



# Prevailing Wind

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## Commander's Message

Cdr. Dick Littrell JN

With a new full Bridge and Executive

Committee, we are off and running. I stated at the last meeting that we will try to have short programs to precede each member meeting as much as possible. At the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Joan Waters, a Wildlife Rehabilitator, and the Circle B Reserve in Lakeland will be the subject. We hope the topics will be of interest to all our members.

We have a very good schedule going for the first half of 2010.

America's Boating class is ongoing at Old Salt Marine. Nine students are registered and the end of class is March 18. Come to the graduation.

We are in progress of moving our A/C storage site to Century Storage on Hardin Avenue.

March 20/21. We are assisting the Winter Haven Nautical Club in providing concession operations and safety

Boat operation at the American Power Boat Races at Lake Wales in Lake Wales. Please call Bob Beckner at 863-686-7621, or Joe McDonough at 863-816-0942 if you can help. We have done this project many times at the Orange Cup regatta in Lakeland and it is financially beneficial to both organizations working together.

March 25 Beverage concession operation at Marine Supply EXPO in Winter Haven. Call P/C Mike Hall AP if you can help. This is a free event in Winter Haven. Fun for all.

April 9/10 the District 22 Spring conference is at the Hyatt in Sarasota. See the attached schedule for

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## Future Activities

- March 4, 11, 18 America's Boating Course  
Old Salt Marine
- March 20-21 **American Powerboat Races**  
Lake Wales
- March 25 **Marine Supply EXPO**  
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

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“roundtables” and activities. We do need to have 5 delegates for the conference meeting on Saturday afternoon. You do not have to stay overnight. The roundtables discussions provide valuable information for all members.

May 20-28 is National Safe Boating Week. This is the time all squadrons are asked to do something a little extra special to support the Safe Boating Week campaign. Currently in the planning stage is to have a flare day”. This is an opportunity to try to shoot some of our outdated flares. This is also an opportunity for the Captains, First Mates, and other crew members to actually have hands on training with these signaling devices. I know we all have outdated flares, so there should not be a shortage of flares.

3/4/5 July is the Twin Dolphins Cruise and Rendozvous. The dates are adjustable.

In the past this Squadron has sometimes possessed Honor Roll Status in cooperative charting efforts. This has slipped by us because we always depended on land marks called “geoditics,” or survey marks. National no longer accepts “geoditics.” However, we can also

participate in water marks, just as other Squadrons do. I would ask all of our boating members to observe marks for destruction, displacement or otherwise rendered unable to serve their function because of their condition. What is needed is the marker number and the NOAA chart number. Refer this information to the Squadron Executive Officer P/C Fred Guard, AP for processing.

I know this sounds like a lot of activity, but it really is just the norm for us in the Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron.

Please come to the meetings. We can always find more chairs. Come to the boating classes to meet the students. Remember you were there once and oftentimes needed support. It means a lot to a student to have other members of the Squadron to come and say, "GOOD JOB."

When you come to the meeting next time, bring a friend. They don't have to be a member.

SAFE BOATING



SEO's Message

Lt/C Judy Larson, AP

The 12-hour America’s Boating Course is well under way. We have nine people attending the class. The last two classes and reviews will be held March 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The final exam will be held on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Due to all of the activities occurring the last two weeks of this month, the GPS class may be delayed until April. We have been offered a location in Winter Haven to hold the class and may offer it there.

The ‘Onboard Weather Forecasting’ seminar was held on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Six squadron members now have credit for the course. Two of our newest members, Joe McDonough and Dave Macy, talked us through the intricacies of high and low pressure areas. Thank you both.



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe McDonough, P

The third annual fish and dive expo was held Saturday, Feb 6, and provided a chance to acquaint local boaters and anglers to the Squadron. Mike, Judy and I participated and it gave us a chance to visit and exchange course information with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

America's Boating Course continues with approximately nine attendees and will be completed March 11.

Join us at the EXPO, at Marine Supply in Winter Haven on March 25 from 2:00 until 8:00. We need help working a table. Notify Mike if you can help.

The "Bunnies for BooBoo's" drive involves gathering of small stuffed Easter Bunnies by a young Lakeland girl, Nadine. These bunnies are given to little children in our local hospitals and ambulances to help relieve the mental trauma of whatever it is that put them there. The Squadron has agreed to assist Nadine in her efforts by taking up a collection of bunnies at our next meeting to be delivered to her by Bob Beckner the next day. We are attempting to collect 50 Bunnies. Keep the bunnies small and cuddly, in the \$3.00 to \$5.00 range.

Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron Burgee sale... \$20.00.

## Lakeland Sail and Power Squadron Awards Merit Marks

The following is the 2009 Merit Mark awards for 2009. A Merit Mark is the only official "Thank You" from National. The Squadron would not have been able to operate, or survive, without your involvement and assistance. The same is true every year. You all have my personal "Thank You" for all of your support in 2009.

P/C Mike Hall



Name	# of Merit Marks
Lt. Harold Barker, SN	31
P/C Dudley Dauerlein, SN	32
Bob Beckner	1
P/C Fred Guard, AP	22
Lt. Gale Guyer, S	4
Susanne Guyer, S	3
Lt/C Nancy Hall, P	6
Lt/C Judy Larson, AP	2
Lt/C Tom Larson, AP	2
Jackie Littrell	3
P/C Wes Lott, AP	22
Lt. Art Rowbotham, S	2
Lt. Bonnie Rowbotham, S	2
P/C David Smith, S	6
Lt/C Cindy Valich, S	8
P/C John Valich, P	8
Awarded from District 22	
Cdr. Mike Hall, AP	6
D/Lt/C Dick Littrell, JN	22



# SAFE BOATING CHECKLIST

As we approach a new boating season, as Safety Officer I want to remind everyone safe boating starts with a well maintained boat and boat trailer. Before you head out please take a day and go through a maintenance check list – a few suggestions are listed below:

## A) Boat Trailer

1. Jack up each wheel, pull and push on tire checking for any loose play. Spin each wheel for any sounds of dragging; this can indicate a possible brake or bearing problem.
2. Top off your wheel bearing grease
3. Check your wheel lug nuts for proper tightness
4. Check your tires air pressure including your spare
5. If your trailer is equipped with surge brakes check your brake fluid
6. Check your bow and transom straps for wear and tear
7. Check all your trailer lights and electrical connections
8. Check your bunk carpet for wear and tear
9. Check that you have attached your current registration decal and you have your copy of the registration receipt

## B) Your Boat

1. Check the condition and expiration date on all your safety flares – replace as needed
2. Check all your onboard lines for any unusual wear and tear
3. Check your batteries for proper charge and for any battery cable corrosion
4. Test your bilge blowers for proper operation
5. Raise the engine hatch;
  - i. check and top off all engine fluids
  - ii. inspect all belts and hoses
6. Check for any strong gasoline odors that might indicate a fuel leak or bad hose
7. Check all navigational lights for proper operation
8. Test your horn and/or whistle
9. Check your VHF Radio
10. Remove all PFD's and check for torn fabric or worn straps – replace as required
11. Check your on-board Tool Kit and maintenance supplies
12. Check your on-board First Aid Kit and re-stock as needed
13. Contact your vessel Safety Inspection Officer – John Valich, and schedule your 2010 Inspection; remember it is FREE
14. Be sure you have attached your current registration decal and your paper copy is on board

This can be time well spent and it has been proved that well maintained equipment is also safe equipment.

Safe Boating,

P/C David M Smith

Squadron Safety Officer





**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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