



Prevailing Wind



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January 2009

Commander's Message

Cdr. Mike Hall, P

The Holidays have come and gone, and a New Year has arrived! Along with the New Year come new dreams, new projects, and new opportunities. For our Squadron, we will have a new boating class starting on the 29th, but before that we will elect new officers at our regular meeting on 13 January, 2009. The meeting will be at the MacArthur Center at Florida Presbyterian Home on Lakeside Ave. starting at 7 P.M. There will be several officers returning for another term, but we do have several newer members who will be serving for the first time.

Come out and cast your vote and welcome the new folks!

On Thursday, 01/29/09, our first Squadron Boating Course of the year will kick off at a new venue in Lakeland. The class will be held in the community room of the Colonial Bank, 114 N. Tennessee Ave. in downtown Lakeland. We are excited about this new venue and hope that it works out to use it again in the future.

Then, coming right up after the class starts, will be our annual Change of Watch, scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2009 starting at 6 P.M. Please fill out the registration form in this

newsletter, and mail, along with your check for the appropriate amount, so that you do not miss this always fun evening.

A short 30 days later, on March 6-8, will be the annual Orange Cup Regatta on Lake Hollingsworth. There will be the need for safety boats and concessions on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is an earlier date than in years past, with boating activities on 3 days instead of two. Organizers tell us that they have commitments from more, and larger, racing boats than in the past and this could be a huge week-end! If you have not done so already, please mark your calendars and plan to donate some of your valuable time to this important fund-

raising event. We always manage to have a lot of fun while working hard, so plan to be there!

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This Month's Activities

- Jan. 13 **Annual Meeting - 1900**
MacArthur Center
- Jan. 22 **GPS Seminar**
Marine Supply
717 6th St. SW
Winter Haven
- Jan. 27 **Bridge Meeting -1900**
- Jan. 29 **Sqdn Boating Course**
Colonial Bank
114 N. Tennessee Ave
Lakeland, FL
(and, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26
Mar. 5, 12, 19)

Public Relations

The inserts promoting our classes and vessel safety checks are being mailed out with the boat sticker renewals. We hope that this project will increase awareness of what we, as a Squadron, are able to provide throughout the County.



Cdr. Mike Hall stands by one of the LSPS signs funded by a grant from the BoatUS Foundation.

Probably the one of our more interesting projects during 2008 was the BoatUS Foundation boat ramp signs. Late last year past Cdr. David Smith applied for a grant from BoatUS Foundation to provide signage at boat ramps in Polk county warning about the spread of harmful aquatic species. The grant was funded and during the year the signs were designed and ap-

proved by Polk County officials. Our thanks to the Leisure Services Division of the Polk County Parks and Recreation Department for providing posts, hardware, and the labor!! Thanks to the County, we were able to provide signs for all 42 of the County maintained ramps. We do still have some signs left for replacement purposes, and we hope to be able to provide and install signs at some municipal and private ramps.

LSPS
Completes
boat ramp
sign
project



Bob Craft and Larry Irvin with Leisure Services Division installing sign at the Peace River Canoe launch in Bartow.

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Those of you for whom we have an e-mail address received an invitation for what will be our last C&R for this Watch Year. On Saturday, January 10, 2009, you are invited to a shrimp boil/oyster shucking to be held at the Winter Haven Nautical Club. The address is 695 Ave K S.W. in Winter Haven. Cdr. Mike will be cooking skewered shrimp on the grill with garlic butter sauce; Nancy will be boiling shrimp to be served either hot or cold. All shrimp will be peeled and de-veined. There will also be fresh oysters, either raw or steamed on the grill. We also need volunteers to shuck oysters. Any takers? We will be cooking and serving hot dogs and hamburgers for any of you who do not eat sea food. Member Bob Beckner is providing a pony keg of beer, otherwise BYOB. Bring a small side dish to share. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and the festivities will start at 5 P.M. with food being served around 6 P.M. Please call Mike at 863-899-8731 or e-mail at mhall25@tampabay.rr.com to confirm. Hope to see you there!!



Earlier this summer Mike and Gale picked up the signs from Dixie Signs

Lakeland Sail and Power Squadron

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You are cordially invited to attend
the
**Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron
54th Change of Watch**

Friday, 6 February 2009

At

**Lakeland Yacht & Country Club
929 Hollingsworth Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33803**

Cash Bar – 1800

Dinner 1900

Buffet Menu

Two Entrees: Sliced roast Top Sirloin of Beef with garlic and rosemary Jus/
Stuffed Chicken Breast
Two Vegetables, Fruit tray, assorted salads, Desert, Coffee and Tea

\$20.00 per person

USPS Members Dress: Uniform “A” with bow tie or Business Suit

Please respond by 30 January 2009

Send reservations to:

Lt/C Nancy Hall, P

P. O. Box 1992

Lakeland, FL 33802-1992

(Please send form with check payable to Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron)

Name, Rank, Grade _____

Squadron _____

Number in Party _____ **Amount of Check** _____



Chef David grills those angus burgers... yum



Cindy and Nancy at the soft drink station



Lucille, Judy and Phyllis will sell you a burger and take your money with a smile

Admin Officer's Report

Lt/C Gale Guyer, S

2008 was the second year that LSPS and the Winter Haven Nautical Club teamed up to provide a concession stand at Roar 'N Soar at Fantasy of Flight. A big "THANK YOU" to the many who volunteered to provide safety boats, prepare and sell food and drinks, and made the effort a success.

Cdr. Mike asked me to remind you that Williams and Williams, Inc., 1145 E. Main in Lakeland will embroider a LSPS logo on a shirt that you bring in, or you can buy a shirt from them.

This is my last report as Admin. Officer. I have taken over as the editor of the *Prevailing Wind*. I hope you like the new look. I will try to email the newsletter to those of you who have an email address.

SEO's Message

Lt/C Richard Littrell, JN

Now that the holidays are over, we can turn our Squadron activity towards the 2009 education year. We again will have a schedule of 5 GPS Seminars, and 5 Boating classes. The dates are confirmed, but not all the locations. We are scheduling new locations as well as some old ones. If you have not been contacted to become an instructor, please let me know.

At the next membership meeting I will be giving an overview of the USPS Boat Operator Certification program. This has been the result following The USPS University and all the new courses and seminars. The Boat Operator Certification program is strictly a volunteer program which also furthers boating safety education.

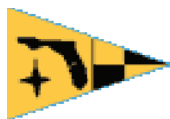
At the next meeting I will be passing out the Advanced Piloting exams to the four students just finishing up the class. I would like to thank Nelson DeCamp for teaching this class.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next membership meeting.

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