



Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

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Lake County Florida – The weather is hot and the Action that the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron is even hotter! Even though we have sent the snowbirds north we are still strong in numbers that have great participation from the 12month’rs.

The “dress up your hot dog” event was well attended with members enjoying the cool breezes under the huge trees at Hickory point.

A couple of boats were in the water and an after lunch cruise was taken while a few snuck back home with full bellies for their afternoon nap.

The food was great. It’s funny how creative folks get when it comes to making great taste treats that can be taken to a picnic. Even better Lt/ Jerie constructed her goodies right in front of our eyes. It looked good and tasted GREAT !



Many more events are coming up. Dig yourself out of that easy chair and be trapped in the shadows.



2012 Nomination Committee is now active

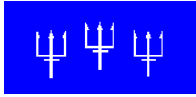
Pursuant to the bylaws of the Harris Chain Sail; & Power Squadron, formulation of the 2012 nominations committee has taken place.

Immediate Past Commander Tim Henke, AP, P/C Bill Myers AP and P/C Keith Rowe, P will be diligently assembling a slate for the November elections.

An attempt will be made to query all members in regards to their interest in participating in elected positions for the next year.

All positions will be open and it takes a lot of members, to do a little work to yield, great success.

Feel free to contact any of the members of the nomination committee and voice your wishes.



Commander's Message

Cdr Cathy Henke, P

It just seems that I was sworn in, and here it is halfway thru the year. We have accomplished great feats and I am looking to keep that success going. The day to day operations of the squadron continue to run well.

Into the future, the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron is hosting the District 23 conference in the spring of 2013. The responsibly, to host a conference, is rotated thru the squadrons of the district. The approximate time will be the latter part of March 2013. To have a successful conference, it is recognized that planning must begin 18 months before the event date. District 23 will provide seed money, to get the conference started, provided that we submit a budget to them before the fall conference of 2012.

The conference is a combination of many tasks and events. A conference requires ALL members to be involved. May it be in planning, back ground duties, logistics and actual event labor.

The meetings will be held under the coordination of the district bridge and designees.

We as a squadron will need to acquire a suitable gathering place and be the event planners. District will follow a prescribed format for meetings. We will have a Friday evening event. We will also be charged with a hospitality room that includes both food and drink. The squadron will have the opportunity to add in raffles, door prizes and various sales of selected items to offset the costs of the squadron's areas of responsibility. Menus and meals will have to be planned and then executed by caterers and hotel staff.

What does this mean? It means that I will start a committee in September to take the first step of the Spring 2013 Conference. So dust off our thinking caps because I will be asking each and everyone for their assistance. We want to have a grand event for those 150-200 attendees.

What is a conference ? Attend the Ponce de Leon Squadron sponsored conference at the end of September in Deland and see what it is all about. You don't need anything special other than your smile. Wear your Harris Chain shirts and Name tags and go and meet everyone. They are a great group. See the details on page 10 and 11 for details.

On a different note, the Audit has been completed. All books were in order and the members have signed off for 2010. A few suggestions have been made in regards to upgrading some administrative tasks. These were presented to the bridge and are under consideration.

This is your organization and I would ask that everyone be prepared to step up and take an active role in its success.

Hope to see you on the water soon.



Lt/C Don Stewart, S
Squadron Executive Officer (SXO)

As usual we are looking for help in the booth for First Friday. Please let me know what month you can help in the booth either 1st shift 5:00pm-7:00pm or 2nd 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. Complaints of not being called or not receiving e-mails are due to information being out of date. Changes made at the local level are not enough. Each member with information change **MUST** change it through the national site. Log on to USPS.org and log in using each member's 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 may have questions, please contact me.



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

Our Cruise Planning Course is now complete and the tests all that tested passed the course. Ada and I will take the test when we return.

We all want to thank P/C Tim Henke, AP for teaching a great and fun course.

Our scheduled, final course for 2011 is the Piloting Course for October 5, 2011. This will be lead by one of the squadron master instructors, Bill Myers. This class is open to all members. This is a ten-week course so plan your time for it. If you do not have Seamanship grade you can take the Piloting class first, then the Seamanship class next the next time it's offered. Once passing both, you will be awarded the grade of Piloting. The order for these two classes may be shuffled without loss of content.

The final ABC course for this year will be Saturday, October 8, 2011. The few members who expressed interest in completing the IQ course please email Phil Ponticello (pponticello@harrischain.org) to setup testing.



Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P Squadron Secretary

Dress Up Your Hot Dog Day

If you participated in the monthly outing at Hickory Point, then you know about the excellent company and the good-food, get-together, squadron picnic held on that warm Saturday afternoon.

If you were unable to attend, then you missed the custom roasted hot dogs that were dressed-up to perfection. You missed the zippy garlic vegetable medley, the toasted crumb-crust macaroni casserole, the oven baked beans and the mixed fresh fruit selection along with all of the other special goodies that were served that day. You also missed having a slice of the Dress-Up-Your-Hot-Dog-Day (world's easiest) cake, for dessert.

Following is the recipe for the very cool picnic cake that was sliced and served on that really warm Saturday afternoon in July.

Originally called **Angel Lush** cake, the recipe was cut from a food ad in the Sunday newspaper. Preparation time is approximately 15 minutes when using a pre-made cake.

For the cake: Your choice is EITHER a pre-made angel food cake (slice into 2 or 3 layers) OR 1 packaged angel food cake mix OR 1 yellow cake mix. Prepare cake according to package directions.

Filling and frosting:

1 can of Dole crushed pineapple (20 ounces) undrained.

1 package (3.4 ounces) Jell-o vanilla flavor instant pudding & pie filling.

1 cup thawed Cool Whip whipped topping.

Seasonal berries of choice.

Mix the dry instant pudding and the can of crushed pineapple with juice, in a medium bowl. Gently stir in the whipped topping.

Stack the cake layers on a plate spreading the pudding mixture between layers and on top of the cake. (Add berries between layers, if desired). Garnish the top layer with seasonal berries.

Refrigerate the cake for 1 hour or until ready to serve. Approximately 10 servings.

Editors note: Or 4 servings 3 regular sized with one Tim sized one remaining

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

www.facebook.com



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Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron 2011 Bridge

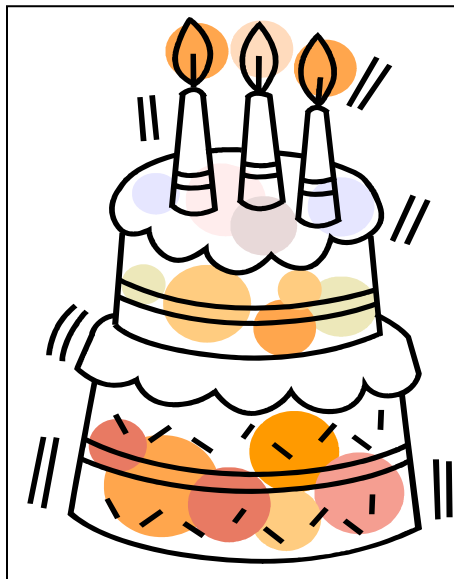
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Lt/C Ralph Shrivalle, AP Education Officer SEO
Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P Secretary
Lt/C Roger Wilson, Treasurer

AUGUST'S MEETING PLACE

Community Room
Lake Square Mall (next to Penney's in the mall)
7:00pm Business meeting

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "AUGUST BABIES"

2nd P/C Bill Myers, AP
7th Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P
8th Matt Gehman
16th Suzanne Grehl
23rd Ann Keferberg
26th Lelani Schneider
31st Suzanne Grehl

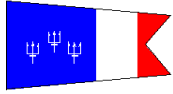


How Many feet, are
in a fathom?

- 2 Feet
- 6 Feet
- 10 Feet

Hint: 1 Fathom equals 18 hands

Help is needed on Oct 8th The next public boating (ABC) class. By using the Lake Square Mall Community room we obtain an indirect opportunity to also have a information booth. If you are not in the teaching mode, we need YOU to staff the information booth. Just answer a few questions and pass out information and solicit membership into the Harris Chain. Yes you can do it! It's EASY!



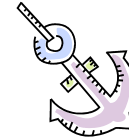
P/C Joe Murray, AP
Vessel Safety Check, Chairman



We missed our VSC date in July, as the temperature extremes were running into the 95-degree area, so, nothing new to report. A few inspectors are inspecting vessels upon request. Remember that every member should have a current decal on their vessel



Ship's Store



The Long awaited debut of the Harris Chain "Squadron Shirt" has now arrived

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

All Items will be on sale at the Monthly meeting!

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bridge Meeting Commanders Home 7pm	3	4	5 First Friday Eustis 5-9 pm Volunteers Needed	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Second Annual Saturday Sunset Dinner Boondocks 6:30 pm
14	15	16 Monthly Meeting at Community Room Lake Square Mall 7pm	17	18	19	20 Wings and Spuds Gilbert Park 11 am lunch at Noon
21 VSC's Venetian Cove Buzzard's Beach 12-3 pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2011

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4	5	6 Bridge Meeting Commanders Home 7pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 VSC's 12-3 Venetian Gardens & Buzzards Beach	19	20 Monthly Meeting at Lake Square Mall Community Room	21	22	23	24 Outing At Griffin State Park "Sinful Treats" HC has grove all day.
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 OCT
					D-23 Conference	
2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Deland</div>						



Galaxy 23

News from the Bridge of District 23

Your link to District and National

D/Lt/C Ernst G Hofmann, JN
District 23 Secretary

The job of communicating with members is vital to any organization and usually is the secretary's responsibility. While there are a number of ways of accomplishing this – newsletters, e-mail messages, telephone calls, smoke signals – the keystone is the database that we have at our fingertips. USPS has a first-class database that we can access to accomplish our aims – DB2000.

This database is much more than a static listing of names and addresses – it allows the user to obtain data such as birthdays or find out who is a candidate for Junior Navigation and has taken the requisite courses.

Because of its many features, DB2000 may appear daunting at first; however, it keeps amplifying its scope and now offers YouTube tutorials to better understand and use it.

Squadron Secretaries play a key role in making DB2000 an accurate and timely tool. They are responsible for updating the squadron and member information and uploading it to National. Similarly, members need to transmit to their secretaries any personal changes. A year ago, I listed some mid-July statistics, which I have updated. D23 has the same number of members (967) with essentially the same quantity of e-mail addresses (708) and telephones listed (918 landlines and business) but the number of listed cell phone numbers almost doubled to 166. How long did it take me to gather this information? Less than three minutes.

Another area where DB2000 can be a huge labor saving device is in the preparation of directories. Because they become outdated almost weekly they should be updated periodically and not of just after the Change of Watch.

Secretaries can also make their life easier at year's end with the dreaded task of submitting the Historian Report. Of course, the data should be compiled continuously as the year marches on; then, when the time comes to fill in the blanks, a click on the FORMS button gets you started.

A current and clean database is an essential management tool for your Bridge and your committees –feel free to contact me if there are questions or roadblocks.

Ponce de Leon Inlet Sail and Power Squadron

Invites D/23

To join them in Margaritaville



30 September 2011 to kick off the Fall Conference Weekend



*Relax, come casually dressed, enjoy the island food,
dance the evening away to your favorite Jimmy Buffet Tunes.*

Let yourself be whisked away to enjoy

*Pacific Rim delicacies with topical fruit on skewers marinated in rum and coconut,
roasted whole pig properly decorated,
grilled chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, roasted red bliss potatoes,
baked sweet potato in pineapple butter sauce, steamed vegetables in Asian chili
sauce, with various salads*

Where can you find this special place?

Near the Home of Stetson University and Historic Deland

At the

Clarion Hotel

350 East International Speedway

Deland, Florida 32724





USPS DISTRICT 23 2011 FALL CONFERENCE

30 September & October 1 & 2 2011

Clarion Hotel - 350 East International Speedway Blvd Deland, Florida 32724

Room Reservations must be received no later than Thursday, 15 September 2011 to guarantee rate through hotel
Late reservations on a space available basis

LASTNAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

LASTNAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

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 + 12.5% tax per room per night.

If paid directly by check to Ponce by 9/10/2011, tax-exempt status will be in force, but no special requests will be taken except for Handicapped rooms - Check in time is 1500; checkout is 1100.

For individual reservations call the Clarion at 386 - 738 - 5200 Mon-Fri, 0900-1700 and ask for USPS Rate:

For tax exemption, mail with meal reservations and make checks payable to Ponce de Leon S & P Squadron to:

P/C Linda Allen, SN

438 Bouchelle Drive # 301 New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

Telephone: 386 - 423 - 1945 email: chulin@ucnsb.net

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Meal reservations must be received no later than 10 September 2011

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE () _____ E-MAIL _____ SQUADRON _____

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

Number attending Cost

Friday Evening - Pacific Rim Festival Buffet @ \$32.00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Plated - Trio Salad (Tuna, Chicken, Potato Salads) with fresh fruit, bread and dessert @ \$16 .00 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Banquet choice/choices:

Prime Rib _____ Mahi Mahi (with Macadamia nuts & Mango relish) _____ @ \$30 .00 _____ \$ _____

“N” Club Breakfast @ \$14.00 _____ \$ _____

Total for meals \$ _____

Total of room (through Ponce) \$ _____

Total amount of check \$ _____