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## **Commanders Corner**

### **General Meeting**

At our last meeting we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a USPS Squadron. Thanks to the Petticoats for decorating and setting up the Anchorage for the Wine and Cheese party. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

At our next General Meeting Lt/C Ned and Lt/C Sheryl Dautriol will be serving fried fish for our meal. An Operations Training meeting will also be conducted at the General Meeting.

The December Meeting will be a Holiday Party. Lt. Harvey Kuttner and Margaret have graciously opened their home to the Squadron Membership for this event.

This year we are to take donations for the local Women's Shelter. Another worthwhile program we as USPS Members are involved with.

### **CO-OP Charting**

The Lake Charles Power Squadron hosted the D/21CO-OP Charting event. We had a good turn out from our own Squadron and from the other D/21 Squadrons.

D/Lt. John Morawski and Lt/ Chris Nelsen did an outstanding job with the marks. The Bench Marks were placed in individual binders. All

the Marks were placed in order so we did not have to sort through the descriptions ourselves. Also we had a map with your specific set of Marks. The Mark location was placed on the map and labeled for easy reference.

The bar has been raised for future District CO-OP Charting events. Thanks again John and Chris!

### **Merit Marks**

As in last months newsletter you should submit your Merit Marks report to:  
P/C William Stracener, P  
P.O. Box 6648  
Lake Charles, LA. 70606

Or

E-Mail to: [bstrace@lightwire.net](mailto:bstrace@lightwire.net)  
Submit with e-mail the following:

Name

USPS member number

Position you hold

Describe in as few words as you can in 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

Cdr. John Loukas, AP

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(Board of Directors)

## General Meeting

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Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6, 2002. Lt/C Ned and Sheryl Dautriel will be several up fried fish and the fixings. Social and meal starts at 1800 and meeting starts at 1900. We will also be having an operations training for those of you who need an update on the operations of the squadron. Come on out and join the fun! See you there.

Don't forget our Christmas party will be held on December 4. There is a flyer in this month's newsletter.

### Mark your Calendar

#### November

1-3	D/21 CO-OP Charting Event	<b>TBA</b>
6	General Meeting	Anchorage
16	Orange Spaghetti Dinner and Play	Orange, TX
27	Executive Committee Meeting	Anchorage

#### December

4	Christmas Party	Home of Harvey and Margaret Kuttner
7	Christmas Boat Parade	Lake Charles
14	D/21 Clear Lake Boat Parade	Civic Center Seawall
18	Executive Committee Meeting	Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel
		Anchorage

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May 22, 2002  
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<http://www.lcpsonline.org>

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH  
Social starts at 1800  
Meeting starts at 1900

### Birthdays

Paul Schuldes	11/2
Kay Johnson	11/3
Karen Finchum	11/4
LH Dousay	11/7
Bobby Gilbert	11/19
Faith Monroe	11/29
Kay Pennison	11/30

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

Lafayette hosted the District 21 Fall Conference in true Cajun style. Gumbo, boudin, two-steppin', and Cajun Jeopardy are just a few things missed if you did not attend. Each year Ned and I enjoy activities from the different squadrons. There were a number of workshops to interest any squadron member. LCPS was recognized for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Certificate awards received from District were the Co-Op Charting Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and for education, the Prince Henry Award. Thanks to Lt Chris Nelsen for work and participation of three incredible teaching aid entries.

Latest information learned from District in Education Department:

1. Its official. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the Louisiana Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries (LWF) and the US Power Squadrons (USPS). Another MOU has been signed between USPS and the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW). They all agree to work in mutual cooperation in teaching boater education courses. Credit is given to P/D/XO/C **Ken Wilkinson** for his work in finalizing the Louisiana MOU.
2. Computers and Power Point = teaching wave of the future. Most of courses are now set up this way, so instructors beware. LCPS will soon have another meeting at Anchorage to go over LCD and computer set up for use in your class room presentations. Written tips for power point usage were furnished at conference and copies will be available for distribution. Don't miss this meeting!
3. **Chart Smart** is recommended after **Boat Smart** classes for those wishing further

knowledge of charting. And guess what – it is on power point!

4. Chapter 16 on Personal Watercraft (PWC) was added to the **Boating Course** and is NASBLA approved.

5. New **Engine Maintenance** Course Modules: EM101, Basic and EM102, Advanced. A new learning guide is being developed for Outboard Engines.

6. LCPS has in stock the new **America's Boating Course** (ABC) on CD-ROM with manual included for \$34.00. This allows the student to learn at home when class attendance is not convenient.

7. Early drafts of **Piloting** 101 and 102 are in review – power point presentation under development.

8. New **Weather** 101 and 102 utilizes the USA Today the Weather Book as a textbook and continues to be favorable. Graphics are awesome and on power point. The old Weather 90 exam will remain available until 31 December 2003.

9. Note to instructors – **Jet Smart** is NASBLA approved when taught in conjunction with a NASBLA approved Boating Course, but not approved as a stand-alone course.

10. The new 2002 Intro to Sail Learning Guide and Sail 101 and 102 modules are compatible with **Sail** manuals.

11. Three planned **Marine Electronics** modules are: ME 101, Boat Electrical Systems; ME102, Radio Communications; ME103, Electronics for Navigation. A completely new **GPS** learning guide is on review.

All new material about boating and boating safety. Members are asked to furnish the education department with their course preference.

### **Class Schedules:**

15 Aug 2002-26Sept2002	Boating Course (Closed)
20 August 2002	Instructor Development (In Process)
29 October 2002	Seamanship (In Process)
04 November 2002	Weather (Active)
13 November 2002	LCD/computer meeting for instructors
Before 15 November 2002	Operation Training (To be announced)
05 December 2002	The most requested course – So call me & sign up!!!

Safe Boating!  
Sheryl Dautriel

# MARDI GRAS MADNESS BOUND

MARDI GRAS MADNESS is in the air,  
Just look around you it's everywhere.  
Lake Charles is the place to be  
For this magnificent jamboree.

Since you weren't here for the actual date,  
We've made arrangements to celebrate  
By turning the hands of time around  
Look out! Look out! We're Mardi Gras bound.

Step back in time a month or two,  
Now let see – that should do.  
It'll put us in mid Mardi Gras time  
The atmosphere will be sublime

## 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.



## Memorial

Martha Hains mother passed away Monday, November 4. She was 98 years old and had been an invalid for many years. Her Funeral or memorial service will be held in Baton Rouge and burial in Coushatta, LA. Please keep Don and Martha in your prayers.

# DISTRICT 21 CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Join in the Fun, Food, And Merriment As We Watch The Christmas Boat Parade of lights on Clear Lake*

**DATE: Saturday, 14 December 2002**

**FUN TIME: 1704 (5:04 PM)**

**LOCATION: Nassau Bay Hilton (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), Clear Lake Texas**  
3000 Nasa Rd 1, Houston, TX 77058

D/21 has reserved Suites at the Nassau Bay Hilton located across the lake from South Shore Harbor, where the annual Christmas Boat Parade begins. Join us to watch the parade in comfort and warmth while visiting with young and old friends. This evening will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit! If you thought it could not get any better than a beautiful view of Clear Lake and the Christmas parade we will have a full bar and some finger type foods for your indulgence. **AS ALWAYS AT A SQUADRON AND DISTRICT EVENTS, YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE OR FINGER FOOD.** (Due to an over abundance in previous years, we ask NOT to bring any veggie tray.)

**COST: \$15.00** per person for this evening, a bargain at any price.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** The hotel has set a block of rooms aside for District 21 members who would like to spend the night. The rates will be \$119.00/night, plus tax. For reservations call 281-333-9300 or 1-800-634-4320. These rooms cannot be held past November 29,2002, so **ACT NOW** if you want a room.

*Please fill out the form below and mail to:*

**D/LT Robert Donley, AP**  
**620 Nottingham Lane**  
**Dickinson, TX. 77539**  
**281-337-0685**

Name (please print)\_\_\_\_\_

Squadron\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
**ROBERT DONLEY**

## October 26<sup>th</sup> Poker Run....An Incredible Success !!!

We said it was going down, "Rain or Shine". Plans were set, food was purchased, and we were ready. Saturday morning I heard Paul Morales revise his weather forecast for the day...he was now saying "there's a 100% chance of rain today". Well thank you Paul for waking up and looking out your window!!

I figured, what's the worst that could happen? The gumbo had been cooking since Friday evening, we'd show up to register at noon, see a poor turn out, cancel the actual boating event, but still play the poker hands, eat gumbo for lunch instead of dinner and somebody would walk away with maybe \$100! And even though I spent a vacation day on Friday washing our boat in the rain, it needed it any way, because our boat is suppose to be white, not green.

Here's what actually happened. We started setting up the course in the rain at 9:20 am. Ten minutes later it stopped raining, and we stayed dry for the next hour setting up the course. We show up at the Anchorage a little after 11:00 am and over the next hour and a half, we have six boats tied up to the dock and 29 people have registered. The Anchorage is festively decorated, you could smell the gumbo as you drove down the road, there's an entire table of food that folks are jumping on, and folks are ready for a fun day.

The captain's meeting goes off at 12:30 and we all begin moving to our boats with a light rain. Less than 30 minutes later, the rain stops again, and basically stays dry for the rest of the afternoon. Diane Wilkenson makes her appearance as our dealer, and the games begin. Vicki Loukas jumps out with an early lead and a potentially winning hand on the first round of play. A seven high straight and she's playing it very coolly. In the end though, one of the guests invited by Ron and Songa takes the \$435 pot and he is excited. He quickly runs to his car to hide his winnings. He must know us pretty well.

Everybody enjoyed the gumbo, food, atmosphere, and camaraderie. It was good

seeing Billy Gilbert there, who was our "official gumbo stirrer" for the day!

It took a bunch of folks to pull this together, and our bridge did most of the work, and their efforts paid off. Special thanks also to Charles Larken who brought his boat down from DeRidder several weeks ago so we could identify a new Poker Run course, and to Earl Delcambre, who's boat we used to both set up the course and take it back down Saturday evening.

I sure enjoyed the day, and look forward to future poker runs in 2003!

Lt. Chris H. Nelsen

Check out the pictures on the next page.



## BOATING ACTIVITIES

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Orange Power Squadron has invited all members of LCPS to attend there Spaghetti Dinner and attend a play on 16 Nov 02.

Dinner at Billie Becker's "Ye Old Boat House" 1700 16 Nov 02 Saturday. Cost \$8 each.

The play is "A Bundle of Trouble" a "G" rated comedy on today's issues related to marriage and family. It will be at the Orange Playhouse (short walk) at 1900. Cost \$14 each

We can come by boat or car or seaplane.

Call Billie Becker at 409-886-1651 with RSVP

**October 26<sup>th</sup> Poker Run...An  
Incredible Success !!!**



Billy Gilbert and Kitty Walker



Kitty Walker



Lt/C Songa Gremillion



Cdr John Loukas with Luke  
And future members



P/C Ralph Johnson  
Dressed for the weather



Chris Nelsen talking to future members



2002  
**Christmas Lighted  
Boat Parade**  
**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Believe it or not, the Christmas Holidays are just around the corner, and with it brings one of my favorite boating activities of the year. The folks from the Southwest Louisiana Arts and Humanities Council are once again hosting the event on the evening of Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Kelly O'Blanc is working on the details and will be coordinating this year's event. She's working on getting a flyer in this month's Anchorline, so look for it in case she was successful.

For our family, it became an annual tradition a long time ago. With family, friends, and relatives, coupled with snacks, dinner, refreshments, and Christmas music while watching the sun set, it makes for the perfect way to bring in the Christmas holidays. When you see how much the children and adults enjoy watching the parade from the Civic Center seawall, it just makes the event that much more enjoyable for us.

I still remember the parade where I dressed up as Santa Claus, like it was yesterday. A young boy at the seawall was yelling "Santa Claus, Santa Claus" until he knew he had my attention. He then shouted out "Santa, I've moved this year and we're in a new home". One of many great memories and they've all been very enjoyable evenings.

Hope to see you out there and I really mean I hope to see you out there. For the second time in three years, the generator on our boat isn't working, and it's hard to light up 5,000 Christmas lights with an extension cord from the dock. So I'm going to go to work this week and next week and see if I can get lucky !!

Chris Nelsen  
**Anchor Line**

**November 2002**

## Co-Op Charting Swamp Style

Chris Nelsen sent by email some directions on markers that were in our area. As a team Ned and I work pretty well on most projects. Here is an account of our first Co-Op Charting together.

The first three markers were within a short range of our domain - less than ten miles - and the B4172 was diagonal and right across of our house on LA384 (Big Lake Road). Location is a beautiful island surrounded by water and swamp. In October on a Sunday evening just before dark we headed out eager to explore and to accomplish the assigned task. First stop was the closest marker right across from our house. Ned was helpful (and being the gentleman that he is) by placing a ladder and board across the ditch; however, I claim that the board he supplied was too short, and you guessed it... kaplunk!! Into the marsh I landed with paperwork held high above my head. "African Queen" came to mind - all I could think about was "Are there leeches in the swamp?" My hero to the rescue. All I remember was his comment about the water in his new rubber boots (which were too big for me anyway). Witness post and marker were found. A quick trip back to the house for cleanup and off again to find more markers before dark.

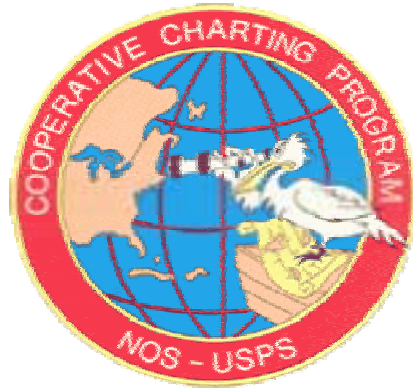
Two things learned...Plan your trip with plenty of daylight and go in "full battle style".

Binoculars were not needed this time. A machete is on my list.

Take care ...It's a jungle (swamp) out there.

Sheryl

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## Cooperative Charting

This evening I received the mid-year DSI report from our District 21 Cooperative Charting Chairman, **John Morawski**. DSI stands for District, Squadron, and Individual, and this is a report that reflects the approximate mid-year status of each one of the above categories. Unfortunately, the mid-year report is always an approximate because sometimes data entry from August and September doesn't make its way into the report. That said, we still have a lot of good news to share!!

**Ralph Johnson and Kay Johnson have each made Honor Roll status** for 2002/2003 and presently rank 128 and 127 respectfully out of 165 USPS members that have participated year to date.

The Lake Charles Squadron presently ranks #22 out of 43 Squadrons that have participated in this program.

If you look just our District, it's more good news. Our District currently stands at #2 out of 23 Districts. Within District 21, we're ahead of four Squadrons, and behind 5 other Squadrons.

So we're off to a good start at the mid-year point. Since the program year begins on April 1 and concludes on March 31<sup>st</sup>, there's still plenty of time to enjoy the outdoors and participate in the program. Following our hosting of the November 2 District Geodetic Cooperative Charting event, we'll have a bunch of three ring binders with 20 data sheets along with a detailed map of where each marker is located. These will be kept at the Anchorage and they're available for your use. The nice thing about all of these binders, is that they're all within a short driving distance of the Lake Charles area.

Recent participants in the program include **Tom Cameron, Alice Pippin, Buford Pippin, Ben Garber Jr., Bob Ward, Sheryl Dautriel, Ned Dautriel, Charles Dessommes, Bruce Hammett, Vicki Loukas, John Loukas, and Don Hains**. We appreciate your help and involvement.

If you're interested in obtaining a search binder, or getting data sheets around some place you'll be visiting over the holidays, don't hesitate to let me know and we'll fix you up.

Thanks again,

Chris H. Nelsen  
Cooperative Charting Committee Chairman



*Our Annual Christmas Dinner Social will be on  
Wednesday, December 5, 2001  
at 1800*

*At the home of Margaret and Harvey Kuttner*

*Place: 608 Orchard Drive*

*Dress: Casual*

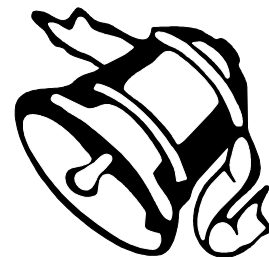
*Heavy Hors d' oeuvres will be served.*

*Call 478-2165 to RSVP by December 1*

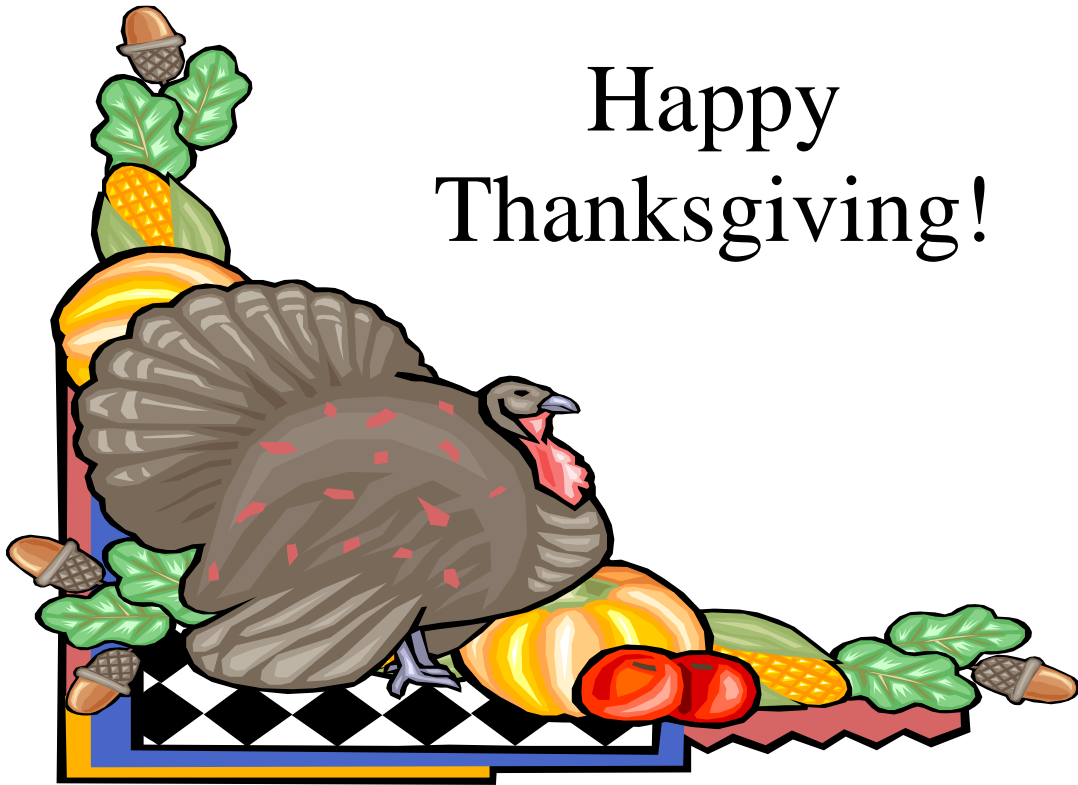
*LCPS Christmas Charity this year will  
be the **Calcasieu Women's Shelter**.*

*Members are asked to make cash  
donations at the party.*

*A Board member  
from the Woman's Shelter will be present  
to accept our monetary gift.*



# Happy Thanksgiving!



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