



Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

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Tavares Florida - The Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron really out did themselves !

Not only were members preparing for the holiday season, members came out en masse to be involved in their squadron. The month started off busy with the marine electronics class taking their final tests. Much effort has gone into the class and P/C Bill Myers, AP really made this difficult class, make sense.

Members worked the First Friday Booth in Eustis and enjoyed the festivities and the holiday decorations. Several potential members were courted and information was given out to many new faces.

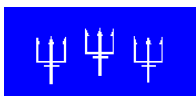
Sunday evening allowed members some time for relaxing. The Christmas party was held at Angelo's in Tavares. The Italian fare was fabulous and the entire staff was to be complemented for wonderful meals. The evening had the squadron signing Christmas carols and competing for numerous door prizes. (being a boating club, would that be hatch prizes?) Various trinkets needed to be produced – never leave home without it – That is your USPS membership card. Other mind twisters, were pulled from the last newsletter. You just never know when you may read something, that you can use later.

We even got the honor of swearing in our squadrons first “cyber” member - Larry Edelstein. Larry and his wife Yoko still reside in Spring Hill Florida and only can spend weekends with us in Lake County. Welcome to Larry.

Lt/C Jerie Tallman, P found some folks in need. Those were a group of our seniors that live in Leesburg. So we collected cash for the Food Bank and we also contributed towards purchasing blankets and warm clothing for the elderly. Jerie followed up, with maximizing our purchasing power by approaching local merchants and explaining their plight. Several stores gave discounts and evening gave us products. Also during this time, other members obtained additional presents to offer. When Jerie got the goods to the Santa for Seniors staff, they were flabbergasted. They could barely believe that a boat group came up with such a quantity of gifts. Talk about the great feeling of helping those in need of fundamental goods. A phone call from the North Lake food bank also reflected their thanks. It seems that times are tough for everyone and the demands of the food bank are beyond their means. Possibly we can remember them during the year.

Just when you thought that were have out done ourselves, we all shine brighter !

Commander's Message



Cdr Timothy Henke, AP

And the Band Plays on. Simple words, huge meaning, when taken into context.

Upon taking the helm of the Harris Chain, the organization, was such as, a large orchestra of talented musicians. I likened my job to be to get everyone on the same page and make some beautiful music.

The last two months have given me feedback that provides that I was on the correct track. As a group, we are hitting on all cylinders. Education has been achieved, civic service is alive and well, fraternity is gaining. Continue my friends and the sum of the whole, will be great !

We still need to get the rest of the band playing the same song. I would welcome everyone to make a new years resolution to become involved. This is not the Harris Chain of years ago. It is alive, friendly and flourishing. We get out on the water and enjoy our passion – recreational boating.

I would hope that everyone has advanced in the last 2 years of my leadership. I have offered my best and I know that many have benefitted from my labors. I leave a healthy group to the next bridge. I am here to continue helping past the transition and forward. Members are already standing up and expressing additional ideas and refining previous concepts of the past. You can only improve after learning from the past and moving forward.

I come to close the leadership of the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron by saying thanks to everyone. I have learned from you and hope that I have taught you to my best.



Change of Watch is scheduled for January 16th, 2011. The Change Of Watch will be held at Vic's Supper Club on Route 441 in Leesburg. Guests will be welcomed starting at 2pm with seating before 2:30pm. Culinary delights will be the most famous Vic's Buffet. Offerings will be there for every appetite. Taste treats of Roast Beef, Chicken and Seafood top the menu. Cost will be \$25.00 per person. Please reserve that date as I would hope that everyone would attend. Invitations have been sent. Remember to RSVP by Jan 11th !

After National Meetings THENke@harrischain.org will be Tim's E-mail address.



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

The Power Squadron mans a booth at First Friday in Eustis. We always need Squadron members to help out with setting up and working in the booth. This is a great way to get to have new members join our group. With the public ed class and the free 6 month membership there is great incentive to obtain new members.

I would thank those who have chosen to serve on the bridge in 2011 with me. I would like to continue the projects that we started and I have a few ideas that I will need some help in achieving.

There are several areas of responsibility under the direction of the Executive officer. I am working with Cathy to fill those slots with people that care to work towards the health of our group.

The New Years Eve toast and cruise was a bunch of fun. I was great to run on such a beautiful day. Has anyone got a picture of me in my “new” boat?

Check out the new District 23 website at www.uspsd23.org.



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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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Education Notes:

P/Lt/C David Hepting, AP is chairing the USPS Sail Class starting January. The Class started on Jan 6th and we jumped in to the first three chapters. The class is a great primer to getting us on the water and under wind power.

The first 2011 public education class was held on January 8th at the Venetian Gardens. A great turnout by the membership, 13 members, gave all 15 students the opportunity to meet fellow members and invite them to take advantage of the free 6 month trial membership into the Harris Chain.

Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron 2011 Bridge

Cdr Cathy Henke, P	Commander
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

MEETING NOTICE

Lake Sumter Community College -- Leesburg Campus

6:30 PM doors open

7:00 Get to know the new officers

7:30 Business meeting

NEW YEAR NEW MEETING ROOM !

~~~ Liberal Arts Building Room 6 ~~~

**LAST CALL FOR CHANGE OF WATCH**

Please reserve January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for Change of Watch

*Held At Vic's Supper Club*

Route 441

Leesburg Florida

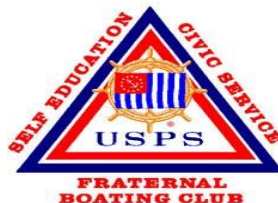
Doors Open 1400 hrs

Seating promptly at 1430 hours

Vic's is presenting our squadron his famous Sunday Brunch for our dining delight

Cost of attendance \$ 25.00 per person Prepaid to Harris Chain by Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Contact P/Lt/C Cathy Henke, P 352-735-1146 evenings





# Lt/C Walter Gordon, AP

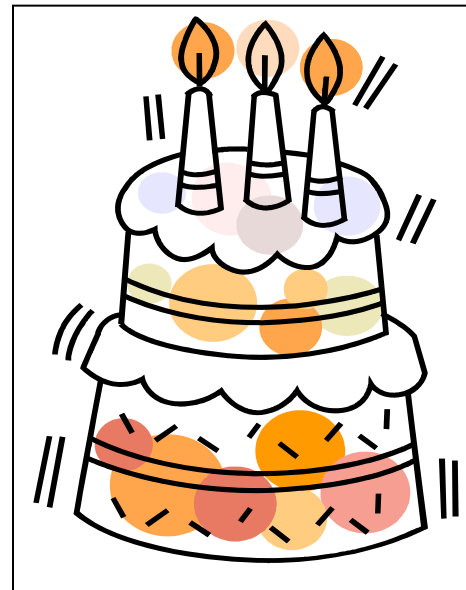
Squadron Treasurer

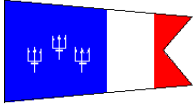
As I transition the squadron books to Roger, I would like to thank everyone that have allowed me to hold this important squadron position. Not everyone thinks of the power squadron as a business. Please make sure that you continue to provide for the new treasurer concise documentation and make his life very easy.

Best regards to all of my friends here at Harris Chain. I will be around as much as possible. My business keeps me busy and I am looking to expand.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "JANUARY BABIES"

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Simeon Byron
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fred Mottle, AP
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mike Homulak, S





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



Ready to do some vessel inspections? Believe it or not, the 2011 decals have arrived and are ready to be applied to suitable hulls. We received 82 decals, based on the number of inspections in 2010 that were awarded decals (66). Totals for 2010 are 87 completed inspections, with 66 passing. Using that same percentage passing, we should have sufficient for 108 inspections before we need more (which we would like to do).

Have a great Christmas and a safe and healthy new year. We'll be in touch early in the year to begin using some of these decals.



**Lt/C Jerie Tallman, S**

I am very happy to report that the Santa to Seniors program was a fabulous success!  
Enclosed is an excerpt from an E-mail that I received from Cheryl Fletcher of Home Instead Senior Care.

Happy New Year Everybody,

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for making 2010's Santa to a Senior the best yet!

We received hundreds of gifts for our local seniors, the generosity of Lake County never ceases to amaze us. So many gifts in fact that Mid-Florida Community Services has started a "Needs Cupboard" that can be utilized during the year for personal care items etc. Seniors from 3 participating Senior Centers, Leesburg, Umatilla and Paisley submitted gift wishes, most very basic.

Kudos to the local newspapers, Daily Commercial, Village Sun, Triangle News Leader and Lake Sentinel that ran the public service announcement almost continuously throughout the Christmas season the response to the public was tremendous.

Our "Wrap Party" was held at Leesburg Senior Center and we had over 30 volunteer "Wrappers" to help. Most "Wrappers" even brought their own paper, ribbons etc. The volunteers were from the private sector as well as business people, and a local youth group.

Those that benefited additionally, a gentleman names James that needed work done on his car to be able to drive himself to medical appointments, Tina who asked for a space heater for her friend, and Teresa that needed help installing a wheelchair lift on her car.

Additionally, Henderson House ALF received 32 blankets from a private donor. We also gave gifts from the abundance overflow from Santa to a Senior program. The private donor also threw a Christmas Party for Henderson House residents complete with a children's choir and a Santa.

Leisure Manor and Umatilla Crisis Center also received some overflow clothing, and personal care items.

Thank you all again, you wonderful people and have a blessed year!

What a wonderful letter from a group that really needed our help !

*Pictures from the Santa to Senior event and gifts*



## ***FOOD BANK RECAP***

*The North Lake Presbyterian Food Bank was a recipient of 2 deliveries from the Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron.*

*The November Meeting yielded over 850 pounds of canned and non perishable goods. The Christmas Party added more than 200 dollars to their treasury.  
Great Job Everyone !*

## ***Ship's Store***



Burgees are HERE ! Fly your Burgee when you are out on your boat !

***Burgee's \$ 38.70 Each***

*Come and browse the selection of squadron goodies !*



**Decals \$3.00 each**

***All Items will be on sale at the Monthly meeting !***

***Please offer ideas of "Harris Chain" items that you would like to be made available through the ships store.***

***Lt Louise Homulak, S will be running the store for 2011.***

# Abandon all Hope Ye Who Enter Here

Attention All USPS D23 Pirates

*Beware of  
Pirates!*

and Wenchies

*Beware of  
Pirates!*

Save the Date March 18-20, 2011

for the D23 Spring Conference and COW

Mark your charts for Orlando

Newly renovated **Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort**

King and double room rates = \$89 + taxes

Applebee's restaurant in the hotel, free shuttle to Outlet  
mall, Disney, Universal and I Drive

Friday night will be Pirate Theme with live dancing music  
and a poolside buffet. Prizes for the best costume! Photo  
opportunity with pirate couple cut-outs! Saturday night  
will be the D23 COW. There will be lots of auction items as  
well as door prizes. Keep watch for more information

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DISTRICT 23

**Banana River , Central Florida, Cocoa Beach , Daytona Beach , Gainesville ,  
Harris Chain, Jacksonville , Ocala , Ponce De Leon Inlet, Titusville.**

13 December 2010

TO: D23 Council

FROM: D/Lt/C Ernst G Hofmann, JN

TO: D23 Council Members

SUB: **D23 Winter 2011 Council Meeting.**

DATE: Saturday, 22 January 2010

0800-0900

ARC Conference Center

100 Jimmy Huger Cir

Daytona Beach , FL 32117

**AGENDA**

1. Stf/C Bob Flint, AP will give a report on the number of conferences we should have in D 23 based on the ex officio groups report
2. Cdr Tim Henke, AP will report on the proposal to have some of the D 23 Treasury in precious metals
3. The D 23 Rules committee will report on the proposed amendment to our rules as submitted by P/D/C Richard Leatherman, SN
4. D/C Robert Becker, SN will report on the possible disbursement of some of the D 23 Treasury funds.
5. Departmental training for incoming squadron bridge officers will be conducted  
At a later date D/C Robert Becker will issue a separate and detailed agenda.  
Have a wonderful Christmas and a great 2011.

Regards,

Ernst

*Street address is 100 Jimmy Hugger Circle*

*Daytona Beach, FL 32117*

# Join USPS At Disney In 2011, Jan 31 to Feb 6

## Want Excitement? Join Us At Disney's Coronado Springs

If you didn't attend the 2010 Annual Meeting, it's not my fault that you missed the fun.

The meeting, to say the least, was well attended beyond our expectations.

Some of the meetings and presentations had to have additional chairs brought in. That's a fact.

This year we expect an even larger crowd of those who didn't attend.

We are making changes that you don't want to miss.

EXPO will be on Thursday for example. We will have more outside presenters and interesting outdoor boating events on the schedule.

If you missed some things you wanted to go to at

Disney, you will get to see them this time. No one sees Disney in one visit or two for that matter. So put on your walking shoes and plan on seeing more this time.

Also, we are providing a bus to the "House of Blues" and Cirque Du Soleil as a package. See the show for only \$66.65, including the bus ride.

You may pick from the menu at "House of Blues" and order as much or as little as you like. You can get dessert or just a drink, because it is a la carte and "Dutch Treat". Meaning, you pick from the menu and pay your own bill.

Don't worry the meals are very reasonable and the food is good.



## Change In USPS Program, New Year

Your cries for more interesting National Meetings have not gone unheeded!

We are moving the meetings in that "more interesting" direction.

Change comes slowly when people have been used to doing things one

way for years. Pay attention to the great line-up of meetings from the Educational Department.

Also, we moved EXPO to Thursday to give the members who come in for the Wednesday Leadership classes something to

do on Thursday. Fridays schedule was always too crowded.

What we are trying to do is move away from some of the dull Thursday administrative meetings to more instruction and seminars. (continued on Pg 3)



C/C and NOAA's Weeks

USPS National Meetings Committee Publication

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### Special points of interest:

- Register today on-line for the USPS Annual Meeting in Disney
- Register today for House of Blues and Cirque du Soleil event
- Register for Leadership Classes
- Participate in On the Water Training

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Under the District 23



## **GALAXY 23**

### **From the District Bridge**

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

### **Commander**

It's the New Year and it should be an exciting year for D 23. First off we have the D 23 winter council meeting on Saturday, 22 January being held at the ARC center in Daytona Beach. If you attended the fall D 23 Conference you will remember that several "ad-hoc" committees were formed to report on several items: the continuance of having two yearly D 23 Conferences; moving some of our D 23 treasury money into gold were two of the topics that will be reported on at the council meeting. And this is the council meeting that our D 23 bridge Officers spend some time with the incoming D 23 squadron officers showing them what we can do to assist them in their squadron positions. So please insure that the old and the new bridge officers attend the council meeting.

Right after the council meeting the next USPS event is the Annual Meeting. Again it will be held in Orlando at the Disney resort complex. Here is a chance to meet many of our USPS members from all over the country, islands etc. It is also a chance to see the USPS in action. Committee meetings, booths featuring USPS activities along with several related marine type activities are always high on the "to see" list of attendees. And of course the awards event on Friday and the actual annual meeting on Saturday will be more of the highlights for those attending. So be sure to spend at least one and hopefully additional days attending the annual meeting the week of 31Jan-5 Feb. Check the USPS web site for more info. And oh yes, once again the meeting is held in OUR territory and we are the host district. Don Clark and his gang of National Meeting Committee people will need plenty of assistance. Give Don a call and see what you can do to help out!!

Squadron Changes of Watches should be completed by the time of our D 23 Spring Conference hosted by our newly formed squadron, Central Florida Sail & Power Squadron. Cdr Kat Feder and her crew promise us a great conference. The Friday night theme is PIRATES! I am sure there will be lots of info regarding this conference on the D 23 web site as well in each of the D 23 squadron publications. So be on the lookout and mark the dates.

While all of the above items are of great importance, the most important topic is still MEMBERSHIP!! Only each of you can build our squadrons back to where they were several years ago. The economy appears to be getting better and hopefully more potential boaters will be heading for the water. Go after them. Get them to take our ABC3 course. Sign them up as new members of your squadron. We have the best courses available along with the best organization for boaters. Make it happen.

The Harris Chain is Hosting this event, again this year. Anyone that would like to be considered to be a Certifier for on the water power boat handling is welcome to take this class. There are numerous other classes required to obtain a full certification. Obtain this segment and the others may be offered from the Harris Chain Education Department throughout the year.

Also Volunteers and boats will be needed for a few hours on that day.  
Please contact P/C Tim Henke, AP if interested

# Inland Navigator Certifier

**NATIONAL MEETING  
SPECIAL EDITION**

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA**

**Attend the National meetings, then satisfy the  
On-the-water Powerboat Handling Requirements  
For Inland Navigator Certifier**

**Starting at 8:30 am until completion**

**Cost is \$25.00 for the Class, and brunch  
Please bring your BOC Manual and Passport if you have  
them. If not, we will make substitute arrangements.**

**For complete details please contact**

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**P/C Tim Henke, AP**  
[cdrtimhenke@harrischain.org](mailto:cdrtimhenke@harrischain.org)

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# January 2011

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| 9                                                              | 10 | 11                                                                                      | 12 | 13 Sail Class<br>Leesburg<br>Communications<br>Building 7 -9 PM       | 14                                                    | 15                                                                                      |
| 16 Change of Watch<br>1400 hours Vic's<br>Supper Club Leesburg | 17 | 18 Squadron<br>Meeting LSCC<br>Liberal Arts Bldg<br>Room 6<br><b>NEW BUILDING</b>       | 19 | 20 Sail Class<br>Leesburg<br>Communications<br>Building 7 -9 PM       | 21                                                    | 22 District Council<br>Meeting<br>ARC Center Daytona<br>All Bridge members to<br>attend |
| 23                                                             | 24 | 25                                                                                      | 26 | 27 Sail Class<br>Leesburg<br>Communications<br>Building 7 -9 PM       | 28                                                    | 29                                                                                      |

## FEBRUARY

**No Meetings Feb 2 -7<sup>th</sup> National Meetings at Disney  
Please attend if Possible**

| Sunday                                                                                                                 | Monday | Tuesday                                                    | Wednesday | Thursday                                                        | Friday                                                | Saturday                                         |
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| 30                                                                                                                     | 31     | 1 Bridge Meeting<br>At Commanders<br>Home 7 PM             | 2         | 3 Sail Class<br>CANCELLED                                       | 4 First Friday<br>Eustis 5- 9 pm<br>Volunteers needed | 5 National Meeting<br>Coronado Springs<br>Disney |
| 6 Advanced Certifier<br>National Class<br>HARRIS CHAIN to<br>HOST Volunteers<br>and boats needed to<br>assist training | 7      | 8                                                          | 9         | 10 Sail Class<br>Leesburg<br>Communications<br>Building 7 -9 PM | 11                                                    | 12                                               |
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