



Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

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Lake County Florida – The fall season is upon us and it is time to come out of that summertime hibernation. The Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron has plenty going on with topics of interest for each and every member.

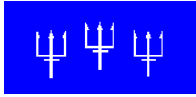
The October 18th meeting will start off with a leadership development seminar. This seminar was presented at our District Conference and is suggested to be viewed by all members. Attendance to this seminar will provide a certificate of attendance from national and will be recorded in your educational profile.

On October 29 there will be a squadron orientation. The formal name for this presentation is Operations Training. There are 4, 1 hour segments that will be covered in one morning. This module is a component of the squadron training modules that covers the educational process. If you have had Operations Training before, you are welcomed to sit in on this class and take it all in, again. The squadron will furnish lunch after the event. Members that already have Operations Training can stop by for lunch at noontime. This class will be held at the Commanders home. Please contact P/C Tim Henke, AP if you are attending at 352-735-1146 or via the email address harriseditor@aol.com.

BEST OF ALL – each of the above classes involve no studying, preparation or a test ! There is no reason that everyone cannot take advantage of either or both.

Also, of great importance is the upcoming Harris Chain elections. All Position on the Bridge, Audit committee, Rules Committee and nominating committee are up for your input. You may nominate yourself or suggest another member that is agreeable to serve. Step up, and be part of our success ! With, so many of our members on the move, throughout the last few months, the nominating committee attempted to contact everyone. If the nominating committee has not reached you, and you would like to become involved in the function of the squadron, please contact P/C Keith Rowe, P 352-751-5355, P/C Bill Myers, AP 352-259-9711 or P/C Tim Henke, AP 352-483-6000. Please keep in mind that nominations will close and a slate will be presented on October 18th general membership meeting.

The November 15th 2011 meeting will have the voting of the next generation of officers for the Harris Chain. Please plan on attending this meeting and casting your vote on the future.



Commander's Message

Cdr Cathy Henke, P

It's October and finally the weather is cooler, the rest of our snowbirds will be back soon.

We are working to obtain a list for the year end events: Santa for Seniors, the second food drive of 2011 and Toys 4 Tots. With the times being so tight, any, and all help that we provide, will be ever so helpful, for those in need during this holiday season.

There is a boat parade slated in Eustis during the First Friday event in December. We are clarifying whether it is a land or water parade.

We will have more information, on these events, to follow in next month's newsletter.

Our Squadron attended the Fall Conference in Deland this past weekend. I along with 6 other representatives attended, all meetings and those new, to conference members, learned about the inter-workings of the District. The education resolution, denouncing the sale of education materials to the general public was passed, with some minor verbage being changed, and will be sent to national for consideration.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, pending final facility confirmation, which is forthcoming. Please set aside December 11th from 6pm – 9 or 10 pm for this event.

Change of Watch (COW) is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at Vic Embers Supper Club 2:00pm-5:00pm. Vic's will provide their legendary Sunday Buffet will all foods freshly prepared for our occasion. Last year's event was rated by most members as their best Harris Chain event, that they had participated in.

Conference committee will meet on Tuesday, October 11th, my residence at 7:00pm. Our turn to host the District 23 Conference, is slated for the Spring of 2013. Preparations are needed 18 months out and we are on schedule for success in this event. This event is part of the responsibility as being part of our District 23. Success of this event depends on the efforts of each member. During the preparation for this important event, members will be requested to help in all sorts of behind the scenes activities. During the conference manpower will be needed for all sorts of jobs. The efforts of all will result in the success for all.



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

As usual we are looking for help in the booth for First Friday, November 4th. 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. 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)**

Our scheduled, final course for 2011 is the Piloting Course for Wednesday, October 5, 2011. This will be taught by one of the squadron master instructors, Bill Myers. 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 when it's offered.

Seamanship is slated to begin Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Weather class will be beginning in late March 2012.

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.

We have 4 members in the Self Study Junior Navigation class and we are proud to report they are half way through the course.

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The Anchor Chain is in search of a new editor. If you may be interested in undertaking this important role, Please contact Cdr Cathy Henke, P

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Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron 2011 Bridge

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

OCTOBER'S MEETING PLACE

Tuesday, October, 2011
Community Room

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

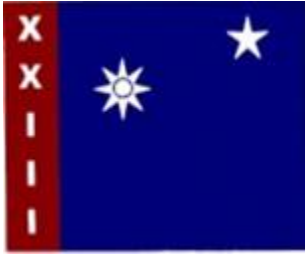
7:00pm Presentation on Leadership Development.
Please plan on attending, this is a certified course
and all attendees will be presented a certificate
of attendance from national.

Business meeting to follow after a short break.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "OCTOBER BABIES"

4th Steven Kepferburg
12th Cdr Cathy Henke, P
16th P/C Kerry Kline. AP
16th Karen Kline
24th Barbara Adams





Galaxy 23

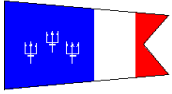
News from the Bridge of District 23

Your link to District and National

D/C Robert E. Becker, Jr. SN
District 23 Commander

As most of you are now aware, D/C James DePalma, SN and DEO Richard Conrad, SN resigned their district positions for personal reasons. This action took place just before the D 23 Fall Conference. At the fall D 23 Council/Conference, in accordance with the D 23 By-Laws, and with approval of the D 23 Council, I was elected to fill the unexpired term of D/C and P/D/C Fred Adame, SN was approved and elected to fill the DEO's term. A new slate of D 23 bridge officers will be elected at the spring D 23 Conference. So what does this mean to our district? DEO Fred Adame, SN has many years of USPS experience especially in Education type activities. Fred is the Cocoa Beach Squadron JN and N instructor and over the years has taught about every USPS course there is. Fred will keep you advised of Educational happens as received from USPS Headquarters, will conduct an SEO training session at the Winter Council meeting and hold an SEO session at the spring conference. You can rest assured that if there is anything new in the way of USPS Education, Fred will pass the information along to you. Also if you have any Educational questions or need assistance with Educational matters, please contact Fred. As for your newly elected D/C, I thought I was going to sit in the rocking chair and retire after stepping down from the D/C position last March. But fate did not allow that to happen. I am here to assist you in any way I can with USPS matters. For the next six months I will be attending many of your Changes of Watch sessions, passing along USPS information, which pertains to the squadrons and/or our overall organization, and attempting to solve any USPS squadron problem you might have. Several of our D 23 squadrons have already presented me with information regarding their future bridge positions by having trouble filling them. If you need me to come to your squadron's general meetings and speak to your membership, just let me know. I will be there. We are facing economic hardships at this time and I can appreciate many of our USPS members rethinking about staying on as USPS members. This is the time to reassure them that our membership dues are very low in comparison with other organizations, we have the very best educational courses available and certainly the comradeship one gets from being a USPS member is second to none. Let's try our very best to have them stay the course!

D 23 is here to serve YOU and your squadron. Lean on us. We will do our best to serve YOU and your squadrons.



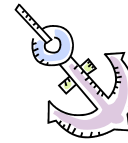
P/C Sid Pitcher, S Vessel Safety Check, Chairman

We have completed 85 vessel safety examinations to date, with 75 boats awarded a decal. On Sunday, September 18th, Bill Myers, Joe Rzewuski, and I were at Venetian Cove for our scheduled vessel safety exams. Our next scheduled vessel safety exam will be held on Sunday, October 16th, at Venetian Cove from 12pm - 3pm.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a vessel examiner.



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Fall Conference in Deland, FL
2	3	4 Bridge Meeting Commanders Home 7pm	5 Piloting Class 7pm	6	7 First Friday Eustis 5-9 pm Volunteers Needed	8 ABC Class Lake Square Mall-Community Room
9	10	11 Meeting Spring Conference Committee 2013	12 Piloting Class 7pm Commanders Birthday	13	14	15
16	17	18 General Membership Meeting Lake Square Mall	19 Piloting Class 7pm	20	21	22 Outing Spooky Soup Noon-Buzzard Beach
23	24	25	26 Piloting Class 7pm	27	28	29 Operation Training 8am-Noon. Henke Residence
30	31 Happy Halloween					

NOVEMBER 2011

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13	14	15 General Membership Meeting Lake Square Mall	16 Piloting Class 7pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Piloting Class 7pm	24	25	26 Sunset Cruise on Lake Dora
27	28	29	30 Piloting Class 7pm			

USPS Monthly Broadcast October 2011

Keeping Up with Marketing and Public Relations

Congratulations to the squadrons that won the National Public Relations Awards at the Governing Board Meeting. Squadrons get involved in the national Spot the Ensign contest. If you need newspaper or newsletter boating safety articles, we have more than 50 articles for you to use on our website. The Marketing & Public Relations Committee is currently updating PROLOG, the online PR guidebook, so keep checking back. — **Greg Scotten**

Get Help Planning Squadron or District Events

New 2012–2013 calendars for districts and squadrons are now online. The calendars contain important dates and recommendations and can be updated to include squadron or district events. The 2012 Officers' Checklist Calendar, which contains all the dates and deadlines for next year, can also be downloaded from the Leadership Development website. — **Susan L. Darcy**

Learn Who Does What in the Squadron or District

Revised district and squadron job descriptions have been posted on the Leadership Development website. These job descriptions are designed to help members who are assuming positions with which they may not be familiar. The descriptions can also be used by bridge officers and the nominating committee when interviewing or evaluating potential nominees. — **Peter Hames**
READ MORE <http://www.usps.org/national/ot>

The Communications Committee Needs Your Help

Squadron and district newsletter editors and webmasters should contact their newsletter or website advisers to ensure they are on the same page regarding the quality of their product. It's important to know what USPS requires of its award-winning newsletters and websites because USPS places a high value on all communication sources. There are only three months left in the evaluation period, so don't get left out. — **Brenda Joyce**

Grab a New Tote from the Ship's Store

Insulated tote bags were popular at the Greensboro Governing Board Meeting. Available in lime green or black, the zip-top bags have side pockets perfect for unopened beverages. The Ship's Store also has slightly larger insulated tote bags in red or blue. Both make perfect hostess gifts or door prizes for squadron functions. Shop on the Ship's Store website or call 888-367-8777 ext. 0 and talk to the Ship's Store staff. — **Ann Frenz**

Thanks from the Cooperative Charting Committee

On behalf of the Cooperative Charting Committee, I'd like to thank everyone who stopped at our exhibition table and attended our workshop during the Governing Board Meeting. As mentioned at the workshop, now is the perfect time for squadrons on the East Coast to do Cooperative Charting work. Hurricane Irene wreaked havoc up and down the East Coast and in New England, and many navigational aids in these areas need to be checked. Remember, you can also file inspection reports to report that everything is still correct as charted. — **Jim Strothers**

Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team table or attended our presentation Friday afternoon at the Governing Board meeting. Based on your comments, we believe this new program was well received. If you have any questions or require assistance, please email SERAT@SanibelCaptivaSPS.org. — **Jim Strothers**

Get Your Bylaws In Sync with USPS Bylaws

Recent amendments to the USPS bylaws have changed the classes of membership, the significance of merit marks and the duties of your treasurer among other items. Your bylaws may need to be updated to reflect these changes. Go to the Rules page of the USPS website to find the changes needed and the name of the ComRules member waiting to help you. — **Bill Neef**

READ MORE <http://www.usps.org/national/rules/>

There's Still Time to Submit Civic Service Awards

If your squadron teaches any public boating course or seminar, it qualifies for submission into the BoatU.S. Civic Service Award. Visit our website to find ideas from past submissions and learn how your squadron can get involved in your community! Deadline: Submit to national by 15 Dec. Note: Your squadron's size is taken in consideration when judging, so everyone has an equal chance. — **Kristi Anderson**

Youth Poster Contest Deadline Approaches

The 14th Annual Boarman National USPS Youth Poster Contest deadline is approaching, but there's still time to contact local schools, scout troops and church youth groups and let them know about boating safety! The information for the district submissions to national is required by 1 Jan. 2012. Check our website for details. —

Kristi Anderson

Member Benefit of the Month—Life Line Screening

Need to get a medical checkup but lack coverage or have a high deductible? Check out Life Line Screening and get four major tests for one low price, thanks to your USPS Membership! All details found on our special Member Benefits website. — **Kristi Anderson**

HQ800 Trial Membership Help

The National Membership Committee has put together step-by-step instructions in our latest MemComments on how to handle your membership submission needs for trial memberships using HQ800. Check them out here and spread the word! — **Connie Beckman**

READ MORE http://www.usps.org/national/membership/pdf_files/latest_MEMCOMments.pdf

Free Audio and Video PSAs Available

The National Safe Boating Council offers a wealth of great free public service announcements for use for squadron programs, boat shows, classes, recruiting and getting your squadron recognized on local TV and radio stations. —

Tom Kemp

READ MORE <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/ipsas.htm#Anchor-Almost-49575>

Get Social at the Annual Meeting

Sign up now for a Social Networking Seminar during the 2012 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Fla. Districts and squadrons can sign up for one-on-one help sessions to set up their social networking sites. Bring your laptops and sit down with Terri Flagg as she walks you through all the steps. No laptop? No worries! We'll have one there. This is your chance to have all your questions answered about Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn. —

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