



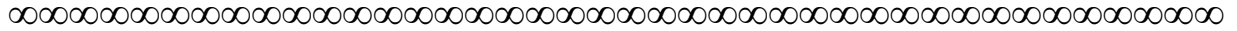
## Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron

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Stealing off of the old saying: what do you do when Life gives you Lemons ?  
You make lemonade ! At the Monthly Meeting, Members felt that now it was too hot  
to go to the Homosassa and trudge around in the heat. So we did not.

The sweetness of the day is that we all met at Boondocks restaurant, on the end of Little  
Lake Harris. What we did not learn that day about West Indian Manatees was  
overshadowed by our dinner affair. The restaurant seated us with a magnificent view of  
the lake. Little did we know, that the evening would turn into a weather and safety  
seminar.

Everyone arrived under threatening skies, we had a round of cocktails and moved  
towards our table. We all had great chats and even found out that there is indeed a  
Misses Byron. We talked, boat this, and boat that, through another round of cocktails.  
We found out that we had various interconnections in the community.

Just after the appetizers, the “seminar” began.

Those pesky cumulous clouds, stratified and turned to cumulous nimbus and the fun  
began.

Overlooking the lake, the wave formations kicked up as the wind took its turn in the  
show. The gentle wave forms transited into peaked waves with definite crests and  
troughs forming. The crests started to break and the white caps appeared.

Not to fall a second fiddle to the water the skies turned a threatening gray and then  
black and even an ominous, but undefined green.

On the cue of Mother Nature, a squall line paraded, its way across the lake. We could  
see it come from Lake Harris, over the route 19 bridge and then decimate Little Lake  
Harris. Along with the torrential rains that the squall line emitted, the lightening show  
bedazzled everyone. There was even a near strike on the hill above the restaurant.

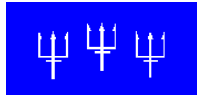
During this entire weather escapade, a fool in an all aluminum pontoon, house boat  
made a foolish run, towards the oncoming bands of ferocious thunderstorms.

That just brought out a roar of comments from everyone regarding the safety and the  
life threatening situation that the captain was placing themselves in and that of their  
passengers.

Sitting back and listening was a great tribute to the knowledge of our fellow power  
squadron members. While some of them brought knowledge to them, it was quite  
obvious that others had obtained knowledge through Power Squadron classes and were  
able to apply it in a real life situation.

*Editors note:* Keep up the good work and take a power squadron class, you never know  
when that knowledge will come in handy.....

## Commander's Message



# Cdr Timothy Henke, AP

Every month, I have to say thank you. Every month, I am encouraged by the actions of our fellow members of the premier organization Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron -- Lake County's BOATING CLUB™.

This time of year our resources run thin. Well not thin, almost nonexistent. I whole heartedly understand that the power squadron is only a segment of our lives. The Public Education Class was coming up and we were without enough instructors. After a call for help, two past commanders rearranged their schedules to "make it happen"! As we set up the morning, all was going smoothly. P/C Kerry Kline and I turned on the projector and nothing. A bulb fault error came on- in realistic terms- the bulb had burned out. No big deal, just fire up the second projector. We unearthed the second projector and nothing, nadda, kaput, played, shot, all gone or whatever. I looked at Kerry and he, at I, and I grabbed my car keys. Have you ever tried to beg, borrow, steal or even purchase a power point projector, at 8 am, on a Saturday morning, in our beloved Lake County?

I went to a couple computer stores, too early. Best Buy Opens at 10, and the place that says that they have everything (walmart) does not even sell projectors. (nor, did the helpful sales associate know what one was). During my frantic dash, and 15 some phone calls, I talked with P/C Bill Myers. He knew that I was rolling on a mission and he double timed it, to the class. During all of this fun, Kerry was teaching off of the little laptop screen and plugging along with the information. After breaking most of the Florida motor vehicle rules, I made it back to the class with a new projector. The efforts of Kerry and Bill worked well as the class had a higher than average test scores!

Back to the business at hand:

- ✦ Lt/C Don Stewart, S has been appointed as the squadron liaison to the local US Coast Guard Aux Flotilla.
- ✦ The Harris Chain has been requested from the National Education Department to once again host the nationwide Boat Operators Certification Class to be held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. At the bridge meeting, it was agreed that we shall host them.
- ✦ Changes are in the works from National regarding membership fees and possibly terms.
- ✦ Check out the following pages of the newsletter to get registered for the District 23 fall conference, sponsored by Banana River.
- ✦ Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron Decals are available to all members. Each member receives one and additional decals are available thru the ship's store. To receive your "free" one please contact P/Lt/C Cathy Henke, P

- ✦ I have been late in welcoming 2 new members to our family. Victor Fernandez, Vic comes to us via the Public Ed class and he and his wife live in Zellwood. He currently has a new boat and is learning with us and practicing his skills that he has obtained via the seamanship class. We also have another gentleman, Newton “newt” Shannon that comes from the Public Ed class in the Villages. He and his wife reside in The Villages. Newt works on the lake shuttle at Sumter Landing. Go and take a ride on one of the shuttle boats that Newt works on.
- ✦ July 10<sup>th</sup> will be a squadron orientation and operations class at my residence. Afterwards we will have a cook out. All family members are invited to the cook out. E-mails have been sent out. Please RSVP so that we have enough seating and of course, food.

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

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Bridge met with the District Commander, Bob Becker, SN, District Executive Officer Jin Depalma, SN and V/C Dick Peoples, SN. They offered some suggestions to increase our membership. This information will be shared with all members at a later date.

On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, an 8-hour Public Education Class was held at the Venetian Gardens in Leesburg. Eleven people attended and earned their certificates. We're always looking for people to help with these classes and to be trained as instructors.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the monthly meeting was held at Lake Sumter Community College. Those of you who did not attend missed a very informative talk by dermatologist, Colleen MacInnis, M.D. We'd like to see more members at the meetings.

The trip to Homosassa scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> was postponed until we have cooler weather. Instead, we gathered at JB Boondocks Bar and Grill which sits on Little Lake Harris. Thirteen people gathered at this restaurant located in Howey-in-the Hills. The

evening took on a learning twist as we all discussed the meteorological events that present themselves across the water, as we all enjoyed dinner and the fraternity of our members. We had a great time. Join us in the future for our monthly outing.

**CHECK OUT HARRIS CHAIN S & PS ON FACEBOOK** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Search Harris Chain Add Us as a friend, and leave a message. Thanks to Phil Ponticello

## **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

### **Education Notes:**

**The Seamanship class has been completed. The final test has been taken by the members and have been delivered to National for grading.**

**The Next Class for the Harris Chain shall be Marine Electronics. The class will be on Monday evenings for approximately 9 weeks.**

**Cost of the class for Members \$ 56.00.**

**General public may attend for at a cost of \$ 96.00.**

### **Class on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010 At the Commanders home**

**8-12 noonish \*\*\*\* Cook Out Afterwards at the same location \*\*\*\***

**For attendees and balance of squadron**

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is the Next Public Education Class to be held at Venetian Gardens. We have the possibility, of a Boy Scout troop attending. If they do, we are going to provide an, on the water experience on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will need additional help in boat operators, and helping hands. Please see if you can fit this into your schedules. Details as they develop.**

# MEETING NOTICE

**Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron**

**July 20th , 2010 Doors open 1830 hrs**

**Lake Sumter Community College**

9501 US Highway 441

Building 3 Room 7

Leesburg, FL 34788

**Special Presentation @ 7 PM**

**Learn how to access the USPS WEBSITE & SAIL ANGLE**

**Squadron Monthly Meeting 1930hrs**

**As A reminder, 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**

**Sweet treats are still allowed !**

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## **Monthly Trivia:**

What is the most common cause of a boat to sink?

Water leaks on thru hull fittings and failed bellows.

What is the most simple check that can be made to protect yourself and your wallet ?

Before launching, or making way for the day, check all through hull fittings. Also check the bellows for cracking or even worse a tear. Both items take a substantial amount of wear and tear during use. If a failure is detected, do not launch or make way.



## Lt/C Walter Gordon, AP Squadron Treasurer

The Audit for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 have been completed. Both years have come through without any questions.

I would like to thank Phil Ponticello and Ray Ellison for their due diligence and work to do this arduous task. I expect to have the materials back shortly and be able to archive them.

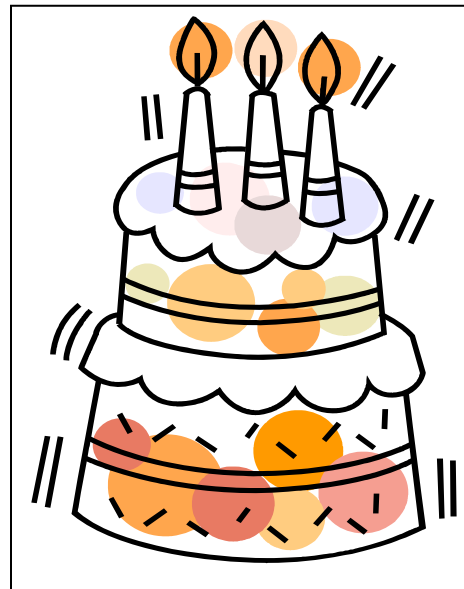
We are still in a reasonable financial situation. We could always have more, but we are happy that the Commander is very careful with expenditures and the bridge is conservative in its spending.

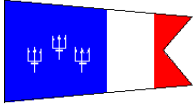
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Former Harris Chain member Twila Nahama, AP has moved back to the Chesapeake Area. She has transferred to a squadron up there. Twila will be missed and we wish her well. She is working at a marina up there. Drop her a line a [tnahama@yahoo.com](mailto:tnahama@yahoo.com) and hit her up for some free transient docking. Best Wishes Twila !

### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "JULY BABIES"

1<sup>st</sup> Lt/C Don Stewart, S  
13<sup>th</sup> Lt/C Arthur Grae, S  
14<sup>th</sup> Cdr Timothy Henke, AP  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mike Harrison  
25<sup>th</sup> P/C Joe Rzewuski, AP  
26<sup>th</sup> Al Gansz, AP  
27<sup>th</sup> Bernard Szymanski, AP  
28<sup>th</sup> Chuck Kline





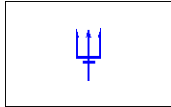
**P/C Joe Murray, AP  
Vessel Safety Check**



As of June 24th, we have submitted 50 vessel inspections, with 43 passing. I know of a couple more yet to be submitted, so we're making good progress. On Sunday, June 20, Sid Pitcher, Cdr Tim and I inspected 4 at Venetian Cove in Leesburg, with Cdr Tim doing one more the next day.

We'll be back at Venetian cove (and Buzzards Beach if we have enough people) on Sunday, July 18th, between 12 noon and about 3 PM. Everyone is welcome!!

***Ship's Store Update***



**Lt Jerie Tallman, S**



**Extra decals available \$3.00 each**

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



***NEW INVENTORY JUST ARRIVED \$ 38.70 Each***

***A few T-Shirt of various sizes are available for \$7.00***

***Also a few caps for \$ 7.00***

***Reduced items limited to inventory on hand only.***

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

I am working on obtaining a new, standardized, embroidered polo shirt. As soon as I have this confirmed, I will bring an inventory in .....



## Lt/C Arthur H. Grae, S

Squadron Secretary / Chaplain

Well, my fellow squadron members, interesting things have been happening to your Chaplain.

As of July 1, 2010, I will be an ordained modern rabbi.

I have been also called to the pulpit of Congregation Beth Israel for two years in Ocala, Florida, the land of horse country and retirement homes to serve as the rabbi of the Congregation.

So, at 72, I am now officially unretired and back to work again, but it is a labor of real love. I enjoy it so much that I consider it to be pleasure rather than work.

So, the squadron will have a real live regularly ordained preacher for its Chaplain.

As you all may have noticed, I have used intensive efforts to write my original liturgical invocation prayers in such a manner that they are interdenominational and apply to all of our squadron members no matter what their religious faith.

It is my own personal belief that we all pray to the same God, but in different ways. So, I really see everyone belonging to the same religious faith in an overall general sense. I regard the differences, if any, from one particularly professed religious faith to another to be in the nature of the differences between religious movements of Catholicism, Episcopalianism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism. Or differences between Orthodox, Conservative, Reformed and Reconstructionist Jews in different religious movements are in a similar vein.

I regard it as a great privilege to minister to the spiritual needs of Squadron members of different religious faiths than mine and try to do so in a noncontroversial manner. I also do similar work at the Leesburg Regional Medical Center when I minister to patients of all religious faiths.

One of my motivations in reaching toward my ordination came from this very Squadron when past Commander Kerry Kline took me aside one day and informed me that I was going to be the new Chaplain to give the invocations at the meetings. I told him that I was not the man for the job, because I usually slept through invocations. I found them boring and unnatural. So Kerry said that I should find or write interesting invocations that would not put anyone to sleep. So, I agreed and have been working hard at it ever since.

I discovered that I truly enjoyed composing liturgical poetry, the writing of prayers and particularly invocational prayers. It has now spilled over to my rabbinate and is drawing an increasing number of interested listeners in my old and new congregations. They have become kind of like fans. It has been a factor in my successful retention as the spiritual leader of my religious organization at hand.

And this all came about by my being asked to perform what I originally considered to be an arduous but very necessary chore for the Squadron. The irony is that I grew to enjoy it so much that I literally went pro.

The bottom line is that whenever one is asked to perform a necessary duty for the Squadron, a member should step up to the plate and take a swing at the ball and try to hit it out of the ball park. You never know to what it could possibly lead.

I thank each of you for all of your encouragement and for the marvelous interfaith outreach I feel when we all pray together at all of our meetings.

May God bless each and every one of you.



**GALAXY 23**  
**From the District Bridge**  
**D/Lt/C Lucy A. Hixenbaugh, P**  
**Administrative Officer**

People who have spent time **volunteering** for a cause report that they get back in satisfaction and joy more than they ever expend in inconvenience or effort.

Throughout our history, personal education was the number one reason people joined USPS. In more recent years there has been an increased emphasis towards:

- Networking
- Educating others
- Service to the community
- Fellowship
- Boating and Boating Safety

It is not a coincidence a Boating Class, picnic, Blessing of the Fleet or Christmas party is successful. Many volunteer hours, including behind the scene preparation, has contributed to meeting the membership's expectations.

New members will only realize the advantages of membership if shown first hand. Recruiting is only as good if followed through with proper orientation and involvement.

Thank you for the continue achievements in D23. USPS is **Volunteerism** at its finest.

Hats off to Cdr Roy Merritt and Titusville Squadron for the D23 picnic and cardboard boat race on 15 May. A true team accomplishment.

[www.brsps.org](http://www.brsps.org) has all of the information to make reservations on line for the D23 Fall Conference. Deadline for the discount is 1 September.

Please contact me at any time – [lhixenbaugh@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lhixenbaugh@cfl.rr.com)

**Check Out the New District 23 Website: [www.uspsD23.org](http://www.uspsD23.org)**

# ***“Hang 10 in 2010”***

## ***D 23 FALL CONFERENCE***

**October 1-3, 2010**

**FREE PARKING! FREE INTERNET ACCESS! ALL ROOMS WITH OCEAN VIEW!**

**ALL NEWLY RENOVATED MELBOURNE BEACH HILTON OCEANFRONT HOTEL ROOMS ONLY \$96.00 WITH NO TAX IF BOOKED THROUGH BRS&PS!!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT IS A BEACH THEME PARTY! WEAR YOUR SHORTS, TEE SHIRTS, BATHING SUITS OR WHAT HAVE YOU. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR A DANCE BAND PLAYING GOOD DANCE MUSIC OUT ON THE DECK OVERLOOKING THE OCEAN. DINNER WILL BE BUFFET STYLE SERVED ON THE DECK.**

**ON SATURDAY OUR BRS&PS AUXILIARY IS PLANNING A FREE SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE WOMEN WHO DO NOT WANT TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. MORE INFO ON THIS IN FUTURE FLYERS.**

**SATURDAY WILL BE THE COUNCIL & CONFERENCE MEETINGS COUPLED WITH ONLY ONE GUEST SPEAKER. D 23 DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING FOR INCOMING SQUADRON OFFICERS WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE.**

**SATURDAY EVENING IS BANQUET NIGHT. GOOD FOOD IN A TROPICAL SETTING WILL MAKE UP THE EVENING EVENT. AND ON SUNDAY MORNING THE ST JOHNS “N” CLUB WILL HAVE THEIR USUAL BREAKFAST COUPLED WITH A GUEST SPEAKER.**

**SO START PLANNING NOW. FOR MORE INFO AND DIRECT ON-LINE RESERVATIONS USING PAY PAL IF YOU CHOOSE, VISIT THE BRS&PS WEB SITE AT [WWW.BANANARIVERSPS.ORG](http://WWW.BANANARIVERSPS.ORG)**

**Hosted by: Banana River Sail  
and Power Squadron**



**If You Are Not Having Fun - Check the Address  
You went to the Wrong Hotel !**

**Friday - All Day! Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50, Drawings**

**14:00 - Surprise Activities - Spouse & Guests!**

**16:00 - Hospitality Room (and we DO mean hospitality) See  
Fred, Maria & the PEELS**

**19:00 - Luau ! - Outside at dusk on the ocean - ONLY sandals,  
cut-offs, old / wild Hawaiian shirts, Bermuda  
shorts, straw hats, bangles, beads and surfer  
attire are really appropriate**

**Saturday - All Day! Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50, Drawings**

**10:00 Spouse & Guests Activity - presentation sponsored by  
the PEELS.**

**12:00 - Barbeque for Lunch ! - Noon, outside over looking the  
beach - BBQ chicken, Hamburgers, hot dogs,  
all the sides and all the trimmings**

**14:00 - Spouse & Guests Activity! Medium Mark Anthony, the  
Psychic Lawyer will amaze and entertain**

**16:00 - Hospitality Room No, the PEELS have even more fun in  
store for you**

**19:00 - Dinner & Dancing - Choice of: Chicken Marsala, Sliced  
Sirloin, or Grilled Portabella Mush  
rooms—YUM!**

# July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 First Friday Eustis Volunteers Needed for Booth	3 Coke 400 NASCAR Race Daytona
4	5 <b>Seamanship Final TEST</b>	6 Bridge Meeting At Commanders Home 7 PM College Closed	7	8	9	10 Operations Training 8:00 - Noon Commanders Home Bar B Q 1 -4 PM Same
11	12	13	14 Commander's Birthday	15	16	17
18 VSC's At Venetian Gardens and Buzzard's Beach	19	20 Squadron Meeting LSCC Bldg 3 room 7 Doors open 630	21	22	23	24 Lakes Dora / Beau Clair Cruise Meet at Dora Canal 10 am Lunch in Tavares on boats
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bridge Meeting At Commanders Home 7 PM	4	5	6 First Friday Eustis Volunteers Needed for Booth	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 VSC's At Venetian Gardens and Buzzard's Beach	16	17 Squadron Meeting LSCC Bldg 3 room 7 Doors open 630	18	19	20	21
22 On the Water Boat Games at Venetian Cove 12 noon	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				