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## **Commanders Corner**

*Cdr. Christopher M. McCain P*  
*Lake Charles Power Squadron*



Time waits for no man, and that's the truth! We are into the seventh month of my term and it seems like only yesterday I was receiving the honors

of becoming Commander of the Lake Charles Power Squadron from P/D/C Joe Dorn. Talking to D/C Tom Derden this past weekend in Natchitoches he assures me that our next change of watch will go equally as smooth!

For those of you who have never been on a Co-Op Charting event, it's something that should not be missed! D/21 normally schedules (4) Co-Op events each year. This year included Corpus Christi, Waco, Orange and of course Natchitoches! My hats off again to Gary Freer, James Collins and for Shreveport and Ouachita for their hospitality and camaraderie! The weekend went really well, with seven members showing up from Lake Charles. We logged over 300 marks!

The last general meeting had a great turnout. We eat Chinese, and watched a great presentation by P/C Stan Chapman. He presented a slide show from past raftups in

Oyster Bayou along with some slides of Lake Charles. You should have been there.

Its Merit Mark time again. If you haven't turned yours in yet it's not too late. Please send it to P/C Bill Stracener, any Bridge members or me.

I received in the mail today a special gold-wreathed 25-year pin for John Sorrels Jr. I plan to give it to him at the next General Meeting!

A special thanks goes out to Robert Sparks, for opening a Memorial fund in the name of Lynda (Cathy) Stracener. Any one wishing to donate may see Songa or me.

### **Upcoming events**

Fall Conference will be in Shreveport on Oct. 4-7, and that Fleet Review will be following on the 12-14. All the information about the Fleet Review can be found in last month's edition of the Anchor Line as well as new updates in this issue! P/C Armin Brahm is heading up this D/21 event and you can be sure that everything will be ship shape! Something new to me is the Predicted log contest that will be a part of the Fleet Review. D/XO Vernon Helmke has promised that this will be an event that will not be forgotten! Any member may enter. The chart along with the rules will be handed out Friday night before the Fleet Review on Saturday.

**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

**October 24th, 2001**

**E-MAIL ITEMS TO Chris and Annette McCain**  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October	3	General Meeting	Anchorage
	4 – 7	Fall Conference	Shreveport
	12-14	Fleet Review	Lake Charles
	31	Executive Board Meeting	Anchorage
November	7	General Meeting	Anchorage
	11	Raftup	TBA
	16	Brown Bag Bingo	Anchorage
	28	Executive Committee Meeting	Anchorage

## Reminder

Next meeting is October 3, 2001. Social starts at 1800 with the meeting at 1900. The menu is Italian with lasagna, salad and dessert. The cost is \$5.00.

## EDUCATION REPORT

With the onset of cool breezes and less rain, the urge to sail and cruise the lake is abundantly high. First comes the cleaning of boat inside and out, top and bottom. We can't wait to feel the wind on our face, wake up to the first cup of coffee deckside, and catch "the big one" in the Gulf. This is my favorite time of year and I ponder upon past fishing memories and look forward to new ones.

The Education Department is proud to announce that Susan Hardy has successfully completed **Seamanship**. That totals six "S" completions for the year. Congratulations to Martin Hardy, Harvey Kuttner and Charles McAlister for passing both the Open Book and the Closed Book **Piloting** exams. **Advanced Piloting** will be offered soon. Some topics covered are: tides and currents, finding positions using bearings and angles, and electronic navigation - radar, loran, GPS, etc. We are collecting names of members who are interested, so don't be left out. The Squadron **Boating Course** is still in progress with nine students registering at McNeese University. Three students are from our local Sheriff's Marine Division. They are a smart and eager group. Songa Gremillion helped with registration and Cdr Chris McCain gave an introduction about the USPS and our local LCPS. Sheron Faulk Swoope donated rope for knot demonstrations and P/C Stan Chapman was the first instructor. Other instructors to date are Lt. Sheron Faulk Swoope, P/Cs Earl Moore, Armin Brahm, and Ralph Johnson. Members to date who have helped or attended class for support are Annette McCain, 1st/Lt Ned Dautriel and P/C Ken Wilkinson. Thank you all for your help to spread boating safety education.

Lt/C John Loukas has scheduled an **Operations Training Program** for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Anchorage. All members are encouraged to take this course which explains the workings of the USPS from squadron to district to national level. John Loukas needs to

know how many members to expect. Call 625-2056 so all can be planned ahead.

Shreveport is hosting our Fall Conference Oct 4-7. Ned and I shall attend to collect the latest news about Boating Education from USPS for you.

Safe Boating!  
Sheryl Dautriel  
Squadron Education Officer

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### **CO-OP Charting**

We had a good turn out in Natchitoches, LA that was sponsored by Ouchita and Shreveport Squadrons. Over three hundred marks were written up. After a full day of looking for marks we went to the historical district of Natchitoches and enjoyed a most wonderful meal at Merci Beaucoup. The Lake Charles Power Squadron representation was as follows: Cdr. Chris McCain and Annette, P/C Don Hains and Martha and the Loukas family with a guest.

### **Fleet Review**

Fleet review is coming up fast. If you have not made reservations yet, please do so soon as time is getting short. (I am included in this group of members).

### **Predicted Log**

Also we are going to have a Predicted Log contest. It promises to be a lot of fun with prizes going to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. All members are encouraged to participate in this District Event. The course that will be plotted is going to be kept rather short. As an example, if your hull speed is around eight knots you should be able to complete the course in forty-five minutes to an hour so as to not miss any of the many other activities planned for the day.

Hope to see you there!

John Loukas, AP



## Memorial

A memorial fund has been setup by P/C Robert Sparks in memory of Linda Stracener, wife of P/C Bill Stracener.

Please remember in your prayers the family of George Breffeilh. Mr. Breffeilh past away on Monday Sept. 17, 2001.

### 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:

[www.lcpsonline.org](http://www.lcpsonline.org)



### Birthdays

Don Hains	10/1
Vicki Loukas	10/8
George Duchman	10/9
Larry Farmer	10/9
Cindy Vaughn	10/12
Joyce Chapman	10/16
Lee Thibodeaux	10/18
John Giamis, Sr	10/23
Jannelle Brahm	10/28

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](mailto:McCainChris@msn.com)

## 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. There is an update to the Fleet Review. We are planning a Predicted Log Event for Saturday, October 13 before the Fleet Review. For those who are interested in participating in the event please contact Cdr Chris McCain or Lt/C John Loukas. See the attached updated Program Outline

### PETTICOATS

The Petticoat Committee will provide dinner for the Oct. General Meeting. An Italian menu of lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert is planned. The cost of diners is \$5.00.

A Petticoat committee dinner meeting will be held on Oct. 24, 2001 at Montana's Smokehouse Restaurant at 1800. Ladies can choose from the buffet or order from the menu. The cost of the buffet is \$9.95 + tax, tip and drinks. A short business meeting will be held to discuss the 12<sup>th</sup> Night Party scheduled for Jan 4, 2002. Ladies, put these dates on your calendars!

Alice Pippin, JN  
Petticoat Chairperson

## **New Officers, Committee Chairs for 2002**

It is time to begin putting together a list of nominees for the 2002 Bridge Year. This is your opportunity to continue the excellent traditions of Lake Charles Power Squadron. You can help your squadron by volunteering for the many elective and appointive positions that must be filled. If in doubt about the positions that are available review the LCPS roster and/or the USPS Operations Manual. Talk to the incumbents or members of the nominating committee to learn more about the places where you can serve. Contact your nominating committee to volunteer to be a candidate for offices.

Lt Chris Nelson, Chairman, 463-0141  
D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, 478-6886  
P/C Armin Brahm, 478-6856

## **District 21 Fall Conference, 5 Oct 01**

Plan to attend the D21 Fall Conference in Shreveport (5-7 Oct 01) and participate in running your District as well as enjoying the social events with your fellow D21 members. The Shreveport Squadron has planned an excellent event. D/C Tom Derden requested the Saturday evening event be casual -- There is no need to carry the Class A uniform and/or formal clothes.

The District meetings are your opportunity to help manage your District and to formulate proposals for National. The ideal way is for you to participate in the conference discussions. However, if you are not able to attend be sure to let Cdr McCain, myself, and/or LCPS Conference Delegates (Lt/C John Loukas, Lt/C Sheryl Dautriell, P/C Tom Cameron) your "ideas and wants" for D21 and USPS.

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## **RECREATIONAL VESSELS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY ZONE REQUIREMENTS**

GALVESTON, Texas -The U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) Houston-Galveston reminds all recreational boaters that safety zones have been established around all liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) ships and passenger cruise ships transiting the COTP Houston-Galveston zone.

The moving safety zone around all underway LHG ships and passenger cruise ships extend outward 500 yards in all directions. Watercrafts less than 50 feet in length are prohibited from entering this zone, unless specifically authorized by the COTP Houston-Galveston. In addition, a 100-yard safety zone has been established around all cruise ships while moored.

Coast Guard or other law enforcement vessels will be on scene to enforce the safety zones and ensure that prohibited vessels do not enter the zones. Recreational boaters can contact the Coast Guard vessel on scene on VHF-FM Ch 16. Enforcement of these safety zones may include the use of all force necessary to compel compliance.

Additionally, violations of these safety zones are punishable by a civil penalty of up to \$27,500. Recreational boaters should stay well clear of all vessels under Coast Guard escort. For questions concerning this safety zone, contact "Houston Traffic" on VHF-FM channels 11/12 (for vessels on the Houston Ship Channel), or contact the Coast Guard on VHF-FM channel 16 (for vessels on all other waterways).

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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. Please plan to attend this "First" in Lake Charles event. Mail your Registration Forms now, but not later than:

**Event Registration Deadline  
October 5, 2001.**

Again all 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 will be another first, a Predicted Log" run sponsored by D/L/C Vernon Helmke and our local L/C John Loukas.**

Schedule:

THURSDAY 11 October 2001  
**1400 – 1730 Early arrivals**  
**1730 – 2030 District D21 Happy Hour at LCPS Anchorage**  
**2030 - ????** Dinner on your own

FRIDAY 12 October 2001  
**0800 – 0900 Breakfast on your own**  
**1000 – 1100 Transfer to "Mothership"**  
**1200 - 1400 Lunch on "Mothership"**  
**1600 – 1700 Transfer to Anchorage**  
**1730 – 2000 District wide Happy Hour**  
**2030 – 2130 Shrimp Boil at Anchorage**

SATURDAY 13 October 2001

**0800 – 0900 Breakfast at Anchorage**  
**0900 – 1200 Predicted Log Run**  
**1200 – 1330 Lunch at the Anchorage**  
**1330 – 1430 Boat Hopping at Dock**  
**1400 – 1430 Captain's meeting**  
**1430 – 1530 Transfer to Lake Charles**  
**1545 – 1700 Fleet Review by D/C Tom Derden in lake near Civic Center (Uniform E)**  
**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.**

**If you need extra registration forms contact :**  
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