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Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail & Power Squadron

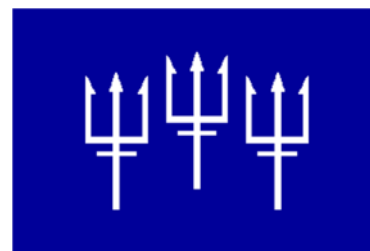
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Cdr William C. Benny, SN

I'm told that it is customary for the incoming commander to describe his/her vision for the upcoming year. So here goes.



I would like to see more member involvement in Squadron activities. Yes, this means you should volunteer. Everyone has some talent that can help to further the Squadron's success. Don't let the same members do the work all the time. This may help the immediate success but long term it stagnates the Squadron. We are at a very critical time in the history of the USPS where no one wants to join organizations because of us being a very busy, noncommittal society. It is easy to sit back and let others do all the work. So I challenge you to get involved, volunteer. You will be surprised how rewarding it can be.

You might ask "what can I do?" It can be simply taking a class or enticing someone else to take a class and mentoring them along the way. Maybe you have taken many cruises on your boat. You are the perfect candidate to teach Cruise Planning. You may have a knack for electronics. You are the perfect candidate to teach Marine Electronics or The Mariner's Compass Seminar. Maybe you have a talent for planning and/or putting on parties. You are the perfect candidate for the Administrative Officer or the D23 Fall Conference Committee. I think you get the picture. Everyone has some talent that can benefit the Squadron. Don't leave it to everyone else. That is a formula for failure.

When you do volunteer to help in any capacity please be sure to let others know when you are unable to complete a task or attend a meeting. This too goes a long way in making an event or the Squadron a success.

As you already know, the USPS is in dire straights. Membership is at an all time low. We need to increase the overall membership base, especially within the Squadron. I therefore challenge each and every member in Ponce deLeon Inlet Sail & Power Squadron to bring in a new member this year. Easier said than done you say. Talk to your neighbors, friends, work colleagues, pick up the phone and call an old fishing buddy. Start by inviting them to a meeting. Ask them to take a course or seminar. Be proactive. Be their mentor!

Our biggest event this year will be hosting the D23 Fall Conference. To make this a resounding success is another of my challenges to you this year. Please offer your assistance to this effort. We NEED someone to Chair this committee. Please consider the rewards of helping the Squadron and volunteer.

Another challenge that I propose is to search deeply within and volunteer to be a Bridge Member next year. The challenge is to replace EVERY current Bridge Member with someone new with fresh ideas. The United States Power Squadron is a volunteer organization. Let's make this the "Year of the Volunteer"!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Yours in safe boating.

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Happy New Year to All!

We put together an entry into both the New Smyrna Beach and Edgewater land Christmas parades for the second year. We used this opportunity to advertize both our Squadron and our upcoming Safe Boating Course to be held 29 January. Each parade route is about 2 miles long and the parades attract a lot of spectators. We hope that some of them will join us for our course.



Bill's boat - note his current Safety Inspection sticker.

Bill Myers lets us decorate his boat and car, but he would not allow us to use spray paint! We thank the following members who pitched in to make this a successful venture: Karen Myers, Joanne Walters, Bob Johnson, (for the Edgewater parade Bob Johnson's great grandson, Camron, was able to join us. He has been to many boating events and was pictured in a recent issue of the EN-SIGN), Norm & Sue Slifkin, Linda Allen, Paul and Elaine Reichert, and Joe and Carol Stiner. Joe and Carol have just moved into our area and will be transferring their membership to our Squadron. Welcome aboard.

See more parade photos on Page 10.



Squadron Education Officer:

P/C Robert D. Johnson, AP

A new year has begun and with it changes within our squadron. I was offered and accepted the nomination for the office of Squadron Education Officer. I thank the nominating committee and the membership for their confidence in me to fill this very important position. I have a huge pair of shoes to fill as my predecessor has been our SEO for the past 5 years and ASEO the 2 years prior to that. I am very fortunate to have a great team to work along side me this coming year. My plans are to follow the footsteps laid before me and hopefully increase our public boating classes. I would like to introduce to you your education team:

- ASEO, Lt. Paul Yeaton, P, Chairman, Local Board Elective Courses
- P/C Chuck Allen, SN, Chairman, Local Board Boating
- P/C Bill Myers, SN, Chairman, Local Board Advance Grades
- Cdr. Will Benny, SN
- Seminars Chair, Lt. Paul Yeaton, P

With this team of experienced people all we need now are students. If anyone has any particular interest in any subject let me know and we'll do everything possible to oblige.

Make your next cruise a safe cruise. Take an advance grade or elective course.

Squadron Officers for 2011

Executive Committee

Commander - Lt/C William C. Benny, SN
 Executive Officer - P/C Paul E. Reichert, AP
 Education Officer - P/C Robert D. Johnson, AP
 Administrative Officer P/C Elaine Reichert, AP
 Secretary - Lt/C Myrna M. Courage, S
 Treasurer - Lt/C Denise Benny

Members at Large P/C Lawrence J. Willwerth, AP
 Lt Lora E Moses
 P/C Don R. Woods, AP
 P/C Bruce T. Jennings, SN
 Lt Joan T. Jennings

Elected Assistants

Assistant Education Officer Lt Paul J. Yeaton, P
 Assistant Secretary 1/Lt Norman Slifkin
 Assistant Treasurer P/C Linda C. Allen, SN

Elected Committees

Nominating Committee

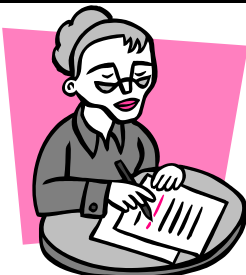
Chairman - one year term Lt Thomas J. Brownson, P
 Two year term Lt Lora Moses
 Three year term Lt Paul Eberle

Rules Committee

Chairman - one year term Lt Martha A. Woods
 Two year term P/C Don R. Woods, AP
 Three year term - Lt Hugh Avant

Auditing Committee

Chairman - one year term Lt Charlotte Behr, P
 Two year term Lt Michael W. Stubbs
 Three year term Lt Roger E Bushnell



We welcome your comments on this edition of the EnLIGHTener and your contributions to the February edition. The deadline for all material is Sunday, 16 January.



**Administrative Officer
P/C Elaine Reichert, AP**



**Ponce Hosting
D/23 Conference
- Fall of 2011**

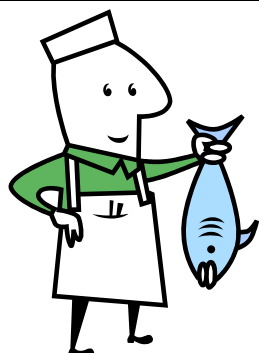


Would you believe that it is time to zero in on the Squadron's commitment to host the fall District 23 conference? We are known for doing an excellent and successful production. We want to keep this reputation. To do this, we need all members to pitch in and to take over the chairmanships and as committee members. What is the saying - "it takes a village..." well, it takes a squadron to put on a conference.

After the new year, we will be having a planning meeting to pick everyone's brains and to get our committees going. We already have dates - Friday, 30 September to Sunday, 2 October 2011 and after checking all possible hotels in Daytona, we found that the only viable option was to go to Deland where we hosted the 50th. We are waiting for a contract from them. They are now a Clarion Hotel. They have put in all new carpets in the banquet rooms and we can have the large room across the hall that we also used before.

**So what do we need? Of course, a committee to get things rolling.
Our first meeting will be 12 January - 1830 at Reichert's. All are welcome - RSVP 424 -0378**

Chairman for these activities: Decorations, Door prizes, Entertainment, Hospitality room, Hosts, Hotel set up, Gifts to participants, Menu, Printing, Raffle/funding, Registration, Reservations, and Ticket collectors



Boating Activity and Fish Fry

The annual fish fry will be held at Bethune Park, beachside on 15 January 2011. Please make a point of attending and savoring the finest tasting fish in our area. Please bring a dish to pass and your own drinks. Plates, plastic and napkins will be provided. Social hour will begin at 1100, with lunch served at 1200. Cost is \$5.00. This is not a calling committee function, so please RSVP to Bill Myers, 426-7799 or Linda Allen, 423-1945 by 11 January.

**January General Meeting and Dinner
(Awards Evening - Uniform: G or Appropriate Attire)**

Time and Place: Boat and Ski Club, North Causeway, 27 January 2011. Social hour will begin at 1800, with dinner at 1900.

Menu: Pasta, salad, bread, dessert and coffee. Other drinks, BYO.

Cost: \$10.00

Reservations: Calling Committee Chair: Linda Allen 423-1945





**December Breakfast
Golden Biscuit**



Come and join the breakfast bunch, 0830 on the following dates and places (No reservations required)

- 5 January 0830 Country Kitchen, Oak Hill**
- 2 February: 0830 Lighthouse Café**
- 2 March: 0830 Mom's Home Cooking**

2011 District and National Events

- 22 Jan: Winter Council Meeting - Daytona Beach
- 31 Jan - 5 Feb: USPS Annual Meeting - Disney Florida - Coronado Springs Resort
- 18-20 March: Spring Council & Conference, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort
- May: Summer Council Meeting & D23 Picnic - Titusville
- 12-17 Sept: Governing Board Meeting - Sheridan Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC
- 30 Sept to 2 Oct: District 23 Fall Council & Conference - Ponce de Leon Squadron hosting
- Nov: King Neptune - Banana River

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District 23 Winter 2011 Council Meeting.

(Banana River, Central Florida, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach, Gainesville,
Harris Chain, Jacksonville, Ocala, Ponce De Leon Inlet, Titusville)

Saturday, 22 January 2011, 0800
ARC Conference Center 100 Jimmy Huger Circle
Daytona Beach, FL 32117

AGENDA

1. Stf/C Bob Flint, AP, will give a report on the number of conferences we should have in D 23 based on the ex officio groups report.
2. Cdr Tim Henke, AP, will report on the proposal to have some of the D 23 treasury in precious metals.
3. The D 23 Rules Committee will report on the proposed amendment to our rules as submitted by P/D/C Richard Leatherman, SN.
4. D/C Robert Becker, SN, will report on the possible disbursement of some of the D 23 treasury funds.
5. Departmental training for incoming squadron bridge officers will be conducted.

At a later date D/C Robert Becker will issue a separate and detailed agenda.

**Christmas Party and Change of Watch
Smyrna Yacht Club, 16 December, 2010**



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The Bridge, 2011





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- Vendor Exhibits

Social Events

- House of Blues Dinner and Cirque Du Soleil 3 Feb
- Meet and Greets 4 Feb
- Members Luncheon (Cash Bar) Saturday 5 Feb
- Social Reception and Luncheon 5 Feb
- Reception and Banquet 5 Feb



Squadron Birthdays in January

Betty Johanson	1/10
Dorothy Lommler	1/25
Angelo Penta	1/28
Bruce Jennings	1/28
Don Woods	1/29

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March 18-20, 2011



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Saturday, March 19	07:00 Hospitality Room Continental Breakfast	_____	free
	12:00 Boxed sandwich (turkey ___ ham ___ roastbeef ___)	\$9.00	_____
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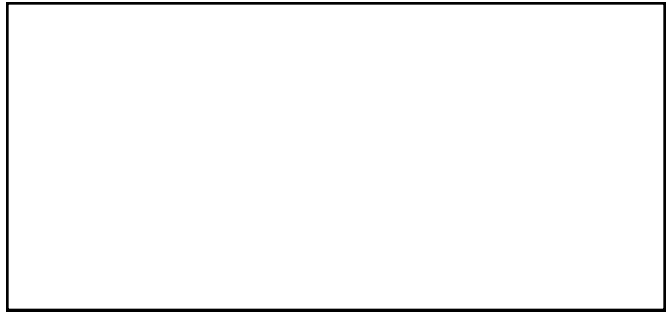
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