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Commanders Corner

General Meeting

Thanks to Lt/C Ned and Lt/C Sheryl Dautriel for serving fried and smoked fish with all the trimmings for our meal at our last General Meeting.

We also conducted an Operations Training course. Thanks to D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, Lt/C Ron Gremillion, Lt/C Songa Gremillion for their part in instructing (proctoring) the class. Certificates will be issued to all that attended the meeting.

Reminder

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. Please RSVP to Margaret Kuttner by December 1st so they may have an accurate head count to prepare for the party.

This year we are to take donations for the local Women's Shelter. We will have a representative from the Board as our guest. Another worthwhile program we as USPS Members are involved with.

November Boating Activity

We had a group meet at Herbert's Landing for our November boating activity. Two families made the trip by boat Lt/C Ron and Lt/C Songa Gremillion on the M/V Lu-e-Lueze and Lt. Harvey Kuttner and Margaret on their new boat the M/V Manzanita. We had three families attend by land, P/C Ralph Johnson and Kay, Lt/C Ned and Lt/C Sheryl Dautriel and my family. It was an enjoyable evening, the food was delicious and the camaraderie was superb.

Fishing story... Several Members who traveled by boat told me that the next day they caught loads of fish including enough fish to cook on board. Well I will not be the one who will doubt this story. I guess we should have been there with them. I know Vicki regrets missing the boat.

Merit Marks

Last chance to 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

Submit the following:

Name

USPS member number

Position you hold if applicable

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 31st 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 Bridge, please include this information in the report.

Remember this is the only paycheck we receive for services and duties we provide to the Squadron.

Special Thanks

I want to personally thank to P/C Bill Stracener for handling the task of filing the Merit Mark report to the Area Monitor. He completed this with no rejections of the reports filed. Congratulations on a job well done. Thanks again!

Cdr. John Loukas, AP

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Board of Directors)

General Meeting

Don't forget our Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 4th. RSVP by December 1st. There is an updated flyer in this month's newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar

December

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

January

1-5	USPS Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL.
1	Chilly Chili Raft-up	Lake Charles
8	General Meeting	Anchorage
17-18	Incoming Commanders Meeting	Lake Charles
29	Executive Committee Meeting	Anchorage

Commander	Cdr John Loukas, AP Kellison Rd. (337) 625-2056
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<u>EDUCATIONAL OFFICER</u>	Lt/C Sheryl Dautriel, AP (337) 598-2966
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</u>	Lt/C Songa Gremillion, P (337) 527-5570
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Lt/C Ned Dautriel, AP (337) 598-2966
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DEADLINE FOR PUBLICATION

December 19, 2002

E-MAIL ITEMS TO

Chris and Annette McCain

mccain.c@cox-internet.com

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

John Stubblefield	12/3
Dolla Farmer	12/4
Trisha Garber	12/4
Pat Briggs	12/6
Annette McCain	12/17
Thomas Price	12/17
William Stracener	12/20
Elaine Cameron	12/23
Earl Moore	12/28
Verlise Reed	12/29

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

Lake Charles Power Squadron has been active in safe boating education throughout the year. As the end of 2002 approaches, Ned and I would like to sincerely thank all of you who have helped by instructing or aiding in some way. A successful education department consists of your involvement and teamwork. Thank you again.

Weather exams were given in November to two members and we are awaiting results. Instructor Development exams were also given in November by P/C Alice Pippin to her students and results are to arrive soon. Ben Garber, Sr. reports that Seamanship Course is on hold.

Put your order in now for the 2003 Nautical Almanacs for those needing to complete Junior Navigation and Navigation site folders. The 2003 edition will only cover the 12-month calendar year (January-December 2003). The educational warehouse will reopen in early December 2002, so contact me for the course of your preference or any supplies.

Boat Smart is scheduled at McNeese University on 15 February 2003 and 24 May 2003. Your cooperation will be needed and greatly appreciated. Remember to save those dates!

One last reminder: Do a good deed without recognition and please remember what Christmas is really about.

Have a Merry Christmas and Safe Boating!
Sheryl Dautriel
Squadron Education Officer

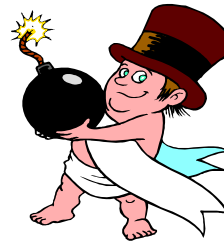
51st YEAR CRITICAL TO LCPS

LCPS HAS A CRITICAL PROBLEM IN OUR 51ST YEAR OF OPERATION. THERE ARE NO VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS EDUCATION OFFICER OR ASSISTANT EDUCATION OFFICER.

WITHOUT A VIABLE EDUCATION PROGRAM WE ARE FACING A SERIOUS CONDITION TO CONTINUE OUR EXCELLENT OPERATION. WE SHOULD NOT LET OUR PREDECESSORS DOWN.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE CALL!!

D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson
Chair, LCPS Nominating Committee
kdwilkinson@att.net
337-478-6886



NEW YEARS DAY CHILLY CHILI RAFTUP

Get ready for the NEW YEAR! Join all your friends "out on the lake" to bring 2003 in "in style." Each boat is asked to prepare a pot of chili (hopefully we will have chilly chili weather). Get your crew together and do your cooking on land before departure or while aboard your boat. Let's come up with some unusual recipes – let your imagination soar. Share your recipe with others, see if they can guess that secret ingredient in your concoction and above all "let's pass a good time!" See you on the lake!

DATE: Wednesday, January 1, 2003

PLACE: Lake Charles

TIME: 1400 (2 p.m. approximately)

First to drop anchor sets the site of raftup, probably around our usual location.



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

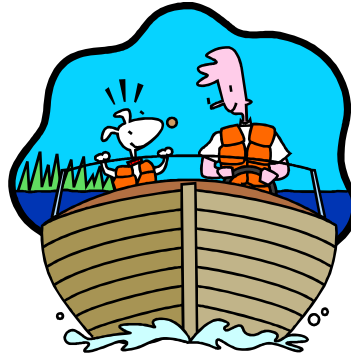
Put your clothes in a paper sack,
Load up in your car and don't look back.
Head to Lake Charles for lots of fun,
On Thursday night it's just begun!

We'll start up the river at the "MotherShip,"
Laissez bon temp roulee – don't give a flip.
What a place to start this "getaway,"
There'll be so much fun, you'll be tempted to
stay.

Friday evening's fare is *dem* big crawfish,
We guarantee you that they'll be "delish!"
A Mardi Gras mask contest is slated, too,
Put creativity to work – see what you can do.

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.



Youth Needed

The Youth Activities Team is putting together a "Kids of USPS" screensaver. We are looking for pictures of your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews involved in a boating or Power Squadron activity. This will be a great way to show how we involve youth in our boating and squadron events.

Please send digital photos to bisognok@hotmail.com or mail conventional photos to:

P/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, AP
345 Silver Lagoon Drive
Toms River, NJ 08753



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 (12th Floor),
3000 Nasa Rd 1
Clear Lake Texas

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**



Lake Charles Annual Boat Show

The Lake Boat Show will be held on Friday, January 31 through Sunday February 2nd.

We need volunteers to man a Power Squadron booth. If you can make it please contact Sheron Faulk Swoop at Ship to Shore to sign up. We have plenty of time slots call early to pick the best times. Call Sheron at 474-0730 or email at shiptoshore@expedius.net

Roster changes

Please update your Squadron Roster with the following new members.

Terry Robideaux
509 S. Perkins Ferry Road
Lake Charles, LA 70611
(337) 855-6442

Jerry V. & Janie Doucet (Approved Coast Guard Exam)
3565 S. Thomson Road
Iowa, LA
(337) 582-3340

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:

Rick Gilpin



*Our Annual Christmas Party will be on
Wednesday, December 4, 2002
at 1800*

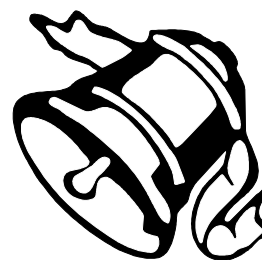
Given by Margaret and Harvey Kuttner

*Place: 608 Orchard Drive
Dress: Casual*

*RSVP by December 1
478-2165*

*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.*



22 Nov 2002

Lt/C Ned Dautriel, AP
Secretary, Lake Charles Power Squadron
9472 Big Lake Rd, Lake Charles LA 70607

In accordance with the Lake Charles Power Squadron By Laws Section 6.8 the Nominating Committee (D/Lt/C Ken Wilkinson, AP; P/C Armin Brahm, P; P/C Chris McCain, P) submits the following list of candidates for the respective 2003 elective offices:

BRIDGE

Commander	Lt/C Ronald W. Gremillion, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Songa Gremillion, AP
Education Officer	?????
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Ned Dautriel, AP
Secretary	Lt Annette McCain, S
Treasury	Chuck Lemoine, S
Assistant Education	?????

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT LARGE

Cdr John Loukas, AP
Lt Harvey Kuttner, AP
Lt Larry Farmer, S
Keith Monroe, AP

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Chair (1 Yr)	P/C Nelson Ray LeBert, AP,
(2 Yr)	Bob Ward, S
(3 Yr)	P/Lt/C Margaret Cromwell, P

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair (1 Yr)	P/C Armin Brahm, P
(2 Yr)	P/C Chris McCain, P
(3 Yr)	Cdr John Loukas, AP

RULES COMMITTEE

Chair (1 Yr)	P/C Don Hains, P
(2 Yr)	Keith Monroe, AP
(3 Yr)	P/C Armin Brahm, P

All positions for which a candidate has not been listed will be filled in accordance with Lake Charles Power Squadron By Laws Sections 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3.

Respectively submitted,

D/Lt/C Kenneth D. Wilkinson, AP
Chair, LCPS Nominating Committee
1305 Charlestown Ln, Lake Charles LA 70605

2002 Light Up The Lake Boat Parade

It's that time of year again and the *Arts and Humanities Council of Southwest Louisiana* is diligently planning the **19th Annual "Light Up the Lake" Celebration.**

You, and your boat, are cordially invited to participate in the Light Up the Lake Boat Parade.

The boat parade and fireworks display will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center Seawall on December 7, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. With your help and cooperation, this year will be the best year ever! It is our goal to plan a safe and enjoyable outing. Commercial entities and motorized sailboats are also welcome! To register, please fill out the enclosed form and **mail to P.O. Box 1437, Lake Charles, LA 70602 or fax to (337) 439-8009 no later than Wednesday, November 21, 2001.** All boats participating should be decorated in a way that best reflects the **Southwest Louisiana holiday season.** We encourage you to bring candy, gum or trinkets to throw to the crowds as you pass the Civic Center Seawall. Entries will be judged on their presentation, decoration, originality and safety. Awards will be presented for "Best of Show" to the 1st through 5th place winners. If you are unable to participate, come anyway and enjoy the festivities. The parade schedule and instructions follow so you may familiarize yourself with the parade procedures.

TIME SCHEDULE

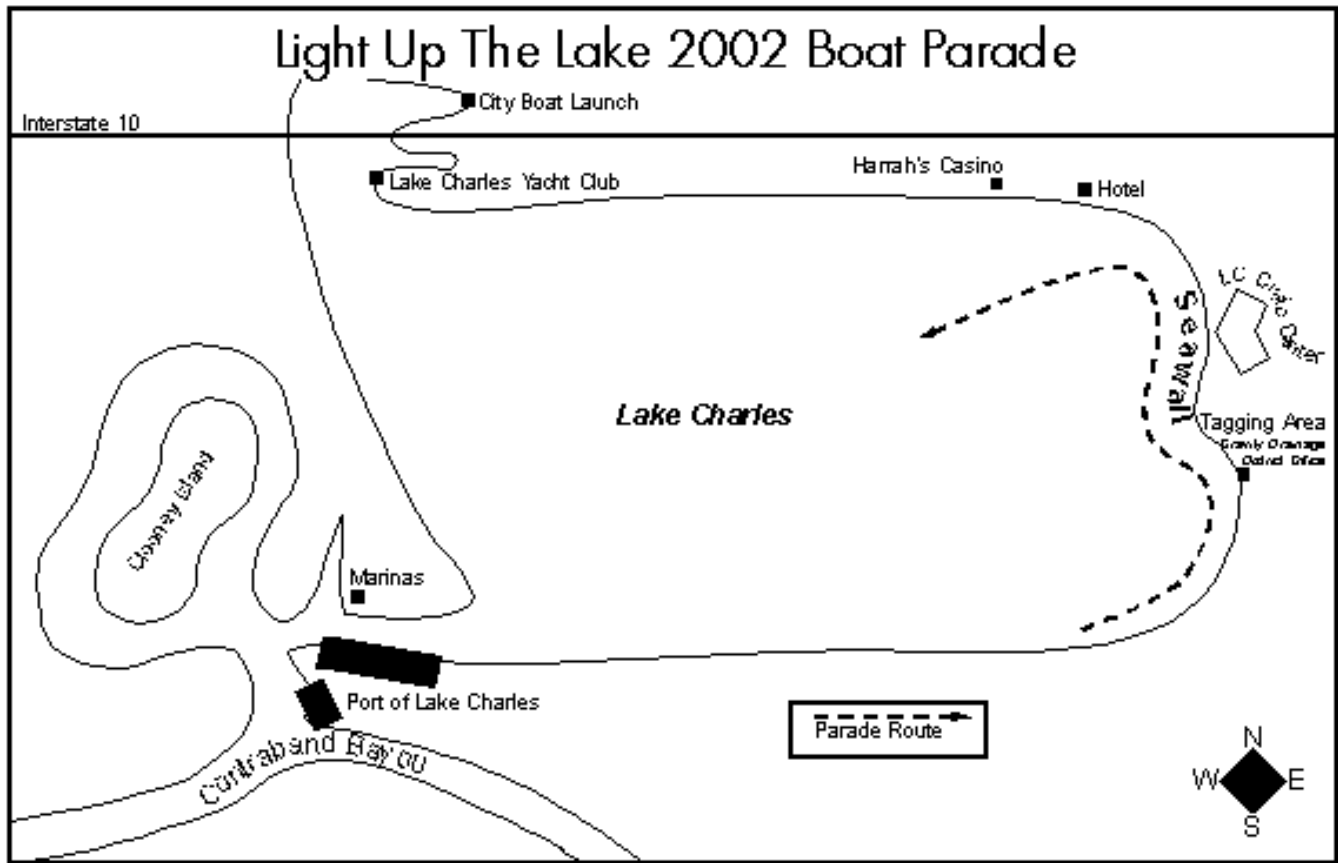
5:00pm - 6:15pm	Tagging and parade position assignments
6:15pm	Parade departs for Civic Center Seawall
6:30pm	First boat passes Civic Center steps (parade officially begins)
7:05pm	Last boat passes Civic Center steps
7:10pm	Boat parade winners announced
7:15pm	Fireworks display begins

PARADE INSTRUCTIONS

Rendezvous and boat tagging will begin at 5 p.m. December 7th. The tagging area will be at the old "Lady Claire" dock at the south end of the Civic Center grounds. We have enclosed a map for your information. Additional registration forms will be available for late registration. As you approach, proceed to the "Lady Claire" docking area. Parade coordinators on land and water will be there by 5 p.m. to assist you. **Monitor VHF Ch-68 for assistance.**

You will be given a number and told what boat to follow at this time. Display your number on the starboard (right) side of your boat as identification to the announcer and judges at the Civic Center. After receiving your position, remain close to the boat you will follow until ready to depart then proceed to the line-up area in the southeast corner of the lake (see map).

Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department Marine Division, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries and the U.S. Coast Guard will be on hand to assist where needed. The parade will move toward the Civic Center at a speed of 5 knots. Once the parade of boats has started to move, follow the boat ahead of you and maintain a distance of no more than 100 feet between boats at all times. Maintain a steady speed. If for any reason you have to pull out of the parade, do so by making a 90-degree turn out of the parade and signal the boat behind you to continue to pass. After passing the Civic Center Seawall steps, the parade will turn out into the lake and continue to the break-up area, out from the judging/announcer stand. It is important to stay in the parade line-up until reaching the break-up point. Scores will be tallied and awards promptly given by calling out boat numbers. Winning boats will be instructed to obtain their awards at the old "Lady Claire" dock tagging area. The seawall steps and adjacent lake area must be clear of boats until the announcer declares the parade finished and awards presented. For more information, contact the Arts & Humanities Council at (337) 439-2787.



Christmas Boat Parade Registration

Light Up The Lake 2002

Boat Name _____ **Owner/Captain** _____

Length _____ **Type of Boat** _____

Street Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone Number _____ **email address** _____

Remarks for Announcer (Optional) _____

Signature

I agree to release and hold the Arts & Humanities Council of SWLA, the SWLA Light Up The Lake Festival, their officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all claims, causes of action, demands, suit liability and cost for property damage, personal injury and any other expenses arising from my participation in the festival on Saturday December 7, 2002. My participation in the parade is voluntary and I hereby assume risk of all injuries of any type, which may arise, from my participation.



Merry Christmas



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