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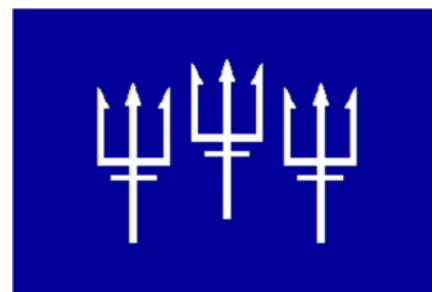
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Since our fiscal year is now January first it's time to really focus on it. We do have a proposed slate that lacks only an administrative officer. We plan to fill that vacancy with a committee. We now need our nominees to name and verify their staff for the 2011 roster. Please have this prepared by the next meeting.

Many thanks to Norm Slifkin for volunteering to be Assistant Secretary for 2011. It has been, but not should have been, difficult, for you people to take part in our administration. The COW, the election, and the Christmas Party will take place at our annual meeting in December.

Now a word about our oyster roast/meeting in November. I have already purchased the shrimp at a very good price but due to the oil spill the price of oysters has increased considerably. Should the price not drop by November, I plan to organize an oyster flotilla on Friday, the 12th of November to gather our own.

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Views and Thoughts from my Deck

Last July I was in New Hampshire launching a boat with my son at Spofford Lake. While getting the boat ready to put in the water, an attendant at the ramp approached. He wanted to know where we had last used the boat. He then walked around the boat and trailer looking for weeds, mud and anything natural that did not belong. We were then approved for launching.

In September I was at the headquarters for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks where I picked up a flyer “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers”. This flyer asks you to “Inspect, Clean and Dry” your boat to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species such as clams, fish, mussels, plants, weeds, and disease causing pathogens. They recommend stopping at a car wash and use the pressure hose, no soap or chemicals, just hot water. The aquatic invaders can only survive in water/wet areas. Therefore, drain all the water from your boat and dry the boat, trailer and equipment.

We mention in several of our classes about cleaning your boat and here are examples of several states taking action to prevent the spread of invasive species. Let us do our part to help.



Squadron Education Officer:

Lt/C Will Benny, SN



ABC3

The public boating course scheduled for 23 OCT 2010 and 30 OCT 10 at the NSB Boat & Ski Club has been cancelled. We got no inquiries from our publicity.

SEAMANSHIP

Seamanship exams have been ordered.

SEMINARS

I would like to thank the three members who attended the free PaddleSmart Seminar on 10/13. With the past two seminars and the current ABC3 class being cancelled due to lack of registrants, it was refreshing to see anyone in attendance.

The USPS Seminar series is part of our USPS University education program. The entire program includes comprehensive education for both the public and squadron members. Along with the new seminars, many rewritten and new member courses have and will continue to be developed, along with the on-the-water Boat Operator Certification program. The current seminars are listed here.

Trailing Your Boat
Advanced Powerboat Handling
Partner in Command
Mastering the Rules of the Road
Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks
Basic Coastal Navigation

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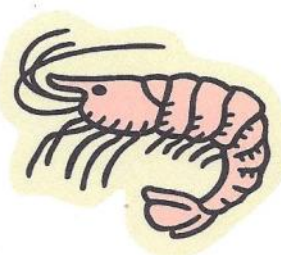
Come one come all - bring your friends and neighbors!!

Saturday, 13 November is our big **OYSTER/SHRIMP FEAST**

with Chef Larry doing his magic



This function combines our November General Meeting with our boating activity. For those without boats, we taxi people across to Dick's Island about 1030 from the Kennedy Park Ramp.



Individuals need to bring a dish to share, their chairs, drinks, and an oyster knife if you have one. (some even take a swim if the weather permits) The Squadron will provide the paper goods, plastic, tube steaks, and condiments. Cost - \$7.00

Please let Bob Johnson - 386 - 756 - 1094 or Paul Yeaton - 409 - 9339 know if you plan to attend and if you need the services of our water taxi.

Come and join the breakfast bunch 0830 at the following dates and places

3 November: Holiday Inn

1 December: Golden Biscuit

5 January: Country Kitchen

2 February: Lighthouse Café

2 March: Mom's Home Cooking

Notes

The general meeting for November will take place at the Oyster/Shrimp Feast. There will be no separate dinner meeting in November.

Our November breakfast get-together will be 3 November, Holiday Inn Beachside, at the usual 0830. No reservations required. Come and get your picture taken for the December EnLIGHTener.

Please see the upcoming events on the back cover.



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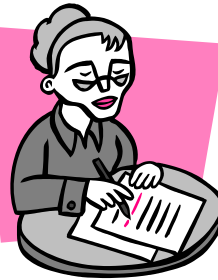
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From Upstairs ...



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Come enjoy the sunshine, visit with friends, and make new ones during the 2011 Annual Meeting at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 2-5 Feb. Visit the annual Expo, and enjoy a night on the town at House of Blues and Cirque du Soleil.

For more information, contact www.usps.org/national/natmeetings

E15 Gasoline Approved for Use

In Part II of Understanding Environmental Issues, the Environmental Committee addresses EPA's approval of E15 (15 percent ethanol) gasoline. Many people believe that the use of ethanol fuel will provide a low-cost renewable alternative to oil-refined gasoline, reduce emissions to the environment, and help the U.S. to become less dependent on foreign-supplied crude oil. We disagree. Visit www.sailangle.com/group-forum/topic/id/1357, to learn more.

New Member Benefit: Sears Commercial Marketplace

USPS has added Sears Commercial Marketplace to its market basket of member benefits. Under the program, USPS members can receive discounts of between 5 and 50 percent off retail on many appliances and electronics. Every member who has elected to be part of the Member Benefits program will receive an e-mail invitation from Sears with an invitation code and a link to sign up.

For more information, visit: www.searscommercialmarketplace.com



News from District 23

2011 Events

22 Jan: Winter Council Meeting - Daytona Beach
31 Jan - 5 Feb: USPS Annual Meeting - Disney Florida - Coronado Springs Resort
March: Spring Council & Conference
May: Summer Council Meeting & D23 Picnic - Titusville
12-17 Sept: Governing Board Meeting - Sheridan Four Seasons, Greensboro, NC

BANANA RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON PILOTING CONTEST

It's time to register for the 6 November Banana River SPS Piloting Contest to show off your skills. This contest is open to everyone in District 23. Any vessel, power or sail, may participate. Once you register, we give you a route consisting of several legs. Each leg has a distance and a magnetic bearing. When you get to the end point all you have to do is toss a float overboard, which we furnish (yes, a line and a weight will be attached to it). Its location is then compared to our calculated position; the smallest difference determines the winner who gets a trophy. Here is a summary of the rules.

The objective is to navigate several prescribed legs of a Course as accurately as possible. The winner will be determined by the shortest distance between the Ending and Target coordinates of the last leg. The Committee creates the routes, determines the starting order, issues the starting instructions and determines the final ranking of the participants. The Pilot is responsible for navigating the prescribed route using the given parameters and compensating for deviation, leeway, wind, traffic, turning drift and any other factors.

Different Courses will be assigned to minimize congestion. The starting point will be day mark G "1" at the end of Dragon Point (southern tip of Merritt Island). Pilots will start their runs at three minute intervals. The Pilots must navigate each leg in the order given. The use of a GPS or similar position device during the run is not permitted

The standings will be based on a point system: Each Pilot starts out with 10,000 points. Ten points will be deducted for each foot of difference between the Ending and Target coordinates. The winner will be the one with the highest number of points.

The complete rules are available at <http://www.brsp.org/PilotContest.aspx>.



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Secretary - Lt/C Myrna M. Courage, S
Treasurer - Denise Benny

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

Rules Committee

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



Squadron Birthdays in November

Hugh Avant	11/22
Will Benny	11/26
Tom Howington	11/12
Judith Kossuth	11/28
James McCormick	11/25
Karen Myers	11/8
Joanne Walters	11/3

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Terry Faure



D23 FALL CONFERENCE
OCT 1 - 3 2010
D/LT/C Jim DePalma, SN
Executive Officer

At the Fall Governing Board in Seattle, the proposal by D26 to give the DC's the authority for Merit Mark approval was defeated. This procedure will remain unchanged. Non members passing an ABC Course on line or as given by the Squadron, can become a USPS member free of charge for 6 months. the \$25 "administrative charge has been dropped as of 1 December 2010.

HANG TEN TWENTY TEN, our Fall conference, was an outstanding success. Banana River S&PS did their usual outstanding job and we sincerely appreciate the work of D/A/O Lucy Hixenbaugh and the "PEELS". CDR Bill Fehr continues to make significant contributions to District functions and we all get the benefit.

The breakout Education Department meeting was very lively per P/D/C Abe Cahill and a lot of new info was exchanged. The group meeting was led by our own V/C Dick Peoples who presented the message from C/C Frank Dvorak. The Chief is driving our membership activities and some increases are starting to show. The Cybersquadron activity is responsible for some small gains, as well. V/C Peoples who is also the National Treasurer gave us an encouraging summary of the membership activities. The National Budget is also being brought into line.

Two new proposals were heard and referred to Ad Hoc committees for further study. A proposal to reduce the number of District meetings will be reviewed and submitted to our Bridge by December 1, 2010. The proposal to add precious metals to a District portfolio will be submitted by November 2, 2010.

All of the social activities and meal functions were a success. Additional tables were required at both the Luau and the Banquet! The Silent Auction saw several great items being admired by their new owners.

The Winter Council will be at the ARC Center in Daytona Beach on January 22, 2011. I know personally that it will be even better than last year!!

And last but certainly not least, don't forget to make your plans for the National meeting. It will be at Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel again, January 31 - February 5, 2011. Our own Stf/C Don Clark assures us that it too will be an even better meeting. We expect an even bigger turnout from D23 and that will mean we'll all get more out of it.

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Upcoming Events for November

- Breakfast get-together, 3 November, Holiday Inn Beachside, 0830
- Executive Committee Meeting: 11 November, Library, 1600
- Oyster/Shrimp Feast, Dicks Island , 13 November. Please see the announcement on Page 4.
- *General Meeting/Dinner*: There will be no separate dinner meeting this month. The general meeting will take place at the Oyster/Shrimp Feast on 13 November.

