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Commanders Corner

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be a Celebration of our 50th year as a United States Power Squadron. We will utilize the screened in lower portion of the Anchorage. So come on out!

District 21 Fall Conference

This will be a great opportunity to meet with old friends and meet new ones. Also if you haven't been to a District Conference here's your chance to experience one before we host our District 21 Spring Conference. The D/21 Fall Conference will be held on October 17th thru October 20th in Lafayette. There is no cost to USPS members for any of the meetings or any of the exhibits. The theme is to be "Festival of The Islands". If time does not allow you to spend the entire four days at the meeting you can drive over and attend the meeting or if you choose stay at the hotel. Rooms are reasonably priced and still available. Driving time is about one hour and twenty minutes. Check the D/21 web site under "Upcoming Activities" for a complete schedule of times and places of each event.

CO-OP Charting

D/21CO-OP held in Corsicana, Texas on August 23rd -25th had a good turn out from the D/21 Squadrons. D/Lt. John Morawski did an outstanding job with the marks. He has a program that takes the Lat/Long of the Bench Mark and merges it onto a topic map. With this added

information you can have a better idea in what general area the mark was set. Not a guarantee you will locate the Mark, but it does even the odds. This was the first time we hunted for marks and did not locate one. Still it was great to drive in the countryside and down dirt farming roads. We were looking for a mark that referenced a farm home that was no longer there. While stepping off so many feet from a gate to a utility pole an area farmer and his wife stopped to see if we needed any help. You have to remember, we were well off the beaten path and don't forget the Louisiana license plates on our truck. We tried to explain just what we were trying to accomplish with little success. After speaking with the couple he told us he thought the old farmhouse was about where the description had described its location. As the couple was about to leave the gentleman asked us if we would be interested in purchasing their farmhouse, land, equipment, and livestock. We declined the offer. Not only does the USPS provide a public service by locating and reporting the condition of the found mark to NOAA for updating their database, but you have an opportunity to see parts of the country you would never see.

Reminder - Lake Charles Power Squadron will be hosting D/21 CO-OP Charting event November 1st - 3rd. Please make plans to help welcome our out of town guests. Lt Chris Nelsen has made all the necessary arrangements to have a successful District event. Hotel will be the Hampton Inn Sulphur. The Hospitality room will be opened from 1500 until 2300 hrs. Saturday night we will have a group Dinner at Cajun Charlie's starting at 1900 hrs. We will need for our Membership to provide snack foods for our out of town guests. If you can support in any way please contact Chris or myself.

Cdr. John Loukas, AP

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General Meeting

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The Wine and Cheese party has been postponed until Wednesday, October 9, 2002 due to the Hurricane.

The Petticoat Committee of Lake Charles Power Squadron will sponsor a Wine and Cheese Party at the General Meeting, on Oct. 2, 2002. Wine, Cheese and other goodies will be served. Festivities begin at 1800. There will be no program and unless important business needs to be presented, there will be no business meeting. Come on out and join the fun! See you there.

Mark your Calendar

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|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------|
| October | 2 | Wine and cheese party | Anchorage |
| | 17-19 | D/21 Fall Conference | Acadiana |
| | 26 | Poker Run | Anchorage |
| | 30 | Executive Meeting | Anchorage |
| November | 1-3 | Co-Op Charting Event | Anchorage |
| | 6 | General Meeting | Anchorage |
| | | Executive Board | |
| | 27 | Meeting | Anchorage |

DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

May 22, 2002

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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

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| 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

EDUCATION REPORT

The Fall Boating class closed in September with four students completing the course. A BIG THANK YOU to P/C Armin Brahm for helping with registration; Lt/C Ned Dautriel for preparing the room; Cdr John Loukas's talk to students promoting USPS and history of both USPS and LCPS; all instructors: P/C Stan Chapman, Lt Keith Monroe, P/C Ray Lebert, P/C Ralph Johnson, Lt Sheron Faulk Swoope, P/C Armin Brahm and Lt/C Ned Dautriel. At end of class P/Lt/C Charles Dessommes met with students to discuss membership and presented applications.

On Tuesday nights at the Anchorage, P/C Alice Pippin is instructing the Instructor Development (ID) Course formerly called Instructor Qualification. This course is well worth your time to complete. A few topics covered are Preparation, Communication, and Presentation Methods. Learning skills can be used in everyday dealings with people.

Seamanship will be offered shortly. Instructor Ben Garber, Sr, SN will set a date for the course.

Two members will take the Weather exam in October. Weather Manuals have arrived for those wishing to take the new exciting Weather Course; a date will soon be announced.

NOTICE to Celestial Navigation Students. The USPS Educational Department has the following two announcements regarding Nautical Almanac data:

1. There is at least one version of the Nautical Almanac on the internet. There Offshore Navigation Committee has looked at it and found that its data varies slightly from that found in the commercially printed Nautical Almanac sold by retailers and USPS Headquarters. Squadrons are cautioned not to use almanac data from the web without verifying that it is the same as the printed Nautical Almanac data. Sight folders will be graded using the data from the printed version, and discrepancies will be considered errors.
2. The 2002 Nautical Almanac will not cover a 14 month period as it has in the past. Data for November and December for the year preceding the date of the Almanac will stop after the 2002 edition. The 2003 edition will only cover the 12 month calendar year (January-December 2003). USPS HQ will have the 2002 Almanac available until the end of the year.

Remember to attend the Fall Conference in Lafayette 17-19 October 2002. Ned and I will see you there.

Safe Boating!

Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

Everyday Phrases and their Nautical Origins

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

Between the Devil and the Deep

The **devil** was the longest seam of the ship, thought to be the first plank on the outer hull of a wooden vessel from stem to stern. When at sea and the devil had to be caulked, the sailor hung from a rope to do so. He was suspended between the devil and the sea — a very precarious position, especially when the ship was underway.

Bitter End

The end of the anchor line secured to a sturdy post on the deck called a bitt. The line was paid out in order to set the anchor. However, if the water was deeper than anticipated the rope would pay out to the bitter end . . . oops.

Bluejacket

The first uniform that was ever officially sanctioned for sailors in the Royal Navy was a short blue jacket open in the front. It is now used as a generic name for a Navy enlisted person.

Black Book

From the 1300's - a collection of maritime laws and conduct that became known as the Black Book of the Admiralty. The punishments for offenses was harsh, to say the least. Drowning, starvation, and marooning were punishments for serious offenses such as repeatedly sleeping on watch. As used today, if you're listed in someone's black book, you have offended them in some way. Luckily for you, physical punishments no longer apply.

Blind Eye

In 1801, during the Battle of Copenhagen, Admiral Nelson deliberately held his telescope to his blind eye, in order not to see the flag signal from the commander to stop the bombardment. He won. Turning a blind eye means to ignore intentionally.

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.

Roster changes

Following is a list of Roster changes as of September 2002. Please update your Squadron Roster.

New Members:

Bruce E. Hammett
PO Box 1502
DeRidder, LA 70634 H:337-463-6938

Doug J. Williams
24419 Zaunbrecher Rd.
Kinder, LA 70648 H:337-582-3414

Charles Lemoine
(Husband of Ellie Sherwood Lemoine)
163 West Oak Lane
Lake Charles, LA 70605

Please welcome our newest members. Call them up and invite them to our next meeting.

The following members did not renew their membership and should be deleted on your Roster are:

Churchmann, James
Foreman, Robert
Hemphill, Greg
Landrenau, Wilson
McLemore, Charles
Miller, Peggy
Rodenberry, Howard
Thibodeaux, Lee
Touchet, Alvin
Ware, Charles
Wright, Kenneth
Yancy, Eldon

USPS Ensign Magazine Recognizes Cdr. John Loukas

On page 30 of the September issue of our Ensign magazine, there's a Cooperative Charting article titled "National honor roll standings disclosed". Several months ago you read in our Anchorline the names of all of our Squadron members who made the Honor Roll last year. This article takes it one step further. Our own Commander, John Loukas, was one of the top 75 individual performers, and he will receive an honor roll certificate and an honor roll patch for this achievement. Check out the article, Cdr. Loukas ranked 57 out of 629 USPS members who participated. If you're thinking it took a lot of work on John's part to achieve this recognition, I'm guessing he would disagree with you. I bet he would say something like he enjoyed every minute of the searching, was able to spend a lot of time with his family participating in the Cooperative Charting activities, and wished he had more time to enjoy the search trips with his family. Congratulations Commander Loukas on a job well done!!

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen
Cooperative Charting Committee Chairman

Merit mark time

It's time again to start thinking about the things we did for the squadron during the past year. Describe in a short paragraph what you did this year or what you will have completed by Dec 31 st of this year. Include for instance any conference or district meeting attended, presented reports, voting member and or provided efforts of whatever relates to your job and any task you performed in your job capacity. This needs to be sent to him by the End of October. You can mail or email you report to our MM chairperson, Bill Stracener.

Bill Stracener
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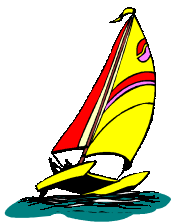
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT D21 FALL CONFERENCE

At the Fall Conference, two rooms in the Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel will be given away for a one-night stay on the evening of the D21 Christmas Boat Parade Activity (14 Dec 2002).

Get your reservations for the event to D/Lt Robert Donley (281)337-0685 or D/Lt/C Karen Coady (281)924-2498 prior to the drawing which will be held during the conference.

Conference registration can be found on the following Web address.

www.usps.org/localusps/d21/events/2002fallconference.htm



Sailing

Some say sailing is an art. Some say it is luck. Some say, "Forget the whole thing and buy a motor boat". I say, give it a Try!

To prove my point, one fine Sunday afternoon in August, my friend invited 2 friends for a leisurely sail on Prien Lake. The Harbormaster over at Cromwell's Marina was kind enough to let my friend and his first mate use his private launch to put the boat in the water. The object of interest was a Catamaran sailboat called a "Hobie Cat". If a person can rig it right, and after a fashion they did, the Hobie cat is capable of reaching speeds of 20 MPH, over water yet! Once the cat was launched, the Harbormaster decided to sit the first ride out. (Me thinks he knew something). The captain, (and some people use the term loosely,) and the newly appointed 1st mate then proceeded in paddling the boat because the trees were blocking the wind at

Cromwell's marina. As we on land watched the crew reach the area on the lake where the wind was active we noticed the cat sort of scoot! One trip across the lake and the crew decided it was time to retrieve the Harbormaster for his ride. The Harbormaster actually thought it looked like fun so as to save face he, shall we say, mounted the cat. Now the paddling resumed again and upon reaching the middle of the lake the wind sort of "picked up". Now this 14ft piece of plastic with only a trampoline in which to sit on with about 200 sq ft. of sail started to "take off". With after burners on, the captain told the crew in the event of capsizing be sure to fall free of the rigging. The Harbormaster then says to the 1st mate, "What does he mean by capsizing?" Another 5 minutes and the 20 MPH aforementioned speed suddenly turned to surely 90 MPH and the 'Rub-a-Dub-Dub three-men-in-a-tub were a flying. All of a sudden a rogue wave (so the captain says) appeared and sort of sent the whole mess cart wheeling across the lake and dumping the boat-men, shoes, shirts, beer, boat and all. As far as precautions of not falling in the rigging were concerned, the sailors were at this point only interested in saving their Asses. Pulling themselves free of the rigging and suddenly deciding it was time to don lifejackets. The crew notices help in the form of a motorboat was on it's way. As the rescuers approached and asked what to do, the first mate promptly told him to retrieve the ice chest with beer that was rapidly drifting downstream. To make a long story short I would like to defend the captain who has been the target of many wild and untrue accusations. According to the interviews and court martial evidence it appears that the captain is above approach and a great sailor. Not to mention intelligent, handsome and nice. The crew, on the other hand, was untrained, untalented, lazy, inexperienced and just plain, not nice! The captain is now of the notion that some more of his friends might enjoy a sail on Prien lake so be watching your mail boxes for your invitation to join him and crew for a fun filled afternoon a sailing. For your information my name is Molly. I am the captain's dog and I saw the whole thing from shore and that's my story and I'm sticking to it.



As transcribed by Herman Manuel

Cooperative Charting Program

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen



Holiday Travel and our Upcoming Event

What do the following have in common? The bottom of the torch handle held in the right hand of the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island. The top of the Space Needle in Seattle Washington. The top of the capitol dome in Boise, Idaho. The water tower and smoke stack on historical Ellis Island, New York. The north spire of the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and the list could go on and on.

Each and every one of them has a Permanent Identifier (PID) and is part of the nation wide system of survey markers maintained by NOAA, which is part of our Cooperative Charting program. I was recently on Manhattan Island, New York for several days, found numerous markers that had not been witnessed in a half century, and got to see the sites at the same time. With the upcoming holiday travels of visiting family and friends across the United States, you may want to consider looking up some of these marks as well. If I can be of any help getting you the data sheets to begin your search, don't hesitate to let me know. I would enjoy doing it for you. It's a chance to help the Squadron and enjoy the area you're traveling to.

Saturday, November 2, is the big day for our Squadron hosting the final Cooperative charting event of the year for District 21. It's a geodetic event, which keeps us land-based. The day begins in the morning at the Hampton Inn in Sulphur, then we're off and about all over southwest Louisiana, and wraps up with dinner at Cajun Charlie's in Sulphur. John Morawski brings the packages of data sheets along with a detailed map of where to search for the markers, which really makes it easy, convenient, and fun. We're into the final half of the Cooperative Charting year for the USPS/NOAA program and our Squadron is doing very well. Let's have a great turnout and push us over the top for the 2002/2003 year!!! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me.

Hope to see you there.

District 21
“GEODETIC” 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

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

SATURDAY, Nov 2

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| BOARDROOM | 0700 – 0800 |
| (Join us with your breakfast) | |
| GEODETIC 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

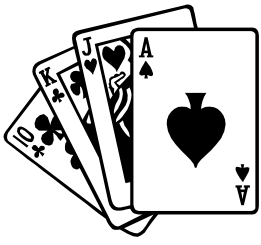
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This Geodetic Event will cover Southwest Louisiana, including roads long the coastline, along marshlands, driving through old Cajun towns, along rice fields, and you may even end up in our forested rolling hills. Throw in the after-hour activities 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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OCT 26,2002
POKER RUN



Welcome to the Lake Charles Power Squadron October Poker Run.

This event will help raise funds for our general fund with all proceeds split 60/40 with 60% going to winning hand of the event. Each hand played will require a \$25.00 donation.

Registration will start at noon at the dock of the Anchorage at these coordinates.
N 30° 11.80' and W 093° 16.11'

At this time you will be given a set of GPS coordinates for 7 places in the Lake Charles area. The length of this run will be approximately 20 – 25 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. More than one hand may be played on each boat. At each stop on the run you will be picking up a small round tag to be returned to the start. The official end time for the run will be 1630 hours, so don't be late. All persons playing a hand must make all stops on route to be eligible to play. If you do not have a boat please contact me, Ron Gremillion at 527-5570, 540-6667 or email me at gremmsg@communicomm.com and I will try to find you a ride for the event. Remember, family, friends, guests, and potential new members are all welcome to play.

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. In the event of a tie the pot will be split. Rules for ranking poker hands will be posted for this event, no wild cards, and the best 5 of 7 cards for each hand will be played.

At approximately 1700 gumbo will be served. You'll need to provide your own drinks and refreshments.

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday Oct. 23,2002 to Chris Nelsen (463-0141 or chrisn@worldnetla.net) to help in food and run preparation estimates.

Thanks, Ron Gremillion



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