

# The EnLIGHTener

*Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail & Power Squadron*

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**Cdr William C. Benny, SN**



We had another great turnout for the annual trip to JB's Fish Camp . Though chilly outside the atmosphere was warm inside for the 30 members, friends, and family who attended. My suggestion that you inspire friends to attend our events seems to be working as we had many new faces at this event.

Another idea that I had proposed earlier was to mentor a new member or prospect. This is especially important as we are now extending 6 months free USPS membership to those who take the ABC3 public boating class. Rather than asking for mentor volunteers, simply take it upon yourself to welcome anyone to the Squadron and ask them if you may help them to become acquainted with our Squadron and our mission of Safe Boating Education. Once you have become their friend, everything will fall into place.

I'd like to thank those who attended the USPS National Conference last month. It was well organized and included many informative workshops and seminars. It was interesting for me to witness the Boat Operator Certification Committee in action planning the next level of certification, Advanced Coastal Navigator.

The District 23 Spring Council will be hosted by the Central Florida Sail and Power Squadron in Orlando, 18 – 20 March 2011. If you want to learn more about ins and outs of the USPS in District 23, then you should mark your calendar and register for this event.

Yours in safe boating,  
Cdr. Will

### The EnLIGHTener

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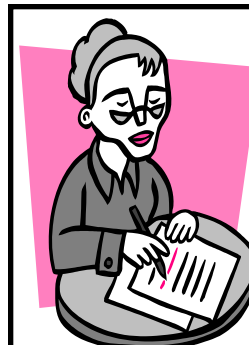
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Location, location, location is what a realtor says when trying to sell a house. This applies to many other situations, also. As I write this article in the middle of February sitting on the deck facing west, it is warm; shorts and T shirt weather.

However, out on the river in a boat is a different story. The water temperature is in the 50's; moving along in the boat makes it feel even colder. Therefore, boaters are dressed in long pants, several layers of jackets and sweaters and gloves. Does your life jacket fit over all this extra clothing? Can you adjust the straps quickly wearing gloves? Remember a life jacket must fit to be counted. Before leaving the dock check your PFD's and make sure each person has one that FITS.

Our Squadron currently has 5 vessel safety examiners. P/C Bill Myers, SN, and I would put on a class to get others started on becoming a certified vessel examiner. Call Bill at (386) 426-7799 or Paul at (386) 424-0378 to let us know you are interested.

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We welcome your comments on this edition of the EnLIGHTener and your contributions to the April edition. The deadline for all material is Sunday, March 13 .



**Squadron Education Officer:**

**P/C Robert D. Johnson, AP**

Our Education Department is up and running thanks to many who have come aboard and are helping out. First I want to thank P/C Bill Myers, SN, for another very successful ABC class that produced 7 students and it appears we have 3 applications for membership. My thanks also go out to 1/Lt Paul Yeaton, P, who taught part of this class. Why not give it a try. Share your knowledge, earn a merit mark and enjoy a sense of accomplishment. It's fun and rewarding.

The Mariners Compass Seminar is scheduled for 26 February from 09:00 to 11:00 at the Marine Discovery building off of Saxon Dr. in New Smyrna. Thanks to Paul Yeaton for once again making the arrangements for the classroom.

Next on the schedule is a seminar on Anchoring which will be held on 26 March at the same time and location as the Mariners Compass Seminar. Anyone that is interested can call me at (386) 756-1094 or Paul Yeaton at (386) 409-9339.

If anyone is interested in an engine maintenance class call me. P/C Bill Myers, SN, is chomping at the bit to do this class and has done a real super job with the last ones he has done. If there is any interest in Cruise Planning let me know and we'll do our utmost to put a class together.

In the meantime MAKE YOUR NEXT CRUISE A SAFE ONE, take an advanced or an elective class.

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



As the wind blew but the sun shown brightly, Squadron members and friends huddled warmly inside of J B's Fish Camp for their monthly boating activity. We had over 35 turn out with neighbors of the Courage's joining us from their Squadron in Key West, new members Glenn and Karen Molnar, Larry and Janet Madama of Palm Coast, and John and Joan Kitchener prospective members.

It was good to see Joyce and Stan Sisson out and about after Joyce's operation. Thanks to Mike Myers for helping with the 50/50. Would you believe that we fixed it so our new member could win the 50/50 to encourage him to keep on coming? The food was delicious as usual and all enjoyed the outing.

Please see the photos of this event on Page 7.

**March Boating Activity**



Our next boating activity is to the Halifax River Yacht Club for lunch on 12 March 2011 at 1130. We hope for good weather to get our boats on the water so we can cruise up the ditch to the club. Land cruisers also welcome. If you plan to go by boat, please let Paul Yeaton know - 409-9339 so he can make docking arrangements and we can caravan up together.

Please choose between *Trio Salad* (tuna, shrimp, chicken) and fresh fruit or *French Dip Sandwich* and French Fries at a cost of \$12. Please call your choices into Elaine Reichert by 7 March - (386) 424-0378. This is always a well attended function.

**30 September to 2 October - Ponce Hosts the District 23 Fall Conference**



We are moving right along with plans and look forward to everyone jumping in to help. Denise Benny and I are collaborating on centerpieces and decorations and we will soon be ready for workshops to bring these ideas to fruition. Thanks to the Woods for giving us our first big palm tree. Any more around? It is never too soon to let Denise know that you want to attend her workshops and are ready to help.

We are still at the listening stage for our Friday music as we try to carryout our theme of "Margaritaville." Baskets are beginning to show up but we need many more. A few families have already made their choice for their basket so let us know how you would like to fill a basket as a raffle contribution. We are asking for members to create a basket and then we will wrap and ribbon them all together.

The room rate is extremely reasonable at \$69 a night and the hospitality room will be needing food from all members. We hope most members will be able to stay over at least on Friday evening. It is a fun time for the Squadron working together to make a successful conference. We do this once every four years!

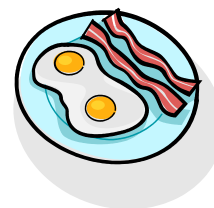


## February Breakfast Lighthouse Cafe



### Breakfast this Month

Mom's Home Cook-  
ing, 1201 N Dixie  
Freeway, NSB 2  
March at 0830.



### Come and join the breakfast bunch at the following dates and places (No reservations required)

- 6 April:** Goodrich's, 253 River Drive, Oak Hill
- 4 May:** Mom's Home Cooking, 1201 N Dixie Freeway, NSB
- 1 June:** Ruthy's, 618 W. Canal St., NSB
- 6 July:** Lighthouse Café, 1500 S. Dixie Freeway, NSB
- 3 Aug:** Jason's Corner, 135 Canal St., NSB
- 7 Sept:** Ruthy's, 618 W. Canal St., NSB
- 5 Oct:** Manny's, 3318 S. Atlantic Ave., NSB
- 2 Nov:** Holiday Inn, 1401 S. Atlantic Ave., NSB
- 7 Dec:** Golden Biscuit, 223 Canal St., NSB

Note: The dates are firm and the time is always 0830. The locations are subject to change due to conditions beyond our control. Please check future editions of the EnLIGHTener for revisions. Also, email reminders will go out before each breakfast.

### Other Squadron Events in March

- 10 March: Executive Committee Meeting, NSB Boat and Ski Club, 1900
- 12 March: Boating event and luncheon rendezvous: Halifax Yacht Club, Daytona Beach (See announcement on Page 4.)
- 24 March: General Meeting: NSB Boat and Ski Club (See announcement on Page 6.)



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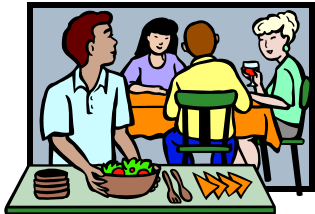
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### March General Meeting and Dinner



**We will be at the New Smyrna Beach Boat and Ski Club off of the North Causeway in NSB on 24 March 2011 for our General Meeting and Dinner.**

- Time: 1800 Social, 1845 Dinner
  - Menu: Chicken as the main course and pie a la mode for dessert
  - Cost: \$10 per person
  - Uniform: G or appropriate attire
- Please bring your own beverages.

We are privileged to have Frank Alvarez, an underwater photographer and video maker as our program speaker. He started diving in 1985 and has done over 1000 dives; most in salt water but some in fresh water and caverns.

He had his 6 pack captain's license which he has let lapse as he turned to his under water photography since 1992 and videography in 1997.

He is a member and past vice president of the Volusia Reef Association and past president of the Lake County Dive Club. He owns "Scuba Kitty" (pictured here) that is set up for diving as a commercial dive boat but has never been used in that capacity. We look forward to his time of sharing with us.

Reservations: Calling Committee - P/C Linda Allen, SN, chair, (386) 423-1945



## February Boating Activity and Lunch at JB's Fish Camp





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<b>A</b> alpha	<b>B</b> bravo	<b>C</b> charlie	<b>D</b> delta
<b>E</b> echo	<b>F</b> foxtrot	<b>G</b> golf	<b>H</b> hotel
<b>I</b> india	<b>J</b> juliet	<b>K</b> kilo	<b>L</b> lima
<b>M</b> mike	<b>N</b> november	<b>O</b> oscar	<b>P</b> papa
<b>Q</b> quebec	<b>R</b> romeo	<b>S</b> sierra	<b>T</b> tango
<b>U</b> uniform	<b>V</b> victor	<b>W</b> whiskey	<b>X</b> xray
<b>Y</b> yankee	<b>Z</b> zulu	<b>From USPS Compass, February 2011</b>	



**Squadron Birthdays in March**

Norm Slifkin	3/2
Myrna Courage	3/8
Susan Slifkin	3/8
Martha Woods	3/19
Patricia Stubbs	3/21
Terry Stearns	3/26

**Time to order your new Squadron T Shirt**



It has been several years since we ordered new shirts and we have new members and ones that have shirts that have seen better days. The Squadron has purchased 5 shirts as samples to try on and they will be available at our meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We all want to look sharp for our Squadron's hosting of the 2011 District 23 Fall Conference. The price is \$22 for the meeting or a call in and will go up to \$25 thereafter. Feel pushed - yes indeed! We do not want to keep putting in orders.

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We thank you for your contributions

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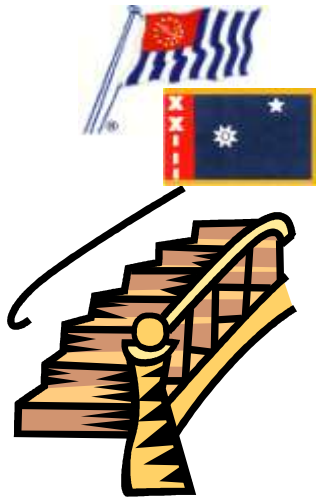
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**From  
Upstairs**

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 P/D/C Eugene Grant, SN  
 P/D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr., SN

### 2011 District and National Events

<b>18-20 Mar:</b>	Spring Council & Conference, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort
<b>May14:</b>	Summer Council Meeting & District 23 Picnic, Titusville
<b>12-17 Sept:</b>	Governing Board Meeting, Sheraton Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC
<b>30 Sept to 2 Oct:</b>	District 23 Fall Council & Conference - <i>Ponce de Leon Squadron hosting</i>
<b>Nov:</b>	King Neptune , Banana River

### USPS Annual Meeting at Disney World, 31 January to 6 February

The Squadron Bridge was well represented at the Annual USPS Meeting: The following Ponce de Leon Squadron members attended and participated in the events:

- Cdr Will Benny, SN
- P/C Paul Reichert, AP, Executive Officer
- P/C Robert Johnson AP, Education Officer
- P/C Elaine Reichert, AP Administrative Officer



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