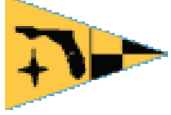




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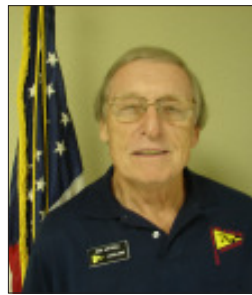
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Commander's Message

Cdr. Dick Littrell JN

Sad, but have to report of the passing of P/C Sam Warr, SN this past week. Sam was 95, was instrumental in the process of changing our Squadron name to include the word, "Sail." He also designed our current yellow and black burgee. A Memorial was held at the Florida Presbyterian Homes Chapel on August 27th.

Also, member Jack Watkins Jr.'s father passed on August 21, 2010. Memorial Services were held August 27th, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of these families.

October 1st marks the beginning of the second half of this Watch Year. It seems like there are so many things to do, with so little time. However, it appears the next six months will be just as busy as the last. It is amazing that we do so much with our current level of membership. Thanks to all the members who have been helping out.

Now its the time for us to reach out to potential members. We have made strides to provide a more affordable first year membership. National has followed suit to eliminate the initiation fee. The free six-month USPS membership to those who pass the ABC Course is another incentive to encourage new memnbership.

We are all looking forward to the 55th Anniversary Open House on the 26th of September. District 22 Squadrons. The District Bridge, and Past District Commanders have been invited to this event. Plus, we have invited as many old members as have current addresses. We are also inviting

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Future Activities

- Sept. 14 **Membership Meeting**
Old Salt Marine
1900
- Sept 26 **LSPS 55th Anniversary Open House**
Lakeland Yacht & Country Club
929 Lake Hollingsworth Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803
- Oct 1-2 **District 22 Fall Conference**
Sarasota, FL (see flyer)
- Oct 12 **LSPS Membership Mtg. Chili Cook-off**
- Nov. 13-14 **Roar & Soar**
- Feb 18, 2011 **Change of Watch**
Lakeland Yacht & Country Club

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the Winter Haven Nautical Club Members.

We still have a need for some volunteers to attend the District Conference on October 2nd. This would just be a drive down and back for the one day meeting. This activity also counts toward a merit mark. Please let me know if you can attend on the October 2nd date.

Bring a friend to an LSPS meeting. Especially, bring a friend in October for the chili dinner.

SEO's Message

Submitted by Nancy Hall P
Assistant Education Officer

Harold Barker SN has agreed to take on the duties of Squadron Education Officer for the remainder of this Watch Year. Thanks, Harold.

We have just completed the ABC 8 hour course. All nine students passed the exam and will soon have their Florida Safe Boater ID Card in hand. Thanks go out to the instructors and proctors. We look forward to your help with the next class. The first class will be September 23, with the exam on November 4. We will offer the ABC 12 hour course at Winter Haven Nautical Club. The address is 695 Ave. K SW, Winter Haven. Call Nancy at 863-667-9047 for more information.

There is a new 2 hour seminar offered by USPS entitled, *Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes*. This may be a very good seminar for our community of boaters. Please send an email to Nancy Hall at mhall25@tampabay.rr.com if you are interested in taking this seminar or if you know someone who may like to take the seminar.

Contact Gale or Susanne Guyer at theguyers@verizon.net if you would like to become an instructor for our safe boating classes.



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Joe McDonough, P

DON'T MISS: Paul Lacharite will present a class on Fiberglass and Gel Coatings at our next membership meeting 14 SEP @ 7:00 PM.

Magnolia Lady had another incident while testing a new prop. Loss of thrust resulted in being dead in the water. Bob Beckner and I were checking WOP with a new prop on Lake Hartridge in Winter Haven when the engine revved and we lost all thrust and the prop was freewheeling. Dick & Jackie Littrell and Don Cook came to the rescue and pulled us to the dock and helped trailer the boat. The boat is still in the shop with the cause still unknown. Thanks Dick, Jackie and Don for coming to the rescue.

Marine Tips: **1. Balancing Act:** On most planning boats, stow heavy gear to maintain a center of gravity on plane that's about 60% of the boat's waterline length aft of the bow.

2. Edge of the Earth: Distance over the water seems greater than on land. When standing eight feet above the waterline, as you might in the cockpit of a cruiser, the horizon is barely 3 ¼ miles away. At six feet up it's only 2 ½ miles away.

3. Line Up: Bow and stern lines should be as long as the boat, spring lines 1 ¼ times the length. This will accommodate even the most extreme tidal ranges. Obtained from Boating Magazine JUL/AUG issue

Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron Burgee for sale \$20.00





You are cordially invited to
Lakeland Sail and Power Squadron's

55th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 26, 2010

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

at the

Lakeland Yacht & Country Club

929 Lk. Hollingsworth Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33803



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- Appetizers
- Cash Bar
- Uniform of the day:
Team Casual, Polo Shirt (no jeans)

This is a free event but please let us know you are attending. Send the following information to Commander Dick Littrell, Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron, Inc., PO Box 1992, Lakeland, FL 33802-1992 or e-mail wlitt66455@aol.com

- Name, Rank, Grade: _____
- Squadron: _____
- Number attending: _____

DISTRICT 22



2010 FALL CONFERENCE

At the Sarasota Hyatt & Marina
1000 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL

SCHEDULE of EVENTS & HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Updated: July 12, 2010

Friday, October 1: *Dress is Team Casual*

0900 - 1500 Registration Desk Open
1000 - 1200 Squadron Commanders' Meeting
1200 - 1300 Lunch Open
1300 - 1500 D22 Council Meeting
1500 - 1730 On Your Own
1730 - 1830 Squadrons' Hospitality
1830 - ? Dinner Open

Saturday, October 2: *Day Dress is Uniform G; Evening is Casual*

0900 - 1200 Registration Desk Open
0945 - 1200 Squadron Members' Roundtable Workshops*
1200 - 1330 Conference Luncheon
1330 - 1400 Registration Desk Open
1400 - 1630 District Conference
1730 - 1830 DC's Hospitality
1900 - Till ? *Autumn in the Country* Dinner & Dance: casual dress

**Roundtable Workshops to include:*

*Information Technology; Membership; Membership Involvement;
Cooperative Charting; Bylaws/Rules; Merit Marks; Education and more*

Plan *Now* to Attend!

Special D22 Hotel Rate: \$99.00 per night plus tax

(Refrigerators available at \$5.00 extra per night)

For **RESERVATIONS:** call toll free **888-421-1442**

Reservations **must** be made by **September 7th** to receive the **Special Rate.**

Questions? Contact Conference Chairman Chuck Troike at 419-656-1160
or after Labor Day: 941-639-0619

USPS University – *Seminar Series*

USPS University is here with new programs targeted to a range of boaters and types of boating. The hallmark of this concept is the *Seminar Series*. These short seminars are targeted to specific topics and needs with a two-hour format, and valuable take-away guides. Each seminar provides credits toward the *Boat Operator Certification* program, and credit toward elective USPS courses.

These seminars are available now.

Advanced Powerboat Handling

Anchoring

Basic Coastal Navigation

Boat Handling under Power

Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes (see SEO Article in this issue)

How to Use a Chart

Hurricanes and Boats

Knots, Bends and Hitches

Marine RADAR

Mariner's Compass

Mastering the Rules of the Road

Onboard Weather Forecasting

Paddle Smart

Partner in Command

Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

Trailer Your Boat

Using GPS

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Several more seminars are nearing completion and will be available soon: *Knots for Mariners*, *On-board Emergencies*, *Using Digital Charts*, and *Heavy Weather Sailing*.

Contact your squadron SEO for information about the *Boat Operator Certification* Program.

IN MEMORIAM

A sad day for the Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron, as P/C Sam Warr, SN passed away. Memorial Services were held at Florida Presbyterian Homes on Friday, 27 August, at 10:30 a.m.



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