



Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

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Leesburg, FL



After much thought and consideration, the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron is moving to a new home. All future Bridge and General meetings will be held on this campus. This has been a decision that has involved the Bridge and Executive Board's input and agreement.

Numerous factors came into the consideration of this move.

All in all, this will allow for some exciting opportunities by being at Lake Sumter Community College.

- ✓ Access to more of our members. The campus is well lit and has adequate paved parking with security onsite.
- ✓ Learning environment. Rooms will be maintained and ready for our use.
- ✓ No more toting screens and projectors. They are permanently mounted and maintained by the college.
- ✓ WIFI while on site.
- ✓ Quality environmental control of the heating and cooling systems
- ✓ Best of all, the facilities are FREE.

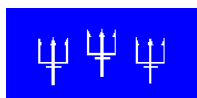
While we can further preserve our financial resources we can also use the facility to our benefit.

- ✓ We will be able to interact with a much more diverse crowd. There are students from their late teens to seniors that take classes at this venue. By carefully making ourselves visible, we can hope to get the word out that we are here!
- ✓ Possibly find our way into the non credit curriculum stream of the college.
- ✓ Classes that are being taken online by the internet world are under the education department that has connections to other colleges.

The long of the short is that we are trying to make this the best organization for the most members, so that we can all enjoy our passion – boating.

ALL MEETINGS NOW AT LAKE SUMTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
9501 US Highway 441 Leesburg, FL 34788 Building 3 Room 7

Commander's Message



Cdr Timothy Henke, AP

It's all good. People have chided me for that saying. I will change my motto.

Henceforth, I shall refer to it as **IT'S ALL GREAT !**

Where do you start? From the cooperation of members, that were tasked with getting us a new "home", to those manning the Villages Expo, to those doing VSC's. The Rained-out, Blessing of the Fleet. It still had 20 attendees brave the elements to come to JJ Fins to share a few hours together and a great meal. It seems that the squadron is not just alive, it is alive, doing well and full speed ahead.

Tough times, makes all of us to make tough decisions. Tough times, also brings out the backbone of a member. We all know that the times have been tough. High fuel prices, no water for our boats, economic recession/depression or whatever. Now I believe that it is all coming back together. Not with the help of anything of but the backbone of each and every American.

The support of the rank and file has been great. The engine maintenance class had 16 members in it and has tested ahead of schedule. Operations Training and a seamanship class has loads of interest.

The District Spring meeting was a blast! Great camaraderie was the order of the day. The Harris Chain carried away numerous awards. We had lodging on the waterfront at the Hyatt and the Jacksonville Squadron provided for the best meeting that I have been to in my tenure in the Power Squadron. (both here and up north) See Cathy's report later in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Lt Jerie Tallman, S on being awarded Rudi Master Award for her efforts in taking care of numerous, this and thats – behind the scenes for Harris Chain.

I would encourage everyone to go to the District Picnic on May 15th in Titusville. There is a cardboard boat race that I would hope to have an entry for. See the flyer.

Our squadron spring picnic will be at Lake Yale on April 24th. It will start at noon.

Everyone will have the opportunity to attend the fall conference that Banana River is hosting. A beach party is being offered along with the great fraternity that everyone offers to all of us. **BE THERE !**

I would hope that everyone enjoys the strength that the respective holidays offer.

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

On Saturday, March 13th and Sunday, March 14th, the Power Squadron had a booth at the 2010 Outdoor Expo which was held at The Villages. We had many visitors at our booth. They were interested in finding out more about the Power Squadron. The most popular literature was the maps of the lakes in the area. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to man our booth.

The 2010 Roster and Call Sheets are now available. If you have not received yours, please let me know so that I can make arrangements for you to get one. Please take the time to check you information. If there are any errors, deletions, or additions that need be made, call me at 352-742-2526.

The Blessing of the Fleet was scheduled for March 21st. However, the weather did not cooperate and this event had to be postponed. This will be rescheduled for a later date. On March 22nd, the course on engine maintenance ended. We had to take a test over the material. These tests were sent to National to be graded. What a great class ! Many thanks to P/C Bill Myers for a job well done.

**IF ANYONE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THE HARRIS CHAIN, BENT PROPELLER AWARD,
(or any other awards) PLEASE HAVE THEM
RETURNED TO Lt/C Don Stewart, S !**

Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron 2010 Bridge

Cdr Timothy Henke, AP Commander
Lt/C Don Stewart, S Executive Officer SXO
Vacant _Administrative Officer SAO
Vacant Education Officer SEO
Lt/C Arthur Grae, S Secretary
Lt/C Walter Gordon, AP Treasurer

Monthly Trivia:

In cooperation with the Wear -it Florida campaign for Safe Boating Week, This Month we focus on specialty PFD's

You have are contemplating the purchase of a Type V life Jacket.

What factors should be considered on the final selection of a particular style or type ?



Various types of life jackets shown above are for illustration only and have no endorsement by our organization. All rights are those of the individual manufacturer. Pictures shamelessly obtained from various sources.

Education Notes:

For those folks without a “letter” behind your name, a Seamanship class will be held **starting May 10th 2010**. This is the first in a series of classes that will allow the member to “Climb the Power Squadron Educational Ladder”. The following members need to work this into their schedules:

Barbra Adams Linda Bertone Sam Bertone James Denzler
Wayne Elliot Carole Garvin Elaine Grae Dennis Grehl
Suzanne Grehl Thomas Grove George James Mary Jo James
Charles Kline Karen Kline Brian Meyer Brad Phillips Jill Phillips
Phil Ponticello Terry Ross Tim Ross Liisa Salonen
George Schneider Leilani Schneider Tim Spratt Julie Wilson
Roger Wilson Jose R Serrano Javier Serrano

Recognize a name ? Are you in the “Same Boat” as your buddy?
Group up and we can have a ball with this class.

Get everyone together and let do the **MONDAY NIGHT SEAMANSHIP CLASS AT the Lake Sumter College !**

Part of the fundamental orientation of all members is Operations Training. It used to be a 12 week course that was as fun as scraping barnacles off of your favorite cruise ship. This has changed -- **TO THE GOOD**. Now the Operations Training class is a one time, 4 hour class. All members need to go through this class – one time.

What is it? Operations Training is an orientation to the Power Squadron.

There is a hierarchy involved in the organization. This class explains it. It tells and explains about the different functions of the officers. Etiquette is explained. All of those crazy flags are explained.

Public Education class held in the “Villages” has been changed to April 10th --- NOT April 17th.

Help is needed in teaching, student interaction and proctoring during testing. Come on over to the Lake Miona Center and be a part.

April 17th Instructor Seminar held in Satellite Beach. District 23 education department will hold a briefing for all instructors.

This class will also certify or recertify folks that want to continue on as instructors in USPS classes. This is open to all members. Be a part of the educational effort. Give it a try, it really is fun, once you get a couple of classes under your belt. We shall carpool down to Satellite Beach to cut costs. Contact Tim for information.



Public Relations Opportunity

We shall have a rally for the beginning of safe boating week. Everyone is invited to be a part of the success of this event. Final details are pending as of this writing. Just pencil in the date of May 22nd for a Harris Chain public rally for the Kick off of Safe Boating Week !



MEETING NOTICE

Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

April 20th , 2010 Doors open 1830 hrs

Lake Sumter Community College

9501 US Highway 441

Building 3 Room 7

Leesburg, FL 34788

Squadron Monthly Meeting 1930hrs

Coffee pots are not allowed at the school. Therefore, we will work on alternate solutions for future meetings. The trusty cooler will be on hand to quench our thirsts.

All Members can BYOC.

BYOC = Bring Your Own Coffee



Lt/C Walter Gordon, AP Squadron Treasurer

I am continuing to investigate different options regarding where to invest approximately \$2000 of the squadron's money. During the last general meeting a suggestion was made to look at Treasury bonds as a possible means to make an investment. Treasury bonds will be investigated as well as a couple of local banks. I know this is taking a long time but as interest rates are not very good we are trying to get the most for our money.

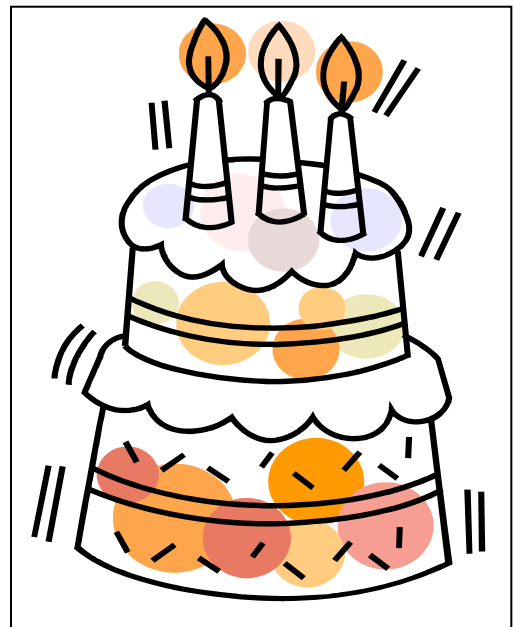
If anyone has any additional ideas for investments please let me or anyone else on the bridge know.

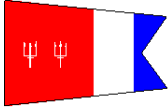
I have contacted the audit committee and we still need to get together to go over 2009 books.

As always, if anyone has any questions regarding our finances or would like to learn the responsibilities of the treasurer and be my back-up please let me know.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "APRIL BABIES"

3rd P/Lt/C Lisa Spencer, S
12th Lt Marjorie Chapin, AP
14th Gayle Gansz, AP
17th Mary Jo James
26th Bonnie Booher, S
28th Terry Ross





P/Lt/C Catherine Henke, P **Representative to District 23**

The Spring Council meetings have concluded and once again the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron has stolen the “show”. Details, later in this article.

Upon arriving at Jacksonville, Tim and I, were impressed with the comfortable and ultra modern that the Hyatt afforded us on the waterfront. It was almost as being back in Pittsburgh. The City of Jacksonville is divided by a significant waterway. Numerous styles of bridges, boats and even a train bridge were within site. We were treated by having a lift bridge and draw bridge view from our room. By the time that we traveled after working all day Friday the evening activities were well into high gear. The Patriotic themed Friday icebreaker was well attended and numerous door prizes were awarded to those in attendance. The hospitality room allowed us to catch up with what was happening with the other squadrons.

Saturday’s meetings provided for an update on the “opening” of our classes to the public. Even though the classes are open, National does not have a working plan in place for “public” testing. Member testing is still in place and not affected by this change in our educational process. They are feverishly working on resolving the testing problem.

The afternoon meeting gave the normal a normal business meeting. There were reports of each district officer and their areas of responsibility. Each Commander gave a state of the squadron report. Central Florida Power Squadron was recognized from the consolidation of Orlando and Seminole Squadrons. Then the new district bridge was brought up for elections. The New bridge was elected and they assumed their new positions as officers elect. The formal swearing in of officers occurred during the dinner banquet, later that evening.

The really exciting part was having the squadron awards returned and taking a place on a special awards table. We returned 3 “traveling” awards from last years presentation.

As the room grew silent, P/R/C Mike Scallan, SN began the ceremony. Harris Chain became a very familiar name in this ceremony. Tim accepted on behalf of Harris Chain awards for Educational fund. Then came another award, this time for the Website. The award comes for the site being easy to use, containing the appropriate information and being updated.

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Harris Chain was summoned to the front of the room for an award for, “The Anchor Chain” newsletter. It was stated that this like our website was easy to read and was very informative. It contained information from our officers and of local interest. It also had coverage of regional and national events. It was also noted that we regularly touch on safety in our articles.

Then came the “Big” Awards. I did not recognize the awards by name, but the function is self explanatory.

Awards brought home by the Harris Chain:

Pick Vidal Public Relations Award - This award was for all the things that we do to promote the organization. May it be the First Friday event, Public Education classes, Vessel Safety Checks. Not only to say about Ibini Terra, canned food drive, safe boating week or even Toys for Tots. While we may not be a public relations company, we are well known.

Arthur Buswell Award – Awarded to Lt Louise Homulak, S. Louise was nominated by Tim for her untiring efforts towards the betterment of the squadron. Louise takes on a project and it is done. She may have to get the rest of the Lake Yale crew into gear or even involve people that are not members. Anyhow she does it, it gets done. Congrats to Louise !

Churchill Award –Awarded to Cdr Timothy Henke, AP. Tim was nominated by a couple squadron members and the National Education Department – BOC leader P/R/C Bob Brandenstein, SN. Tim was recognized for his tireless efforts for making the most outstanding contribution to the USPS (District 23) for the last year. Everyone knows of his squadron efforts. Going above and beyond the call of duty was heralded in making a national training session for BOC (boat Operators Certification) become a reality. This award is the most coveted award that the district presents.

Congratulations to everyone! Everyone has contributed to these awards. I hope that next year we can apply to win every award. We need to focus on our education efforts as many of the other awards are based on educational achievements.

Fall Conference will be at Banana River the weekend of October 1-3, 2010

Come on down and enjoy a weekend at the ocean. Rumors have it that there may even be a beach party.

****** *Pictures to be posted on the website. Check it out.* ******

District 23 FAMILY PICNIC

MAY 15th 2010 in Titusville, FL

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

WE NEED A ENTRY FOR THE CARDBOARD BOAT RACE !

Tim Sprat is the Captain for the boat -- once it is made

Everyone is invited to this family event.

Titusville Sail and Power Squadron

Date: Spring Picnic 2010



Time: 11:00

Boating is fun... we'll show you how



D23 Second Annual Cardboard Boat Race



The Titusville Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting the 2nd annual cardboard boat race at the 2010 Spring Picnic. Each squadron is encouraged to enter at least one boat, but can enter as many as they can crew. Rules are available from our website at: www.titusvilleps.org, so start now as it takes longer than you think to create the winning boat.

Highlights

- ◆ Sign in by 10:30
- ◆ Captains' meeting at 10:30
- ◆ Race begins at 11:00

The event will take place just a short distance off of and parallel to the sea wall East of the picnic area.

Contact person: **Matt Bandilla** : (321) 749-0542



Spring Picnic - 2010



Titusville Sail & Power Squadron
Annual Cardboard Boat Race
Rules



Materials Allowed:

- Cardboard/Paper
- Duct Tape
- **NON** marine adhesive products such as Liquid Nails for gluing the boat together
- Paint: for waterproofing the cardboard
- Oars or Paddles are exempt from the cardboard restriction
- Small blocks of wood (no greater than 2" on any side) may be used to mount oars or a rudder
- No fuel or electric means may be used for propulsion

NOTE: Any material not listed must have the approval in writing of the Organizing Committee prior to the building of the boat. Contact: P/C Mat Bandilla (321) 506-1062 for approval.

Rules:

1. All boats will be inspected for conformity to the Materials Allowed before the race. Any boat found to be in violation of the rules will be disqualified and not be allowed to race.
2. All boats must have at least one occupant and all occupants must be a member of the Squadron entering the boat.
3. For safety, ALL boat occupants must wear life preservers and protective footwear during the race.
4. The total course length will be 100 yards. The boats will be required to travel from the starting line, 50 yards down to round a marker, and return the 50 yards to the starting line.
5. The race course will be parallel the sea wall next to the large picnic pavilion. The water depth will be greater than 3 feet.
6. Rescue boats will be provided by the Titusville Sail and Power Squadron.
7. Officials for the race will be selected from the D23 Squadrons that do not have entries in the race.

8. Boats cannot be pulled or pushed through the water by poling or swimming. Any contact with the river bottom by the boat and/or occupant(s) will result in disqualification.
9. Boat inspections and crew meeting will begin at 1030 with the race starting at 1100.
10. Entrants to the race must sign in by 1030 am.

Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron Family Picnic

When : April 24, 2010 Noon til ?

Where : Lake Yale Community Building
Maywood Blvd & Monticello Street
Docking will be available at the Community's
Docks. Ramp off of 452 to put in – Marsh Park

Squadron will supply
**Uncle Don Stewart's Secret Recipe
Fried Chicken**

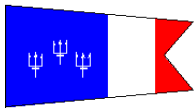
Cooler with soda and water will be onsite.

Members A-L to bring Sides

Members M-Z to bring desserts

All members are encouraged to bring a rain coat

\$ 3.00 PERSON RSVP Lt/C Don Stewart, S
By April 21st 352-742-2526



P/C Joe Murray, AP
Vessel Safety Check



Thanks to Bill Booher for being the initial contact for our vessel inspections at the Hawthorne Boat Club on March 20. Bill, Bill Myers, and I arrived at 9 AM to be greeted by about 10 enthusiastic members, with their Commodore and plenty of coffee and donuts. The Commodore had the slip locations of each boat listed, the owner aboard, and we worked our way down. Within a few hours, we had done 14, with the last two asking for inspections when they arrived and saw us there. In addition, I had a call from another the next day who had missed us, and Bill Booher went back to see him.

Inspections on Saturday, March 27 were arranged by Ray Ellison of the HCPS and the Pontoon Boat Club, to be done during their cruise preparations at Hickory Point. The same three examiners arrived, this time at 10 AM and completed 7 inspections. Ray and the club invited us in for their pot luck breakfast, and we had another great day.

So far this year, I have entered 37 inspections in the VSC web page. I'm sure there are some others who have completed inspections, and those will be input as soon as I get the forms.

For April, we'll return to inspections at the launch sites on the third Sundays of each month, visiting both "Buzzards Beach" (Tavares Rec Park) and Venetian Cove provided we have enough inspectors available.

Thanks to all for the great support!



Lt/C Arthur H. Grae, S

Squadron Secretary / Chaplain

As I surveyed many dead branches of lovely trees around my home, the results of repeated freezes from one of the coldest Winters in Lake County history, I suddenly noticed new growth from what I had sadly considered to be a hopeless situation. New leaves were sprouting on my ancient Pomillo (a peelable grapefruit predecessor) tree, my white Sapote tree, my Ponderosa lemon tree (lemons the size of footballs) and my Tangelo trees. Even my Etrog tree (a type of lemon used to celebrate the Feast of the Harvest) was growing new blooms and a large Citrus tree actually had large round white unopened blossoms on it.

I realized that a higher power was wondrously working a healing of nature, recreating new life from apparent death and devastation. Yes, Spring was upon us. New warmth was on its way with hopefully abundant sunshine and new growth. It was also time for me to clean up my pontoon boat, the Bonnie Lass, and launch it on the Harris Lake Chain to explore the rare beauty of the Dora Canal and other beautiful scenes on these waters.

I thought about our Squadron with its affable and hearty people. I realized that we were gaining new members and that new life had also come to our marine organization. We're growing once again. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know all the newcomers.

So, let us all give thanks to our Creator for the wonderful gift of Spring, new life and new growth.

May God bless you all.



Galaxy 23

From The District Bridge

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

Once again I am both humbled and honored to have been selected to steer the good ship D 23 on its voyage during 2010.

As mentioned in my last Galaxy article, D 23 had a good year, but not a great year primarily due to the economy. The good year was due to wonderful, dedicated D 23 bridge members, D 23 committee people and of course you, the squadrons which make up D 23. Kudos go to our DXO Kim Fruda, to DEO Walt Fields , to DAO Jim DePalma, to D/Sec Roberta Corsones and last but not least our D/Treas Dave Hixenbaugh. It was a pleasure to work with them.

But it's a new voyage we are about to embark on. Many of the tried and proven D 23 events will be repeated. From the spring conference to the wonderful picnic with its cardboard boat event to the fall conference and hopefully we can bring back the very successful Dry Dock Buffet. These and our council meetings make up the majority of our events. They cannot be successful without your assistance. Spend some time at your general membership meeting promoting the D 23 events. It's a great way to meet with and enjoy your fellow USPS D 23 members.

Our congratulations go out to our new squadron, Central Florida Sail & Power Squadron under the capable leadership of Cdr Kathy Feder, P and her bridge. We all look forward to officially welcoming Kathy and her members aboard the good ship D 23 at our various events.

Some of the items I would like to see our 10 squadrons accomplish this year are:

- More Vessel inspections
- Increased squadron membership
- More on water activities
- Greater attendance at district meetings/functions
- More members taking USPS courses
- All 10 squadrons participating in the "Cardboard Boat Event" at the D 23 picnic

I look forward to seeing many of you at the spring D 23 Conference hosted by our Jacksonville Squadron. They have put a great deal of time and effort into the event. It is a great way to not only meet your fellow D 23 members, but a great way to exchange ideas.

Again I thank all of you for allowing me to steer D 23 again in 2010. I'll do my best to keep our course straight, off the rocks and with the wind to our backs.

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 APRIL FOOLS DAY Don't be a fool --- Take a class	2 First Friday Eustis Staffed by the members Homulak & Zetelski Good Friday	3
4 EASTER	5	6 Bridge Meeting Lake Sumter CC 1900 hrs	7	8	9	10 Village Public Education Class 8 AM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 District Education Seminar Satellite Beach
18	19	20 General Meeting Lake Sumter CC 1900 hrs	21	22	23	24 Squadron Picnic Lake Yale Rec Center 12- ?
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Bridge Meeting Lake Sumter CC Bldg 3 Room 7 1900 Hours	5	6	7	8
9	10 Seamanship Class 7pm LSCC	11	12	13	14	15 District Picnic Titusville Sand Point Park 11am
16	17 Seamanship	18 Squadron Meeting LSCC Bldg 3 room 7 Doors open 630	19	20	21	22 SAFE BOATING Rally
23	24 Seamanship	25	26	27	28	29
SAFE BOATING WEEK						
30	31 Memorial Day Boat Safely NO CLASSES					