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Commander's Message

Cdr. Dick Littrell JN

If it seems like we are moving at a fast pace as we get into this new watch year, we really are. Not because we are doing things differently, we're just doing the normal things that this Squadron does.

First, congratulations to Lt/C Judy Larson, AP and her Educational team for completing our Squadron's first America's Boating Course 3rd Edition Boating Safety Course. Four out of eight stayed for one night of "post-graduate work" to learn more about charts and plotting. Thank you, P/Lt/C Harold Barker, for carrying the load at that volunteer night. Students were very impressed.



Emily Hutchinsn shows off her trophy for best in her class at the Lake Wales races



The Power Squadron provides concessions for the boat races at Lake Wales

Our second major effort in the month of March was the APBA races in Lake Wales on March 20th. Not as big as the Orange Cup, however, it was a good effort.

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Future Activities

- April 13 **LSPS Bridge and General Meeting**
Old Salt Marine (1900 hrs)
- April 27 **GPS Seminar** (1900 hrs)
UBS Financial Systems, Inc.
295 First St. South
Winter Haven, FL 33880
- April 27 to May 27 **America's Boating Course**
Marine Supply (1900 hrs)
Winter Haven
- April 9 **District 22 Spring Conference**
Sarasota Hyatt
- May 20-28 **National Safe Boating Week**
- July 3-5 **C&R at Twin Dolphins Marina**
Bradenton

Thanks to all the members who helped at the consession trailer, along with members of the Winter Haven Nautical Club. We learned some good lessons for future planning.

Because we had three or more Squadron boats on the cruise to Hammock Beach Resort near Palm Coast on the Eastern Intracoastal Waterway, we could record our first Squadron overnight C & R. P/C John Valich, P was the cruise leader.

Squadron members cruised to Rick's on the River Restaurant on the Hillsborough River on March 28th for a night cruise. P/C John Valich, P was also the cruise leader on this trip. There were other members from the Winter Haven Nautical Club as well, with approximately 18 people in attendance.

Spring conference is coming and the commander needs at least five (5) delegates for the Conference meeting in the afternoon.

It is also important for our members to be part of the Round Table groups. Very specifically, Education, Publications, Membership, Treasurer, Vessel Safety Check, Information Technology, and Public Relations. Every one of these Round Tables impacts every Squadron in the district. That's why they are so important.

Also, I have heard that the PINKSTERS are very good. See you at the conference and at the next meeting April 13th



SEO's Message

Lt/C Judy Larson, AP

Our first offering of the America's Boating Course (ABC) 3rd Edition is completed. All seven students taking the exam passed. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this course so successful. Additional thanks go to Harold Barker for teaching a special, one night, Piloting 101 for several of the students from the ABC. Also, a special thanks to Dave Macy and Dick Littrell for coming to the special class to help give some one-on-one help.

We'll be teaching our GPS seminar on Tuesday, April 27th. John Valich will be the instructor. The seminar will be UBS Financial Services, Inc., 295 1st Street South, Winter Haven, Fl. 33880. If you haven't kept up with the latest in all of the advances, you might want to stop in and give John a listen.

Our next offering of the ABC will start on Thursday, April 29th. It will be taught at Marine Supply in Winter Haven. This will be the 8-hour course. The exam will be given on Thursday, May 27th. I'll be drawing up the class list this week and will have it at the next squadron meeting. If you haven't taught one of the sessions, now's the time to sign up.

I've had a couple of people ask me if we're going to offer a sailing class this year. If we have enough interest I'll try to arrange one. So if you've been thinking about taking the course, now is the time. Call me (863.393.6897) and let me know that you want to attend.

As noted in the March newsletter, we have a new storage location here in Lakeland. All of the educational material in the old unit has been moved and organized. We also have a special cabinet for old records, awards, and papers. If you have squadron materials you think should be kept in the storage unit, please contact Nancy, Dick, or me.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe McDonough, P

The next opportunity to exhibit and recruit class participants is Project EAGLE lunch at Lake Shipp Park for an opportunity to provide the public with your organization's mission and activities. Project EAGLE is a half-day volunteer cleanup of Winter Haven and Lakeland area lakes. The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission is teaming up with Keep Winter Haven Clean & Beautiful, the Lakes Education/Action Drive, the City of

Winter Haven and the City of Lakeland Lakes & Stormwater Division for this multi lake cleanup. Exhibitors are asked to arrive by 10 a.m. to set up and remain until 2 p.m., which is when the event is over.

Membership is key to maintaining a viable organization and we need active members to continue our organizations survival and growth. Ask your friends and associates if they are interested in learning about boating and boat safety, invite them to a class or event, and invite them to join us.

Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron hosted a seminar on "Onboard Weather Forecasting" 23 FEB and if you did not attend you missed an overview of weather forecasting that could keep you safe on the water. Several of the highlights are listed below:

Two key elements of weather:

Everything depends on the sun. The sun's heat is absorbed by the land, by the sea and by the air. Because the three elements are different, they absorb heat at different rates. Warm air, being lighter than cool air, rises and the cool air moves in to fill the void caused by the rising warm air. This creates wind in both a vertical and horizontal direction

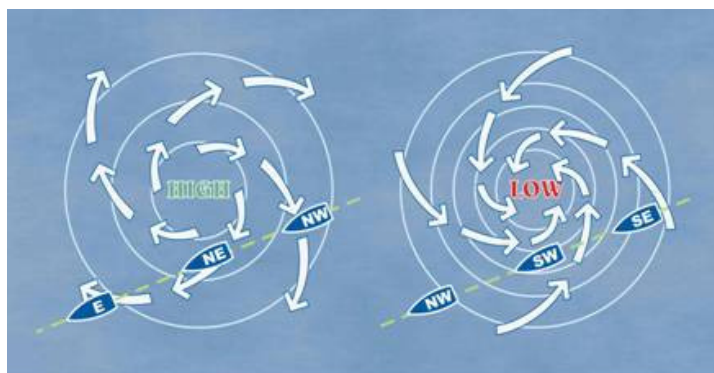
The second key element in weather is water. Warm air near the surface holds more water vapor, but cools as it rises leading to clouds and eventually precipitation.

Uneven Temperatures:

Air rises over heated areas and leaves lower pressure behind.

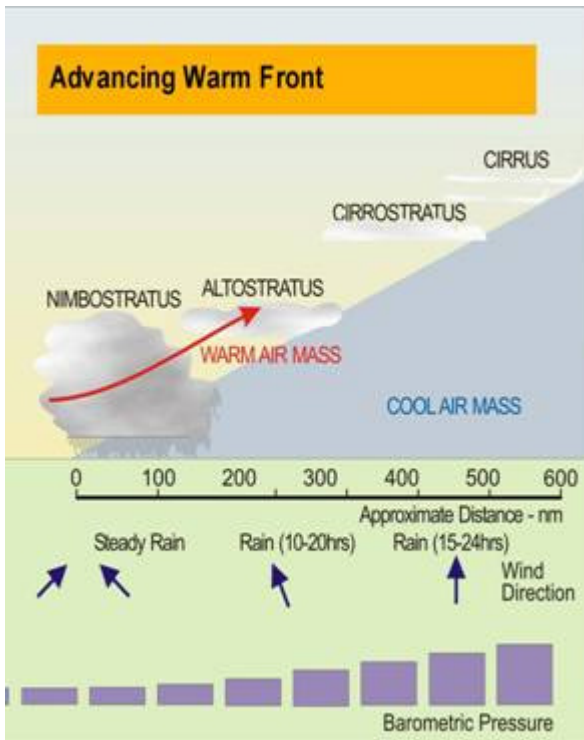
Air falls over cooler areas and creates higher pressure.

HIGH pressure areas – like Hills
LOW pressure areas – like valleys



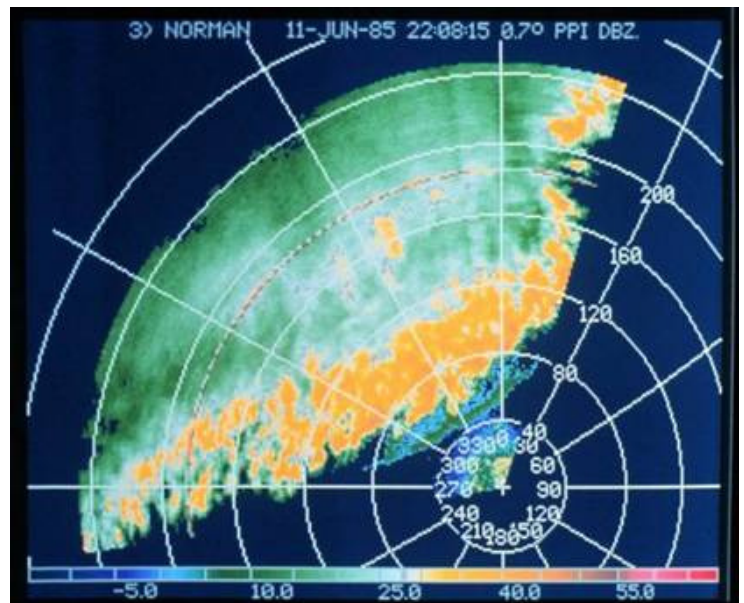
Earth's rotation causes winds to turn rather than travel straight from high to low

Advancing Warm Fronts



Advancing Cold Front

Squall line on radar



Old seaman's parables:

“A wind from the west means weather's fair; a wind from the east, foul weather's near.”

“Mackerel Sky, 12 hours dry.”

“The higher the clouds, the better the weather.”

Websites for weather information:

<http://www.weather.gov/forecasts/graphical>

www.weather.com



DISTRICT 22 SPRING 2010 CONFERENCE
Theme: "In the Pink"



FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2010

0830 – 1500	Registration	Convention Cntr Reg. Desk
1000 – 1200	Commanders' Meeting	Salon CD - Ballroom
1400 – 1600	Council Meeting	Salon CD - Ballroom
1700 – 1800	Joint Squadron Hospitality	Ringling Room
1830 – 2230	Reception (Cash Bar)	Prefunction North
1930 – Till	Theme Dinner (In the Pink)	Ballroom North

SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2010

0800 – 1200	Registration	Convention Cntr Reg. Desk
0830 – 1145	Roundtables	See Listing Below
1200 – 1330	Conference Plated Luncheon	Boathouse
1400 – 1630	District Conference	Ballroom North
1830 – 2230	Cocktails (Cash Bar)	Pre-function North
1930 – Till	Change of Watch	Ballroom North

0830 – 1000

Education
Leadership Training
Publications
PR 1st Timers
Membership
Vessel Safety Check

R/T LOCATION

Florida Room
Ringling
Tropics B
Tropics A
Longboat/Lido
Siesta/Casey

1015 – 1145

Education II
Information Technology
A/O Workshop
Public Relations
Treasurer
(OPEN)

Dress Code:

Friday Day:	Team Casual
Friday Eve:	Theme Dress "In the Pink"
Saturday Day:	Uniform G
Saturday Eve:	Uniform A w/Bow Tie

Or as Always – Appropriate Attire

CONFERENCE VENUE – SARASOTA HYATT

1000 Boulevard of the Arts – Sarasota

For Reservations Phone: (941) 953-1234

Reservations can be made on line at: <http://SarasotaHyatt.com//groupbooking>

Rates are \$109.00 per night plus tax (Fridge \$5.00 per night)

Reservation Cut Off Date is: 22 March 2010

Don't miss the Friday Night Extravaganza at the Spring Conference

THE PINKSTERS

While traveling from New York to Las Vegas, the Pinksters Review will be stopping at the Hyatt and will perform for District 22 after dinner at no extra charge.

Hear what the critics say...

New York Critics Review: FANTASTIC! -- Never saw anything to compare to it!

Las Vegas Critics' Review: It may never be seen anywhere else or ever again!

All attendees at the District 22 Spring Conference are requested to wear or display something pink to honor our guests... THE PINKSTERS.

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