Nelsen



Selling Your Boat On The Intranet, Can This Be???

As several of you know, we made the decision in June to sell our boat, and as a few of you may know, our boat is already sold! We've had "Reel Paradise" for eight years and have enjoyed an entire logbook of activities, which involved more than 100 different family members and friends. For a lot of really good reasons we decided it was a good time to try to sell our boat, so began starting down that path.

There were a number of methods I considered for selling the boat. They included local ads and flyers, using a yacht brokerage company, using the Luhrs dealership in Texas, putting it in the Boat Trader magazine you see in gas stations, and using the Internet. I chose to basically do two of the above.

Logging on to www.boattraderonline.com I looked around their site and found it to be the online version of the above magazine. So I picked the \$81 deluxe package (which included a couple of weeks of magazine advertising too) and proceeded to spend a couple of hours downloading six photographs and a lot of text information for "My Page". **On July 1st at 11:00 pm, I hit the enter button and Reel Paradise was now one of 100,000 boats listed on this website.**

At 10:30 am the next morning, Vickie received a phone call from an individual in New Jersey who has been looking for a 32 Luhrs made after 1990 since September of last year and said ours was the best looking boat he has come across. Over the next three weeks, I had five people seriously looking at the boat and asking questions. (New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama).

With each serious inquiry, I prepared a special folder with their name on the cover, and inside was a detailed printout covering all aspects of our boat, a half dozen pictures, and a CD containing about three dozen photographs and all the text files. Included in each folder was a personalized letter which included an offer of my services, at no cost to the buyer, of assisting in running the boat as far east as Carrabelle, Florida or as far west as Corpus Christi, Texas. This would give me the opportunity to help show them the boat systems, learn the boat, as well as how to captain a twin-engine boat. We then Federal Expressed the package to each of them the day after our first conversation.

On July 29th, less than a month after hitting the "Enter" button on the computer, I shook hands with the new buyer and he wanted to take me up on the offer of assisting him in taking the boat to its new home. So in early September, I get to run the boat to Port St. Joe, Florida, and plan on making it a leisurely six day run with family and friends, that I'm sure will be a fun time and filled with more memories of Reel Paradise.

Since shaking hands, we've received another six inquiries and it's nice to politely say, "the boat is sold"! What I thought could take six months to a year, in a really shaky economy, and definitely a buyers market, proved out to be fast and effective using the Internet. Something you may want to consider if either selling or buying a boat is in your future!

D/Lt Chris H. Nelsen



Memorial

Please keep in your prayers Cdr. Ron Gremillion and his family, whose mother, Emma Jean Gremillion, passed away on Friday, Aug. 8, 2003 and Diane Wilkinson and her family, whose uncle, James W. Mays, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003.

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September 19-21, 2003

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 19, SEPT	CHECK-IN	1300 -TILL
	HOSPITALITY ROOM (SIGN UP YOUR BOAT)	1500 – 2300
	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	1800 – TILL
SATURDAY 20, SEPT	HOSPITALITY ROOM COFFEE, JUCE, PASTRY	0700 – 0800
	CAPTAIN'S MEETING	0800 – 0900
	SEEK & RECOVER	0900 – 1500
	HOSPITALITY ROOM (WRITE UP REPORTS)	1500 – 1830
	GROUP DINNER	1900 -TILL
SUNDAY 21, SEPT	DEPARTURE	

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District 21
“Geodetic” Cooperative Charting Event
Waco, Texas October 10 – 12, 2003

Hotel

Clarion Hotel
801 South 4th Street
Waco, TX 76706
Phone: (254) 757-2000

Driving Instructions

Waco I-35
Exit 4th/5th St (Exit 335A)
Hotel is on west side of I-35
[Clarion Information and Map](#)

Rates: \$79.95 + tax per night (Identify yourself as a USPS member for this rate). Rooms available include Smoking or Non-smoking, and various bed arrangements. Hotel has a full and complimentary hot breakfast buffet each morning.

Individuals must make room reservations no later than September 29th to get the above rate and be guaranteed a room. This is a beautiful hotel with a full atrium, swimming pool, waterfalls, and an onsite restaurant and bar. Check in opens at 3:00 pm.

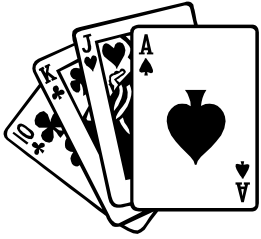
Schedule

Friday, October 10	Check-in	1500 or later
	Hospitality Room	1500 – 2300
	Geodetic Assignments	1500 - 1900
	Dinner on your own	
Saturday, October 11	Hospitality Room	0700 – 0800
	Geodetic Assignments	0800 – 0830
	Search and Recovery	0830 – 1500
	Hospitality Room (Submit Reports)	1500 – 1830
	Group Dinner at Local Restaurant	1900 – Till
Sunday, October 12	Departure	Check out by noon

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The Austin Squadron is working on a great Saturday night dinner for our group. It revolves around an evening dinner cruise on a paddleboat and should prove to be a very enjoyable evening. Our Austin hosts will also have dinner recommendations lined up for Friday night. Additional local activities include the Texas Ranger Museum, Dr. Pepper Museum, and the Historic Suspension Bridge, all of which are just a few miles from our hotel.

Hosted by the Austin Power Squadron



LAKE CHARLES POWER SQUADRON
Saturday October 4, 2003
POKER RUN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Cost: \$25.00 donation per hand includes a free dinner. There will not be a limit to the number of hands you can play. You do not have to participate in the run to play a hand. Non-gamblers will pay \$5.00 for dinner.

Location: Lake Charles Power Squadron Anchorage on Kiwanis drive.

Registration starts at 10 am and the run will begin at 11 am. The official end time for the run will be 1600 so don't be late.

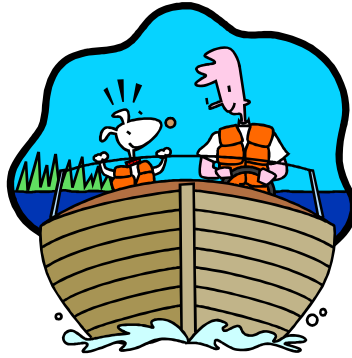
At registration you will be given a set of GPS coordinates for 7 locations in the Lake Charles area. The length of this run will be approximately 15-18 miles depending on the order you choose to take. All stops will handle large and small boats with a minimum water depth of 5'. Boats without GPS on board will be provided with a small chart pack.

Instructions: At each stop on the run one person will be picking up a small round tag **per boat**. This is to be attached to a card with the names of the players on that boat. You must have at least 5 tags on this card to play the game. When you are finished collecting the tags you return to the dock for the games to begin. Upon completion of the run, a dealer will deal 3 hands at a time with the highest hand placed on board; this process will be repeated until all hands are dealt. Rules for ranking poker hands will be posted for this event. The pot will be split 60/40.

A BBQ dinner will be served following the last play of hands. Bring your own drinks and your lawn chairs. Please RSVP no later than **Wednesday October 1, 2003** to contact Ron Gremillion at 527-5570, 540-6667 or email me at gremmsg@communicomm.com



We are also asking that the LCPS members please bring a dessert or chips and dip.



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