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Commander's Message

Cdr. Mike Hall, AP

Fraternal Greetings one and all! Here is hoping that you all are enjoying your summer activities so far, whether you are traveling or staying at home. Either way, I hope that you are having fun and staying safe.

Your Squadron has just completed a 4 week Boat Smart Class with all 11 students passing the exam. So far, we have 2 new members from this class, so welcome aboard Joe and Linda McDonough from Lakeland. They are looking forward to continuing their boating education as soon as possible. Joe and Linda, we hope to see you at the next member meeting on July 14th at 1900 in the Game Room of Florida Presbyterian Home.

The Squadron will be conducting a one day Boat Smart Class on Saturday, Aug. 1st, 2009 from 0900 to 1700 at Fun Bike Center on Memorial Blvd. in Lakeland. This will be our 1st time to using this venue, and

we look forward to starting a new and exciting relationship with Fun Bike Center. Thus far, Nick Dorsch and the staff at Fun Bike Center have been a pleasure to work with.

Our Squadron Administrative Officer, Lt/C Tom Larson, AP has listed several upcoming social opportunities for your Squadron. The Executive Committee hopes that each of you will take advantage of one, or all, of these events for the opportunity to have some good social interaction with each other. Our thanks, in advance, to D/Lt/C Dick Littrell, JN and

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This Month's Activities

- July 14 **LSPS General Meeting- 1900**
Game Room
Florida Presbyterian Homes
- July 16 **GPS Seminar -1900**
Marine Supply of Winter Haven
717 6th St. SW, Winter Haven
- July 21, 22, 25 **Boat Smart Class - Pre -registration**
Fun Bike Center
1845 Memorial Blvd., Lakeland
- July 28 **Bridge Meeting -1900**
Conference Room
Porter-McGrath Center
- August 1 **Boat Smart Class - 0900 - 1700**
Fun Bike Center
1845 Memorial Blvd, Lakeland



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Tom Larson, AP

First let's deal with the business of the Administrative Officer:

August 8 – C&R: Pool party and cook out at Dick and Jackie Littrell. The club will provide burgers and dogs. You should bring a side dish and bathing suit. We'll get started at 14:00. Please coordinate your side dish with Judy Larson at 863-393-6897.

October 13 – C&R: Monthly Meeting and Chili Cook-off. Come enjoy mild, medium, and blazing chili at Tom and Judy Larson's house. Sign up to bring a chili or a side. We'll start at 18:00 for the libations, food starting at 18:30. For directions, entering your Chile, or coordinating a side dish, please call Judy Larson at 863-393-6897.

October 24 – C&R: Day Cruise. Details to be announced. We are looking for a couple of captains with larger boats to carry passengers on a cruise, and then raft up for dinner and sunset. If you are interested please call Tom at 863-393-6896 or email at tom@ona-gwynne.com.

Burgees: We have just received a new shipment of the Lakeland Sail and Power Squadron Burgees. Cost is \$20. If you would like to purchase a Burgee, please call or email Tom at 863-393-6896, tom@ona-gwynne.com.

Travels of the Ona-Gwynne

Judy and I keep our Mainship Trawler, the Ona-Gwynne, on "G" dock at Twin Dolphins Marina in Bradenton. Several of us from Twin Dolphins formed "H" dock. (Think Harry Potter and track 91/2) We have also created the "H" dock cruising club. "H" docks most recent cruising trip was to the Hyatt in Sarasota. On a beautiful clear day, Judy and I set out first towards Sarasota. As we have the only go-slow boat, we need a head start to arrive at the same time as the rest of the flotilla. The day was great, and the other three boats caught up to us as we passed under the Cortez Bridge on the intra-coastal waterway.

They arrived first at the Hyatt and we listened to the VHF discussions as they tried to dock, retried, tried again, and finally got docked. As we have the largest boat of the fleet our concerns grew as we got near the Hyatt's Marina. Once we arrived in the basin, we were told to dock in slip 13/14. Hmm...the fairway was only 35 feet wide, our boat is 40 feet plus the dingy...let's call it 45 feet. I'm happy to say that we did not hit any boats docking, but we had several very anxious moments.

Upon arrival at the Hyatt we discovered it is first class all the way. The docks are floating, and the dock master is very helpful. You have access to all the Hotels facilities including a work out room, great Tiki bar and huge pool with a waterfall. It is just a short walk to downtown Sarasota and all of its attractions.



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The only thing to remember about a cruise to the Hyatt is that they have very few slips for boats larger than 35 feet. Make sure you get on the T-Dock if you have a larger boat.

Once we were all docked and hooked up to shore power, we hit that great pool and Tiki bar. That evening we had 14 people going to dinner at Dos Senioritas. The Hyatt provided us with transportation to and from the restaurant in their shuttle bus. Dos Senioritas has great Mexican food and is very reasonably priced.

The following morning I went for a run out to Saint Armonds Circle and met Judy and Astro for a drink at Starbucks in Sarasota. Several of the streets near the Starbucks were closed off for an Arts and craft fair. We enjoyed a leisurely stroll, admiring the various art works and even bought a couple of small items. Once back at the Hyatt it was time for the "H" dock brunch. The theme was SPAM! We had Bloody Marys, Mimosa's and three gourmet SPAM dishes; a SPAM casserole, SPAM pasta salad, and a SPAM frittata.



A little after noon we had to say good bye to the Hyatt. The flotilla set off for their home port at Twin Dolphins. Leaving the slips was almost as much fun as getting into them.

It was a great cruise, with lots of fun and some excellent food. This is what boating is all about.

PS: the SPAM recipes are available for those that can appreciate the finer things in life!

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his wife, Jackie, for again opening their lovely home on August 8th for the afternoon. Tom Larson is even putting together a boat outing for a day, and we certainly look forward to that.

We are still looking for a community service project for our Squadron. If you have any thoughts or ideas about a possible project, please get in touch with me or any member of the Executive Committee.

Have a happy Independence Day, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Members of the LSPS Bridge Complete the Instructor Development Class

Lt/C Tom Larson, AP and Lt/C Judy Larson, AP recently completed the United States Power Squadrons Instructor Development Course. In order for Squadron members to teach classes to the public, they must first successfully complete the Instructor Development Course or be a licensed teacher. The class consists of four sessions where students learn concepts and techniques for teaching adult learners. Students then practice these skills in the classroom setting.



SEO's Message

Lt/C Judy Larson, AP

Congratulations to all of the students passing the June Boat Smart Course.

Also, thank you to all of the members

who showed up to teach various subjects and support this public course effort. There were eleven students, including two 10 year-olds or under. Everyone passed!



LSPS Instructor Susanne Guyer, S, teaches the June Boat Smart Class

Congratulations are also in order for Bonnie and Art Rowbotham for passing the Seamanship course!

Our next Boat Smart Course will be configured as a one-day, 8-hour class. It will be held at the Fun Bike Center in Lakeland on August 1st. Pre-registration will be required so people can pick up their learning materials and do all the reading and homework before the class. The pre-registration dates for materials pickup are July 21 and 22. This should be our last Boat Smart course. We will move to the Squadron Boating Course in September.

We also have GPS seminars scheduled for July 16th and August 13th.

A survey will be sent out from your new SEO in July. The purpose is to find out what courses our members are interested in taking. Please be on the look out for it, fill it out, and send it back.

Don't forget that USPS has upgraded the three Marine Electronics modules into new stand-alone courses. They are; Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communications Systems, and Marine Electronic Systems for Navigation. Weather 2008 is now available. This course will benefit those sitting at home as well as those at the helm of their boats.

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