



**Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron**  
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A Unit of the United States Power Squadron – District 23



**Lake County Florida – It was a VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**Pictured above is a majority of the gifts that were collected at the Harris Chain's Christmas party.**

Three different and distinct causes were helped: A food pantry in Lady Lake, Santa for Seniors and a children's charity that helps abused and displaced children.

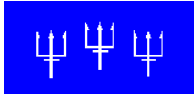
Cash was also collected and additional products were purchased and added to the items that were donated. Members collected, compiled all of the gifts and then loaded all into sleighs for delivery to the needy. A rough calculation of goods exceeded 3500 dollars along with additional funds coming in after this picture was taken.

Each and every member should pride themselves on this job that brought raving reviews from each of the groups.

Your unselfish efforts are to be commended. Everyone involved, shared a bit of themselves and really expressed the Christmas cheer!

**Congratulations for Another, Job, Well Done!**

## Commander's Message



# Cdr Cathy Henke, P

How quickly the year goes by, it seems as if I was just sworn in as your Commander. I first want to thank my husband for all his support and help throughout this entire year, as I needed all of the help. Also, thank you for all the help and support from the bridge officers and members.

December was a wonderful month for our civic services. It was great to see everyone rally together to fulfill all the wishes from the Santa for Seniors list, the Food Drive, and Neglected Children Fund. Of course everything starts off slow, and then all of a sudden everyone is helping. Thank you Ray and Jerie for making sure all the gifts were received at the Santa For Seniors. I, also, wish to thank Keith Rowe for taken the food to the food bank. That got everything to the food pantry quickly and saved myself lots of time on the road, after work.

Reminder:

Change of Watch (COW) is scheduled for Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Vic Embers Supper Club 2:00pm-5:00pm. RSVP by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Conference committee will meet on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> following the Executive Meeting. The conference is scheduled for the Spring of 2013. Our theme has been agreed upon "Spring Training". We are in the midst of finalizing the plans for accommodations.



# Lt/C Don Stewart, S

## Squadron Executive Officer (SXO)

We are looking for help in the booth for First Friday, February 3. Please let me know what month you can help in the booth either 1<sup>st</sup> shift 5:00pm-7:00pm or 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 7:00pm-9:30pm.

Members that have personal information changes such as new phone numbers, new e-mail addresses and other personal data changes need to log on to the national site. Log on to USPS.org and log in using each members number and password. The password is on your dues renewal on the same line as each ones name. On the lower left side column there is an option titled "Manage your own profile". Please update your information and then hit the update button at the bottom of the page.

If you need rosters they are available at all General Membership meetings.

If you may have questions, please contact me.





## Lt/C Ralph Shrivalle, AP Squadron Education Officer (SEO)

Seamanship is slated to begin Wednesday, January 11, 2012. This class will be held in Lake Square Mall community room. Members who are currently attending the Piloting class, you must take the Seamanship class to receive your "P" when you pass that test.

Weather class will be beginning in late March 2012.

The next ABC course will be Saturday, January 21, 2012. **New location:** Lake Sumter Community College, Liberal Arts Bldg, Room 1. We will need help with grading tests and socializing with the students in the afternoon if anyone is available to help please contact Phil Ponticello.

The few members who expressed interest in completing the IQ course (to become an Instructor) please email Phil Ponticello ([pponticello@harrischain.org](mailto:pponticello@harrischain.org)) to setup testing.

We have 4 members in the Self Study Junior Navigation class and we are proud to report they are almost through the course. Test will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Respectfully submitted, Cdr Cathy Henke, P



## Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P Squadron Secretary

*Be a Santa to a Senior*, is a holiday gifting program for financially challenged senior citizens living in Lake and Sumter Counties. This program was again chosen by members of the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron Bridge as one of three year-end civil service projects for 2011. This was the second year the squadron has participated in giving to this worthwhile holiday program.

Working with information received from several state agencies, the program is coordinated by *Home Instead Senior Care* of Leesburg. The squadron membership gave most generously again this year and filled Christmas gift wishes for more than 45 Lake and Sumter County senior citizens who qualify for participation in the program.

Special gift items were purchased, while gift cards filled the holiday wishes for other requests. Along with an out-poring of genuine care and concern, the membership generously provided basic everyday items and helped to fulfill the simple requests made by those senior citizens participating in the 2011 *Be a Santa to a Senior* program.

# CHECK OUT

## HARRIS CHAIN Sail & Power Squadron ON FACEBOOK

Search: Harris Chain Click on LIKE  
And write on the wall.

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## Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron 2011 Bridge

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Lt/C Don Stewart, S Executive Officer SXO  
Vacant \_Administrative Officer SAO  
Lt/C Ralph Shrivalle, AP Education Officer SEO  
Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P Secretary  
Lt/C Roger Wilson, Treasurer

PLEASE NOTE: 2012 Bridge will be posted in next newsletter. All bridge members will have "official" Harris Chain E-mail addresses.

# JANUARY'S MEETING PLACE

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

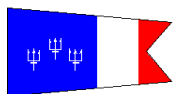
Community Room

Lake Square Mall (next to Penney's in the mall)

7:00pm Business meeting

## BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "JANUARY'S BABIES"

3<sup>rd</sup> Simeon Bryon, S  
19<sup>th</sup> Lt. Fred Mottle, AP  
25<sup>th</sup> Peter Huebner  
31<sup>st</sup> Mike Homulak, S



**P/C Sid Pitcher**

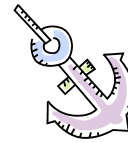


Vessel Safety Check Coordinator

The Vessel Safety Examiners have completed 99 safety examinations for 2011. I wish to thank all the VSE's for volunteering their time. We will resume examinations once the 2012 decals arrive. Actually we had 100 VSC's for 2011, Tim sent one in on 12/30/11.



# Ship's Store



**The ship store has what you need to be in Harris Chain Style.  
Lt/C Roger Wilson has "The Store" and will have all items at the next meeting**

All member shirts  
are the same

**Member Shirts**  
**\$ 33.08**



For those that have  
a past rank, the  
rank is added to  
left sleeve.  
**with rank**  
**\$ 36.35**



Burgees are HERE! Fly your Burgee when you are  
out on the water. \$ 38.70 each



**Decals \$3.00 each**

At the National Meetings in Jacksonville, the  
National, Ships Store will be fully stocked.

*A little secret- They have sales for early birds*



# Galaxy 23

## News from the Bridge of District 23

Your link to District and National

**D23 Nominees for 2012 – 2013** The following nominees have agreed to serve, if elected. The election will be held at the D23 Spring Conference.

### D23 Bridge

D/C Abraham B. Cahill, SN  
DXO Timothy Henke, AP  
DEO Michael C. Scallan, SN  
DAO William J. Fehr, N  
DSECY Ernst G. Hofmann, JN  
DTRES John F. Mulkey, AP  
Asst DEO Thomas R. Fruda, JN

### Nominating

Mbr 1 yr Eugene Grant, JN Mbr 1 yr  
Richard A. Leatherman, SN Mbr 2 yrs  
Bobby J. Bray, AP  
Mbr 2 yrs Kermit B. Forbes, P  
Mbr 3 yrs Robert E. Becker Jr, SN  
Mbr 3 yrs Jeffrey T. Wise, JN

### General Committees:

#### Audit

Mbr 1 yr Lester R. Tribout, N  
Mbr 2 yrs Gennifer S. Miles, P  
Mbr 3 yrs Clara L. Ross, SN

**Rules** Mbr 1 yr Enrique Estevez, AP  
Mbr 2 yrs Michael H. McKinney, SN  
Mbr 3 yrs Joseph Cartwright, SN

Submitted by D23 Nominating Committee:

P/D/C George M Ammon, SN P/C Bobby J. Bray, AP  
P/D/C Eugene Grant, JN P/R/C Mary Jane Schnoor, SN  
P/D/C Richard A. Leatherman, SN (Chairman)

The Gainesville Sail and Power Squadron  
and the Ocala Power Squadron  
Invites District 23 to



## The Balmy Bahamas Cruise Murder Mystery Dinner March 23, 2012

You are cordially invited by Megastar Singer *Tilly Song* to join her on a luxury-plus cruiser that she has hired to see the Bahamas and have a holiday. There will be a variety of famous people to rub elbows with.

Dress for a Bahamas Cruise, there will be dancing and a Luau Buffet featuring Teriyaki Beef, Hawaiian Chicken, Baby Ribs Bora Bora and Sweet 'n Sour Shrimp. But watch over your shoulder, there is a possibility a murder might occur and your help will be needed to determine the suspect.



Cruise Departs at  
1900 from the  
Ramada Inn  
Conference  
Center, Ocala, FL  
Boarding Cruise Photos  
begin 1830

3820 Bonnie Heath Blvd.  
T-75 Exit 354



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON DISTRICT 23  
 2012 SPRING CONFERENCE and CHANGE OF WATCH  
 23 March thru 25 March 2012



**Ramada Inn** - 3810 NW BLITCHTON RD (I-75 & US-27) Ocala, Florida 34475  
 Room Reservations must be received no later than Thursday, **8 March 2012** to guarantee rate through hotel  
 Late reservations on a space available basis

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_ # Of Persons \_\_\_\_\_

*The USPS rate for the event is \$69.00 + 8.5% TAX per room per night.  
 If paid directly by check to GSPS by 3/8/2012 tax exempt status will be in force  
 Check in time is 1500; checkout is 1200.*

For individual reservations call the Ramada at 352-732-3131 Mon-Fri, 0900-1700 and ask for USPS Rate :  
 For tax exemption, mail with meal reservations and make checks payable to: Gainesville S & P Squadron  
 P/C Mike McKinney, SN  
 15314 SW. Williston Rd. Micanopy, FL. 32667  
 Telephone: 352-495-2454 email: [mhmckinney@bellsouth.net](mailto:mhmckinney@bellsouth.net)

MEAL RESERVATION FORM  
 Meal reservations must be received no later than **14 March 2012**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_

If a special diet is required for health reasons, please let us know

	Number attending	Cost
<b>Friday Evening Buffet - Hawaiian Luau:</b> Teriyaki Beef, Hawaiian Chicken, Ribs, Shrimp, Rice, Egg Rolls, Sweet Potato w/Coconut, Salad, Dessert	\$32.00 _____	\$ _____
Saturday Breakfast - Hotel Deluxe Continental		<b>FREE</b>
<b>Saturday Lunch</b> - Chicken Breast Teriyaki, Southern Green Beans, Whipped Sweet Yams, Salad, Rolls	\$15.00 _____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Night Plated Dinner</b>		
Choice #1 Prime Rib _____ Choice#2 Glazed Alaskan Salmon _____	\$31.00 _____	\$ _____
“N” Club Sunday Breakfast - Country Buffet --- followed by guest speaker	\$14.00 _____	\$ _____
	Total for meals	\$ _____
	Total # ___ of rooms (through GSPS) x \$69	\$ _____
	Total amount of check	\$ _____

# JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year	2	3 Bridge Meeting Commanders Home 7pm Conference 2013	4 Piloting Class 7pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Seamanship Class 7pm	12	13	14 Officer meeting in Daytona Beach
15 Change of Watch 2:00pm Vic Embers	16	17 General Membership Meeting Lake Square Mall 7pm	18 Seamanship Class 7pm	19	20	21 ABC Class Lake Sumter CC
22	23	24	25 Seamanship Class 7pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Seamanship Class 7pm	2	3	4
5	6	7 Bridge Meeting 7pm Conference 2013	8 Seamanship Class 7pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Seamanship Class 7pm	16	17	18
19	20	21 General Membership Meeting Lake Square Mall 7pm	22 Seamanship Class 7pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Seamanship Class 7pm			