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Commander's Message

Cdr. Mike Hall, P

Another Watch Year is about to begin! Congratulations to the newly elected Bridge Officers and members of the Executive Committee. All elected officers will be installed at our annual Change of Watch, Friday February 6, 2009 at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club, starting at 1800. We hope that all of you will be able to attend.

Our first fund raiser of the year is fast approaching. The annual Orange Cup Regatta will be held on Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland on the weekend of March 6-8. Thanks to all who have signed up to work, but we are sure that more will be needed. With the invaluable assistance of our good friends at the Winter Haven Nautical Club, this should be a good week end, weather permitting.

A work day for maintenance, painting, and general sprucing up of the concession trailer is scheduled for Saturday, 21 February, 2009, at 0800. The exact location has not yet been

determined, but we will do our best to let you know whenever it is decided.

The *Prevailing Wind* looks great with color and photographs!! Thanks to our new editor, Mr. Gale Guyer, S for all of his efforts in putting together. Our plan is to deliver *Prevailing Wind* electronically via e-mail, but if you do not have

an e-mail address, or just prefer receiving a paper copy by U.S. Mail, please let us know. Mr. Guyer's phone number is 863-318-8247. Our main concern is to keep you informed.

The District 22 Spring Conference, originally scheduled for April 17-19, has had to be rescheduled due to an overbooking

situation by the Sarasota Hyatt. The new dates

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Change of Watch is Feb. 6 We'll see you there

This Month's Activities

- Feb. 2 **Instructor Development**
Porter-McGrath Health Center
(also, Feb. 9, 16, 23)
- Feb. 5 **Squadron Boating Course**
Colonial Bank
Lakeland, FL
(also, Feb 12, 19, 26
Mar. 5, 12, 19)
- Feb. 6 **Change of Watch - 1900**
Lakeland Yacht and Country Club
929 Hollingsworth Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803
- Feb. 24 **Bridge Meeting -1900**



SEO 's Message

Lt/C Richard Littrell, JN

We need students for the ongoing class for the Squadron Boating Course. The class was started with three students. There's room for more. If you know of potential

students, please let us know.

We started an Instructor Development class at the Porter-McGrath Health Center conference room. This class began 2 February and will continue for three more Monday nights. Students who showed interest in the class have already been notified. However if you have not been contacted and would like to participate, There's still time if you come on 9 Feb. Please call or email Gale or Susanne Guyer... theguyers@verizon.net. We can always make room. To comply with the NASBLA requirements

concerning certified instructors for the public boating courses, we will probably always have an ongoing program to certify new Instructors. Even if you don't want to teach, this course may provide benefits for individuals for any speaking engagement.

We can always make room for you in our classes

Seamanship Class will start on 2 March, a Monday night, and will go for 8-10 weeks. This class will be from 1900-2100, also held at the Porter-McGrath Health Center conference room. P/C John Valich P, will be the instructor. Please let me know if you would like to sign up for that course. This class is free to members. This is a good way to learn more about boating to increase your boating skills.

Thanks to all the members and instructors who helped with the education last year. Lets make this new upcoming watch year a good education year as well..



P/C John Valich (3rd from left) poses with GPS Seminar class that met at Marine Supply in Winter Haven, 22 Jan 09



Marine Supply owner, Richard Emry (left) and P/C John Valich (right) show GPS class participant Susanne Guyer the finer points of the latest in GPS technology

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are May 7-9, 2009. The good news is that the Hyatt is offering the rooms at a 50% discount! The original rate was \$142.00/night, so I calculate the new rate at \$71.00/night. The cost of the conference meals are to be reduced by 20%. My calculation for the Friday night dinner are a reduction from \$45.00/person to \$36.00/person, Saturday lunch from \$32.00/person to \$28.00/person, and Saturday dinner form \$51.00/person to \$41.00/person. Remember, these are not official prices, just my calculations, so we will have to wait for the official word to come from District. The Spring Conference is also the time that LSPS will join 4 or 5 other squadrons in providing snacks, drinks, and hosting the Joint Squadron Hospitality Suite, on Friday from 1700-1800.

The Spring Conference is also the Change of Watch for District 22. Our very own P/C Dick Littrell will be sworn in as District 22 Administrative Officer. Let's get a good, large group to attend the dinner and stay the night on that Saturday to show our support and appreciation for Dick. The phone number for reservations at the Hyatt is 941-953-1234. The Hyatt also has a marina if anyone is interested in going by boat. Let Mike know if you are planning to attend, just to have a running count of possible attendees.

See you at the Change of Watch!!

2008 Merit Marks

Congratulations to the following members for being awarded a Merit Mark for the watch year 2008. Remember, a Merit Mark is the only official "Thank You" from USPS.

Name (Total number of Merit Marks)

1. P/Lt/C Harold Barker, SN (30)
2. P/C Dudley Bauerlein, SN (31)
3. Don Cook, P (11)
4. Nelson DeCamp, AP (7)
5. Terry Dunn, S (1)
6. P/C Fred Guard, AP (21)
7. Lt/C Gale Guyer, S (3)
8. Susanne Guyer, S (2)
9. Lt. Gary Haeusler, AP (18)
10. Lt/C Nancy Hall, P (5)
11. P/Lt/C Richard Keach, S (5)
12. Lt. Judy Larson, P (1)
13. Lt. Tom Larson, P (1)
14. Jackie Littrell (2)
15. P/C Dick Littrell, JN (21)
16. P/C Wes Lott, AP (21)
17. Art Rowbotham (1)
18. Bonnie Rowbotham (1)
19. P/C David Smith, S (5)
20. Robert Szrot, S (1)
21. Lt/C Cindy Valich, S (7)
22. P/C John Valich, P (7)
23. Cdr. Mike Hall, P (5)

A special congratulations to Richard Keach, Nancy Hall, David Smith and Mike Hall for attaining Senior Member status with the awarding of their 5th Merit Mark.

Shrimp and Oysters

Lt/C Nancy Hall, P

You just had to be there!

Great weather! Good cooks! Fine food! Hungry people! = Satisfaction!

That describes the first C&R of 2009 for LSPS. It was a great dinner at the Winter Haven Nautical Club for LSPS and Nautical Club members as well as their guests on 10 January, 2009.

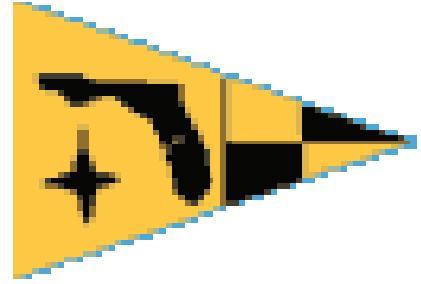
Cdr. Mike Hall, P grilled skewered shrimp and fresh oysters while Lt/C Nancy Hall, P boiled shrimp. P/C David Smith, S grilled up some fine burgers and dogs to round out the menu. Delicious side dishes brought by the attendees were also enjoyed. Bob and Susan Beckner's donation of a pony keg was a popular and appreciated thirst quencher. You don't want to miss this event the next time around!



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Lt/C Dick Littrell explains the new Boat Operator Certification to the Lakeland squadron at its Janyary meeting at the McArthur Center



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