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AHHH -- The signs of spring are amongst us. The snow birds have made their return to the “up north”. Things are beginning to quiet down for all of us that are fortunate enough to call Florida our full time home. Let’s hope that they never figure out that the trek back and forth is not worth the worry.

The water is a calling. Don’t miss a chance to get on the water and enjoy the peacefulness that it has to offer. If you cannot get out on your boat, there is an option. Spend some time at our home away from home at Triangle Boat Club. It is especially relaxing just watching the sunset over the water. It can cleanse the mind.

Leave the worries of the stock market or interest rates. Even swine flu pandemic “rage” can all be forgotten, for a few hours, when you are on the water.

The visits from the family members should be over for a while. No more guided tours of the tourist spots. No more toting bags of fruit to the airport or hats, with ears, in the rearview mirror. You do indeed deserve a break.

Forget the “only” 2 hour wait at the restaurants. Just boat over to your favorite eatery, of course on the water, and take it all in.

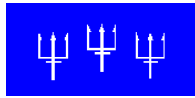
Take some time and make it your time. It only comes across once, so do not miss it.

The treasures that we have here are just for your exploration and enjoyment. Just remember your first concern: do it safely. When on the water do not forget to make safety priority one.

# Safe Boating Week

## May 16 - 22

## Commander's Message



# Cdr Timothy Henke, AP

My special thanks for all members that took the time to attend the monthly meeting. It was great to see all of the friendly faces as Edy and myself were sworn in to our new bridge positions.

I can comfortably say that each and everyone that was there had a wonderful time. Jim and Edy whipped up a wonderful meal and everyone enjoyed the feast.

My comment reflected that we are recognizing our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. We are no longer a youngster, as a squadron. I am willing to take our group into the teenage years and everyone is welcome to participate in the fun and success.

I would like to hold a Birthday Party at the Triangle Boat Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There is a great Bar-B-Que Pit there and I would like to put it to it's test. The fire will be burning and the fun will be had for all. So if you are here for the 4<sup>th</sup>, give us a RSVP when the phone tree calls and we can - make it happen.

Before that, The District 23 Picnic will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Details on other pages in this newsletter. There is a cardboard boat race during the picnic. Has anyone thought about an entry? I know that we have all been running full speed. Instead of worrying about a boat entry, just come on down to Titusville and enjoy yourself.

The phone tree is being revived. We also will need to check e-mails. Please confirm your phone and e-mail when the caller makes it to you.

Boat Safely. The rest of it is easy!

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## **Squadron Executive Officer**



**Lt/C Edythe Ekensten, S**

Just a few words to encourage all Squadron members to come to the monthly meeting and support the squadron in efforts to promote safe boating in our community. Our new format of a social hour, dinner and meeting is working out very well. Lots of good friendship and always lots of good food. The participation of members in volunteering to host the meal is important in order to be able to continue this format. No one or two people can do all the work. If you are willing to step forward to take on this responsibility, there will always be someone who is willing to give you the basics in how to proceed. Hope to see all of you at the May meeting.

## **Squadron Education Officer**



**Lt/C Kerry Kline, AP**

We are up and running and continuing with our educational program. The next public education class is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>. This will transition us into the new and current book, “ Americas Boating Course 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition”. The teaching format is a little different and the power point presentation has significant updates and enhancements. Please contact me if you would like to sit in on a class or better yet if you are willing to experience the reward of teaching people just like you the basics of boating.

We will be holding a Partners in Command class on May 31<sup>st</sup> from Noon to about 4 PM. I would like to see all the first mates in this informative class.

Back to the Water .....

# NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK MAY 16 — 22, 2009

News Conference 1130 hrs sharp !!

ALL MEMBERS ARE NEEDED WITH THEIR  
BOATS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 1030 hrs At Hickory Point.

Sherriff Gary Borders and Cdr Tim Henke, AP  
will be holding a news conference to Publicize  
National Safe Boating Week.

If your boat cannot make it, please show up by  
land. Make sure you show your Harris colors!

--- Channel 68 operations --

## **Monthly Trivia:**

**When purchasing a set of new signal flares, what is the maximum  
length in months flares are certified for?**

**A: One Boating Season**

**B: 5 years after opening package**

**C: 42 Months**

**D: Never. They are especially treated for long life**



## Dehydration    **HOT – HOT – HOT !**

Dehydration is simply a lack of enough water and electrolytes. Electrolytes are salts that the body uses in major cellular activity, especially within the muscles cells and blood cells. Because we are 70% water dehydration can lead to very serious illnesses and even death (especially in children who can die within a few days) if not remedied in time.

Dehydration symptoms are usually easy to determine, dry mouth, weakness, dry skin when it usually is oily (of course some people normally have dry skin), low blood pressure, headaches, dizziness are some signs and symptoms of dehydration. Dehydration has many causes in addition to heat exhaustion and lack of water that one would normally think of as usual causes of dehydration.. Some of these are excessive vomiting, diarrhea (especially in very young children and infants), and infection.      Source: Buzzle.com

This is not a medical diagnosis, nor a substitute for any qualified medical care. It is for information and to highlight awareness

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# MEETING NOTICE

**Harris Chain Sail & Power Squadron**

**May 19. 2009**

**Triangle Boat Club**

**Social Hour 1715 – 1800**

**Squadron Dinner 1800 – 1845**

**Squadron Monthly Meeting 1900**

**Jim & Edy are taking a rest this month. Several of our members are teaming up to provide the Entrée**

**Please bring a covered side dish or dessert for 6 people.**

***Don't forget to bring place settings for yourself.***

Titusville Sail and Power Squadron

Date: Spring Picnic 2009



Time: 11:00

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



# D23 First Annual Cardboard Boat Race



The Titusville Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting the 1st annual cardboard boat race at the 2009 Spring Picnic. Each squadron is encouraged to enter at least one boat, but can enter as many as they can crew. Squadron Commanders have been sent the official entry rules, 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: Ray Lennon : (321) 269-5718 or  
John Carlson : (321) 269-1083



# Spring Picnic - 2009

# Support



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# Supporters

**The Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron would like to recognize those who help us with our mission. When you have a choice, remember those who have helped us. This will be a monthly feature with a different person or group spotlighted.**

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# Galaxy 23

**From the District Bridge**

D/Lt/C Kim Fruda, P

Executive Officer

It was great seeing everyone at the Change of Watch. I hope this year will be a year for growth and participation within our organization.

We have the D23 Summer Council meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the La Cita Country Club. There will be breakfast for \$10.00 per person. I invite everyone to attend. The annual Titusville picnic will follow, which looks like an exciting time with the first Cardboard Boat Race. Let's see who can keep afloat the longest! I hope to see a lot of participation within all the squadrons. This should be a lot of fun! We have several entries already.

National Safe Boating Week is coming up as well on May 16<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All SEO's should promote Safe Boating Week by offering a boating course just before, during or shortly after that week. Take advantage of the National program to help promote your local squadron. All PRO's don't forget to apply for your share of advertising dollars.

## **D 23 Annual Picnic 9 May 2008 Sands Point Park, Titusville**

Come one, Come all! Come by car or boat, but COME! Once again D23 and Titusville Squadron have planned a wonderful day at lovely Sands Point Park on the ICW.

The festivities will start at 1130. D 23 will provide: Beer, wine, Soda, Corn on the cob, condiments, gas grills, cooking utensils, paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic forks & spoons etc. We ask that YOU bring a side dish to be shared with others of your group. Bring your own entrees ready to eat or use the grills for cooking.

**Entertainment:** We hope to have a Karaoke unit. Everyone who can sing will be invited to perform. It should be FUN!!! The real highlight will be the **Cardboard Boat Race** sponsored by Titusville Squadron

Directions: By Boat: Titusville Municipal Marina is at Mile Marker 27 on the ICW (1,000 yards north of the Max Brewer Memorial Parkway Swing Bridge)

Directions: By Car: Exit I 95 Titusville area at Garden Street (SR 406) head east. Cross US 1 (just before the Indian River) and continue east. The Park is on your left before the bridge.

FUN, PRIZES, FOOD, FELLOW USPS MEMBERS

COST: \$5.00 / Adult & \$2.50 kids under 12 Payable at the door

Questions? call P/C Greg Lindner @ 321-489-9862

## **D 23 Spring/Summer Breakfast Council Meeting**

**May 9 at La Cita Country Club in Titusville from 0830-1130 (just before the picnic)**

**For Breakfast reservations please send your \$10/person check payable to USPS D23 to:**

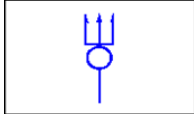
**D/Lt/C Jim DePalma**

**20 Raintree Lane**

**Ormond Beach, FL 32174**

**386-677-8741**

**Deadline for breakfast reservations is 1 May 2009**



## **Stf/C Don Clark, JN**

### **A Look at National Meetings**

The USPS has two National Meetings a year. For the sake of new members, one is the “Annual Meeting” and the other is the “Governing Board Meeting”. You will find these National meetings quite enlightening. They are the engines that drive USPS. For many years, these Annual Meetings were held in Orlando at a hotel on International Drive which was easy for us to attend. The meetings will return to Orlando in 2010 at Disney Coronado Springs Resort. They are scheduled there for the next four years in February.

In addition to a department meeting for every department, there is a Governing Board meeting at both of these National meetings. Then at the Annual meeting there is an EXPO. EXPO is a pipe and drape affair in which each of the National Committees displays a booth. In the booths the various committees show their products, and have a chance to talk directly to individual USPS members and answer questions or take suggestions on USPS operations.

Also, our support organizations known as “partners” are there with booths and displays to also meet directly with members. Groups like NASBLA, U.S. Coast Guard, NSBC, Boat U.S, American Canoe association, Citizens Corps, NOAA National Weather Service, Sea Scouts, and various vendors from commercial companies, are on hand.

Informative open meetings on education, boating and safety take place on Thursday and Friday at these conferences. The Chief also holds an open town hall meeting for bridge officers and members to talk about and question current and future policies and receive direct answers. It is conducted much like a press conference.

The Governing Board is held on Saturday and it is an opportunity to discuss issues and vote on resolutions presented through the system. The Governing Board consists of the Chief Commander, the Vice Commanders, the Rear Commanders, District Commanders, District Educational Officers, Squadron Commanders, members of the National General Committees, Past Chief Commanders, Past Vice Commanders who served at least two terms, and a number of elected members from each district.

If you don't like a policy or want to present a new policy, see that your squadron and district representatives go to these meetings and vote. Every national officer is also a squadron member and brings squadron issues to the table. Be a part of it!

## BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE "MAY BABIES"

1<sup>st</sup> Harriet Weber, S  
3<sup>rd</sup> Donald Weber, P  
6<sup>th</sup> William Griswold, S  
7<sup>th</sup> Connie Hollingsworth  
7<sup>th</sup> Jose R. Serrano  
12<sup>th</sup> Cinda Hollister  
13<sup>th</sup> Samuel Chapin, SN  
13<sup>th</sup> Nilda Serrano  
14<sup>th</sup> Sharon Murray  
14<sup>th</sup> Dennis Grehl  
15<sup>th</sup> P/C Betty Binder, P  
17<sup>th</sup> Joseph Conn, S



## Vessel Safety Check

The Vessel Safety Program has over 65 VSC's completed. The Open House at Triangle Boat Club on April 18<sup>th</sup> yielded several boats.

The Next VSC is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> at Venetian Cove and Buzzards Beach.

I would congratulate Twilla on completing the Vessel Examiner program and is now a certified examiner.

Jose Serrano is busy studying the manual as he is diligently working to become a Vessel Examiner.

Once again I would like to commend the all of the inspectors for a job well done! Thanks to you this joint effort safety program continues to save lives.

If anyone else is interested in becoming part of the 2009 Vessel Examiner team, please contact me.

Remember: Safe Boating  
is our Goal!

Lt Jim Ekensten  
(352)483-3424

# Harris Chain May 2009

| Sunday  | Monday             | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--------------------|---|-----------|----------|--|--|
|   |                    |   |           |          | 1<br>First Friday<br>Eustis<br>Volunteers needed | 2  |
| 3   | 4                  | 5<br>Bridge Meeting<br>TBC<br>1900 Hours  | 6         | 7        | 8  | 9<br>District 23<br>Breakfast Meeting<br>Picnic<br>Titusville  |
| 10<br>Mother's Day                            | 11                 | 12  | 13        | 14       | 15   | 16<br>Safe Boating Week<br>Begins thru 28 <sup>th</sup><br><br>Hickory Point Press<br>Conference 1030 am |
| 17  | 18                 | 19<br>Squadron<br>Meeting<br>TBC<br>1700 Social hour<br>1800 Dinner<br>1900 Meeting | 20        | 21       | 22   | 23   |
| <b>National Safe Boating Week May 16 – 23</b> |                    |   |           |          |  |  |
| 24  | 25<br>Memorial Day | 26  | 27        | 28       | 29   | 30   |
| 31<br>Skipper Saver<br>TBC<br>1200 -1600      |                    |   |           |          |  |  |



# Harris Chain June 2009

| Sunday             | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--------------------|--------|--|-----------|----------|---|--|
|                    | 1      | 2<br>Bridge Meeting<br>TBC<br>1900 Hours   | 3         | 4        | 5<br>First Friday<br>Eustis<br>Volunteers<br>needed | 6  |
| 7                  | 8      | 9  | 10        | 11       | 12  | 13<br><br>Public Boating Class<br>Venetian Gardens |
| 14<br><br>Flag Day | 15     | 16<br>Squadron Meeting<br>TBC<br>1700 Social hour<br>1800 Dinner<br>1900 Meeting | 17        | 18       | 19  | 20   |
| 21                 | 22     | 23   | 24        | 25       | 26  | 27   |
| 28                 | 29     | 30   |           |          |   |  |

