

Bay Neigh

Official Monthly Publication of
Houston Sail and Power Squadron
A Unit of United States Power Squadrons
District 21



Editor
Lt Jana Wesson, AP

Assistant Editor

Home Port
6910 Bellaire Blvd #15
Houston, Texas 77074
www.uspsHouston.org

Bridge

Commander.....Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S
Executive Officer TBD
Educational Officer Lt/C Robert Campbell, S
Administrative Officer TBD
Secretary Lt/C Robert W. Stevenson, JN
Treasurer..... Lt/C Phyllis W. Stendebach, P
Immediate Past Cdr.....P/C Claire McDonald, SN

Squadron's 1st Lieutenants

Asst. Educational Officer. ... 1st/Lt Carl A. Stendebach, Jr., JN
Asst. Secretary TBD
Asst. Treasurer..... 1st/Lt Kathy Fussell, S

Executive Committee

All Bridge Officers... Robbie J. Robbins, JN
S. Dennis Fegan, AP Forrest Paddock, P
Bill Fussell, S Jana Wesson, AP
Kathy Fussell, S P/C Claire McDonald, SN
P/D/C Scott McDonald, SN

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the writers and publication herein does not imply endorsement by USPS, or the Bay Neigh.

PRAYER

A Prayer in Spring By Robert Frost

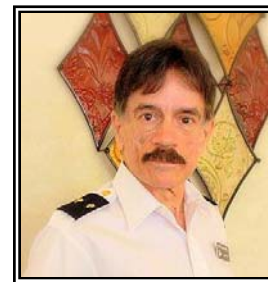
Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.
Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.
And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.
For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

Submitted by
P/D/C Scott D. McDonald

COMMANDER'S CORNER



April 2011 Bay Neigh
Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S



Here we are at the beginning of a new Watch Year, and let me say that it's a tremendous honor to be serving as your Commander. It's going to be a BUSY year and I'd like it to be an interactive one. I'm VERY interested in hearing ideas that any of you might have, so don't hesitate to call or drop me a note at any time.

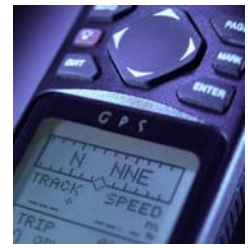
The first thing on the agenda is increasing membership. We need ideas and we need people to groom for bridge positions in the future to keep our Squadron alive and thriving. We already have several membership drives coming up, and we'll continue to do as many as we can this year and we can use your help. YOU, the membership, are our best advertisement. Just think where we would be if each member were to bring in one new member this year. It would be incredible! Think about that because you'll be hearing more and more as we progress through the year. We will probably be having contests to see who can bring in the most members. There will be prizes, probably on a monthly basis, and then a GRAND PRIZE at the end of the year. We have plenty of informational flyers you can use to show anyone interested, exactly what we do and what classes and seminars we have to offer.

I'd also like to expand participation and reach out to more members to get them interested and joining with us more. We have over 150 members, all interested in boating, but what OTHER interests do you have? Fishing, scuba diving, sailing, kayaking? That's what I need to know! We can set up sub-groups through SailAngle, and our members can choose to get involved with any of the special interest groups they like. I'm going to start with a Kayaking group.

The kayaking community is growing in leaps and bounds and is easily accessible to anyone. Just to give you an idea of the overwhelming growth of this community, the annual "Buffalo Bayou Regatta" was just held on March 12th, and there were over 700 entrants. They hold this race every year along a 15-mile stretch of Buffalo Bayou, ending up in Downtown where the view is spectacular. I might also add, because it's certainly something to think about for next year, but at this year's regatta, the Coast Guard Auxiliary did over 70 Vessel Safety Checks there! How easy could THAT be?

So on April 16th and 17th, I'll be out at Independence Park in Missouri City, with a membership drive in full swing. Lt Rolf Hogfeldt, our new PR Chair, will be there too. We're partnering with the Austin Canoe and Kayak Shop. It's one of their "DEMO" weekends they hold twice a year. They will be out there with over 70 models to try out and it's completely FREE. If you've never tried out a kayak, this is a great time to try several different models. They range from about 6 feet long to over 20 feet, so there's an amazing range to choose from. Come on by on Saturday or Sunday. It'll be a great day on the water, and at our booth, we're going to focus on membership and donations. Hope to see some of you there.

Also on the 16th, Lt./Cdr Bob Stevenson will be out at the Scout Fair with another HSPS booth, along with Chris Leavitt. So, we're diving in head first to kick off this year and I hope you'll come along for the ride!



Education News **Lt/C Robert Campbell, S**

Advanced Grade and Elective Course News

Seamanship – The Spring Seamanship class is underway with 5 students, to include members **Dan & Holly Huston**, new members **Debbie Sturgeon** and **James Redd**, and a non-member from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, **Tom Simons**.

Advanced Piloting – **Bob Stevenson's** Advanced Piloting class is underway with 5 students, to include **Rob Rogers**, **Chris Leavitt**, **Robert Campbell**, **Tom Hooper**, and **Doug Chappell**.

Marine Communications – **Bill Haddock** is teaching the new Marine Communications class this spring, and he has 5 students, to include **Ed Roland**, **Robert Campbell**, **Dan & Holly Huston**, and **Denny Fegan**.

USPS Instructor Development – All of the presentations have been given, lesson plans prepared, and exams taken, and we now have 5 new instructors in HSPS. Those new instructors include **Robert Campbell**, **Ted Hilton**, **Ed Roland**, **Larry Smith**, and new member **Bill Nowlin**. Thanks again to **Karl Fernandes** for teaching the course.

Public Boating Safety Course News

We had a great turn-out for our March 12th America's Boating Course class with 10 students participating. As always, thanks go out to our instructors and **Carl Stendebach** and **Ray Kinkaid** for their outstanding job in facilitating the class.

Next ABC class is Saturday, April 16th at homeport.

While I am certain most of you have taken a boating safety course, if it has been some time since you took that course, you should consider taking a refresher by attending the new America's Boating Course-3rd Edition (ABC3). In 2011 we will hold a one-day ABC3 class on 8 Saturdays. The remaining dates for this year are 4/16, 5/14, 6/11, 7/19, 9/10, and 11/12. Grab a boating friend or family member, and attend a class this year.

USPS Seminars

Look for P/C Denny Fegan's invitation to attend one of many seminars scheduled for 2011. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

- Anchoring – April 14th
- Boat Handling Under Power – May 12th
- Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes – June 9th
- How To Use a Chart – July 14th
- Hurricanes and Boats – August 11th
- Knots, Bends and Hitches – September 8th
- Marine Radar – October 13th
- Mariner's Compass – November 10th
- Mastering the Rules of the Road – December 8th

Change-of-Watch

As of the March 26th Change of Watch, Lt/C Robert Campbell is the new SEO of the Houston Sail and Power Squadron. As the outgoing SEO, I want to thank everyone for supporting and participating in the HSPS Education program over the past 3 years. I particularly want to thank all of the many instructors and facilitators, without whom, we would have no program. I'll let your new SEO introduce himself below, but I ask you to give Robert the enthusiastic support you have given me.

Thanks!

P/Lt/C Rick Fisher, SN

(Continued on Page 4)



Mermaid Murmurs

From your HSPS siren, Clarabella
Be ye warned!

Watch out! Your Squadron siren, Clarabella, is out and about again and all the news that is news will begin to appear again next month.

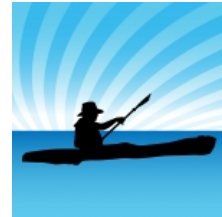
Here are some tidbits to whet your appetite:



Our own **Nancy Cunningham** will be inducted into the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame on Saturday April 9th. Many of you know that Nancy is legendary in Texas and world diving circles. Congratulate her when you see her next.



Fiona McDonald is now a sophomore at Trinity University in San Antonio studying accounting. Go figure...literally!



HSPS is reaching out to paddlers, our fastest growing group. Don't be left behind!

Education News (Continued from Page 3)

Ready to Serve!! Greetings from the newly elected SEO!

I look forward to my tenure as SEO for Houston Sail and Power Squadron. When **Bob Smith** asked me if I would consider the position, it was impossible for to respond with anything but, "Yes!". I am already in debt to many of the excellent instructors we have on our staff who have helped me expand my personal boating knowledge: **Rick Fisher** (Seamanship), **Scott McDonald** (Piloting), **Bob Stevenson** (Adv. Piloting), **Bob Smith & Ozzie Osborne** (Jr Navigation), **Bill Haddock** (Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communications), **Bill Fussell** (Marine Engines), and **Karl Fernandes** (Instructor Development). USPS courses are a bargain, and I well know it!

This is truly a great organization with a long history, and I am very proud to be associated with each of you. I will do my best to uphold the standards of quality and excellence that has been established before me. We will have new opportunities and challenges this year as we expand our programs to meet the changing needs of the recreational boating public but I know that working together we will be successful in our mission of helping the recreational boater become safer on the water.

Sincerely,
Lt/C Robert Campbell, P

March 2011 Executive Committee Meeting
Houston Sail and Power Squadron

Executive Department: Lt/C Robert Leatherwood, S

- **Cooperative Charting:** Report from Dick Snapp: HSPS is now 2nd in USPS.
- **Vessel Safety Checks:** Report from P/C Bill Haddock, AP:
 - VSC at Boardwalk Marina, Kemah – Mar 12th
 - VSC exam at Home Port is currently not required because there are no new examiners
 - VSC for Sea Scouts at Lakewood Yacht Club Apr 2nd is being finalized with the Sam Houston Area Council
 - VSC at South Shore Harbor on Apr 23rd is being finalized
- **Public Relations:**
 - Initiatives with Sea Scouts are moving from planning to execution. Chris Leavitt has proposed that HSPS provide a presence with educational information at the Scout Fair on Apr 16th at Reliant Arena and at the Sea Scout Academy. The Scout Fair will be covered with seminar information and a video associated with the VHF seminar. The Academy visit is being investigated.
 - Initiative with kayak groups is moving forward. Bob Leatherwood will staff a booth at Demo Day in Missouri City on Apr 16-17, along with the owner of Austin Canoe and Kayak.

Education Department: Lt/C Rick Fisher, SN

- **Member Classes:**
 - Seamanship: Mondays – Rick Fisher has 5 students
 - Advanced Piloting: Tuesdays – Bob Stevenson has 5 students
 - Marine Communications Systems: Thursdays – Bill Haddock
- **Public Classes:**
 - **Seminars:** Anchoring Mar 10th – Scott McDonald
 - **ABC3:** Mar 12th at Home Port. The Feb 12th class had 10 students.

Administrative Department:

- **Membership:** Report from Scott McDonald: Two new members were approved prior the meeting. One new member was approved at this meeting. There are two cyber-members of USPS who wish to become members of HSPS. One who has submitted the formal request was approved at this meeting. The other is in the process of submitting the request and approval will be handled by e-mail.
- **Upcoming Dinner Meetings:**
 - March 26th – Change Of Watch at Houston Yacht Club at 1 PM
 - April 13th – Joe's Crab Shack
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - April 7th -9th – D/21 Spring Conference at NASA Hilton on the shore of Clear Lake. Rick Fisher will be a luncheon speaker.
 - April 30th – Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up being organized by Claire McDonald
 - May 21st – Home Port Clean-up Day and inflatable life jacket event as part of Boating Safety Week

Treasurer's Department: Lt/C Phyllis W. Stendebach, P

- **Financial Report:** Submitted and discussed.
- **Property Inventory:** Overhead projector disposal: The annual inventory shows about 8 overhead projectors, some in electrically hazardous condition. A maximum of one instructor uses one for one class. A S. McDonald/R. Fisher motion passed that all but one overhead projector should be formally stricken from the property records and donated to Goodwill. [Ed: After the meeting it was suggested that in view of the scarcity of overhead projectors now, two should be kept so there are spare parts available. The suggestion was accepted.]
- **Annual Budget Preparations:** Bill Mize passed out information on past budgets to help the incoming officers prepare their budgets for the next fiscal year. The goal is to have the proposed budget voted on by the E Board and then by the members at the April dinner meeting.

March 2011 Executive Committee Meeting
(Continued from Page 5)

Secretary's Department: Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN

- **Squadron Newsletter:**
 - March *Bay Neigh* was posted and mailed on February 28th
- **History Report:** Designated personnel to submit information by Friday March 4th if possible.
- **Annual Tax Exemption Request:** Missing the following items:
 - Complete 2011 inventory – Audit Committee will provide it within a few days
 - Good Standing letter from HQ – A promise was given to mail it to the Treasurer this week[Ed: After the meeting the request was mailed to HCAD.]

Commander's Department: Cdr Claire M. McDonald, SN

- Report from ad hoc business committee.
 - Review of sponsorship issues:
 - The scheme to attract dollars failed due to a lack of marketing and advertising skills within the Squadron plus the poor giving environment in the post-recession period. The need for such funding will be carefully reviewed during the upcoming budget deliberations.
 - Upcoming review of By-Laws:
 - Reviewed the charge to the Rules Committee to begin developing recommendations for changes to the By-Laws. These changes will align the HSPS By-Laws with those of USPS in the membership area as well as address any other appropriate changes discovered during the review. During the discussion there was interest expressed in possibly changing some of the ways the Squadron has been operating in order to make it easier and less expensive for people to be active in helping to run the organization.
 - Software buying policy:
 - Software is available at greatly reduced prices to non-profits like HSPS through Tech Soup. Authorization for HSPS members to purchase such software is restricted to those who need it for squadron business and is at the Commander's discretion. The Squadron Webmaster administers the purchases and distribution of copies.
 - Bay Neighs for wives of past officers:
 - The Squadron has been mailing newsletters to those widows who wish to continue receiving information about the Squadron. That policy will continue with the decision as to who should receive the newsletters being at the discretion of the Commander.

Volunteer Needs for the Secretary's Department
By Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN

Please consider volunteering to help the Secretary's Department. Contact Bob Stevenson at 281-993-4288 for more information or to just volunteer. The remaining open positions are shown in priority order. This is Bob's last year as Secretary, so there is a pressing need to find someone to learn the position this year so they can be nominated and elected for the next year. Folding and mailing of the monthly Bay Neighs, annual Roster, and one-time new Bylaws will require several people in addition to the committee Chair, so volunteers are solicited.

Asst Secretary – In addition to being available to help take notes and prepare meeting minutes in the absence of the Secretary, someone else should start learning how to do the complete Secretary's job.

Property Tax Exemption preparer – This once-per-year function was transferred from the Law Officer to the Secretary's Department a few years ago. At least one knowledgeable backup to the Secretary is needed, due to the importance of this annual submittal. This year's submission has been made. So this person will be responsible for the 2012 request, made early in the year.

Historian – This person prepares the once-per-year annual history report for the Squadron, using input provided by each of the officers. Preservation and retrieval of Squadron files of minutes, Bay Neighs and other important papers are also a responsibility of this person.

2011 HSPS Change of Watch
Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt and Lt Jana Wesson, AP



2011 HSPS Change of Watch
Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt and Lt Jana Wesson, AP



2011 HSPS Change of Watch
Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt and Lt Jana Wesson, AP



2011 HSPS Change of Watch
Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt and Lt Jana Wesson, AP





Cruise Away to Galveston Bay

*Come aboard the "USS Galveston Bay"
for the
District 21 Spring Conference
Hosted by Galveston Bay Squadron*

When: Thursday - Sunday

07-10 April 2011

Where: Houston, TX

NASA Hilton – 3000 NASA Rd One

Rooms: \$85.00

Reserve your room before March 23, 2011 for guaranteed rate.

Rooms are held under reservation code – District 21 Spring Conference or D21.

Thursday Evening: (Dress code: Casual) 1800 - 2100

A Shrimp boil held under the covered pavilion at Clear Lake Park, next to the Clear Lake Boat Ramp.

Friday: (Dress code: Squadron casual, USPS or Squadron Polo shirt, Blazer optional)

Registration and Ship's Store will be open from 0830 until 1700.

A Fire & Flares Demonstration presented at Clear Lake Park.

Optional Lunch on Friday will be a delicious Seafood Buffet, served on the second floor of the Hilton, in three venues. This lunch is SEAFOOD at its best.

- Bridge and Committee Chairs will have a working Lunch starting at 1130-1300
- P/D/C Lunch at 1200-1300
- All attendees of District 21 at 1200-1300

COUNCIL meeting from 1430 – 1630, all members of the D/21 Council are expected to attend.

Dinner is included as part of your registration in the Main Ballroom at 1900 followed by visitation to the Hospitality Suites.

Saturday:

(Dress code: Day - Uniform G or appropriate attire, Evening – Uniform A with bow tie-Cocktail Attire, or Semi-Formal)

Registration will be open from 0830 until 1030.

Ship's Store will be open from 0830 until 1030.

Seminar's

- 0800-0930 Anchoring
- 0800-0930 Trailering

A demonstration of how to teach Children the Drills and Skills of the Life Jacket will be presented from 0930-1030

Conference General Membership Meeting will begin at 1100

Break for Lunch

- Members Luncheon will feature guest speaker Rick Fisher who is speaking on "Recreational Boating Safety Update" (A Recent USCG Study).
- Social Luncheon, complete with the latest in fashion from "CASANOVA's downfall" a Ladies Boutique.

1345 Conference Meeting will continue

District Commander's reception

Saturday Night will be Dinner and Change of Watch.



See you there

Registration Form D21 Fall Conference 2011

Conference Registration – Includes 3 meals \$100 x _____ = \$ _____
 Includes: Friday Night Dinner, Saturday's Members' or Social Lunch and Saturday Night Change of Watch

Number attending Members Lunch _____ Social Lunch _____ Friday Night Dinner: Fish Dinner _____ Chicken Dinner _____
 Please indicate preference

Late Registration – After March 23rd \$115 x _____ = \$ _____

Optional Events and Tickets

Thursday Evening Shrimp Boil \$ 20 x _____ = \$ _____

Friday Lunch- Bridge – P/D/C's – All other attendees
 Wishing to enjoy a wonderful Seafood Buffet \$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____

Anchoring Seminar – Book is included \$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____

Trailing Seminar – Book is included \$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____

Individual Tickets if not registered for entire conference

Friday Night Dinner Fish Dinner _____ Chicken Dinner _____ \$ 40 x _____ = \$ _____
 Please indicate preference

Saturday Member Lunch \$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Social Lunch \$ 30 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Night Change of Watch \$ 45 x _____ = \$ _____

Add \$5.00 to the Individual Ticket prices after March 23rd.

Make Check payable to: **D21 Spring Conference**

Mail to: Billie Kearney
 1312 Skylark Rd
 Pasadena, TX 77502-4330
 Phone: 713 946-3995 Email: BJG1312@comcast.net

Total Amount of Check: \$ _____

Squadron: _____

Member: _____
Rank Name Grade

Member: _____
Rank Name Grade

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

This is my first District Conference: Yes _____ No _____

3/6/2011



Let's Meet at Joe's and Eat at Joe's!

Our first dinner meeting of the new watch year is coming up fast! Please join us at Joe's Crab Shack for a evening of fun and dining. See many of your old friends and meet some of our newer members. If want to come but you don't want to make the drive, PLEASE let us know. **We'll round up a car pool for you.** If you're driving anyway, why not try inviting a member (new or old) to ride along? Come have fun with us. We will have more fun if **YOU** are there.

Come join us at this **colorful and lively restaurant!** Like last year, there will be **SEVEN great menu choices**, so be sure to check out the new menu below!!!

And there will be **DOOR PRIZES!** Come and take a chance!

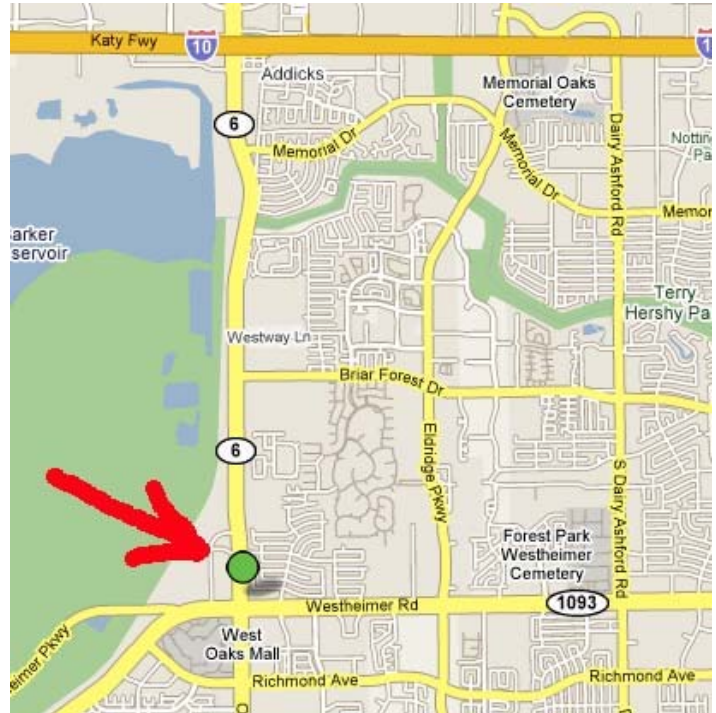
What: HSPS Dinner Meeting – April 2010

When: Wednesday April 13th

6:30 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar); 7:00 PM Dinner

Where: Joe's Crab Shack

2120 South Hwy. 6 @ Westheimer
Houston, Texas 77077



Menu: All entrees include a cup of soup or garden side salad, mini dessert and non-alcoholic beverage.

- **Choice #1 – Crab Stuffed Shrimp** – Broiled shrimp stuffed with Joe's famous crabmeat recipe. Served with Joe's rice and veggies.
- **Choice #2 – Crispy Shrimp** – A dozen breaded shrimp cooked to a golden brown. Served with fries and coleslaw.
- **Choice #3 – Coconut Shrimp** – Plump shrimp hand-dipped in shredded coconut with pineapple plum sauce for dipping. Served with fries and coleslaw.
- **Choice #4 - Shrimp Alfredo Pasta**--Shrimp tossed with penne pasta in our creamy alfredo sauce.
- **Choice #5 - Fish & Chips**--Flaky white fish in a classic Samuel Adams beer batter. Served with fries.
- **Choice #6 - Blackened Tilapia** - Pan Seared, flaky fish topped with black bean corn relish. Served with Joe's rice and veggies.
- **Choice #7 - Joe's Steak Deal** - A flavorful, juicy 8 oz. USDA Choice Top Sirloin cooked just the way you like it. Served with fries and veggies.

Cost: \$21.00 per person for all you can eat, drink or win!

RSVP by Monday April 11th to Bob Leatherwood at icemangems@att.net OR call Bob at 281-879-6005 (Leave message if I'm out)

A Few More from Change of Watch
Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt and Lt Jana Wesson, AP



Sponsors

The Squadron is seeking tax-deductible donations to help defray the cost of boating safety course materials to the public as well as to help fund other necessary Squadron expenses. We can accept as donations cash or items the Squadron needs – as long as they do not result in a tax problem for the Squadron or donor. Sponsors can be companies, individuals in business, or simply individuals (including Members) who wish to help. All donors/Sponsors will be listed on the HSPS website. Please send a check or recommend potential company sponsors to Commander Claire McDonald, SN. Make checks payable to HSPS. There is no cutoff date for the donations or suggestions for Sponsors. The search for annual Sponsors will continue indefinitely.



AmeriStar
REALTORS®

RICHARD SNAPP
REALTOR®

Business (281) 580-2220
Cell (713) 204-1651
Fax (281) 631-0605
rsnapp@star-realtors.com



5222 FM 1960 WEST, STE. 120
HOUSTON, TX 77069

This Space Available

Contact *Bay Neigh* Business Manager
Ken Brooks

e-mail: kwbrooks@ix.netcom.com

Bay Neigh Articles

If you have a story or experience that would be of interest to our members, please E-Mail pictures and stories to Jana Wesson at beakboatgirl@me.com

Houston Sail and Power Squadron
6910 Bellaire Blvd #15
Houston, Texas 77074

April Birthdays

Terry L. Foster	4/4
Troy Matherne	4/4
Donald L. Lipke	4/8
James Eyrl Keith	4/10
James J. Pirrung	4/11
Robert E. White	4/12
Eric J. Herpin	4/13
William H. Mize Jr.	4/16
M. Katherine Fegan	4/24
Douglas R. Dobson	4/25



W.A.D.E.

water activity day event

JUNE 13-15 • JULY 11-13

Presented by: **Houston Safe Boating Council**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Clear Lake Park
ages 13 & up Cost: \$125

LEARN:

- Kayaking
- Sailing
- Power Boating
- Personal Water Crafts
- Earn your Texas Basic Boaters Certificate

For registration
information call
281-488-7676
Enrollment limited to
36 students per session.

Sponsored by:
AW & SONS

American Watercraft Association
Bay Area PWC Association
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Freedom Boat Club
Friendswood Police Department
Galveston Bay Power Squadron
Houston Big Game Fishing Club
Team Mancuso Gulf Freeway
Texas Association of Single Sailors
Texas Parks and Wildlife



www.houstonsafeboatingcouncil.org

Houston Safe Boating Council | www.houstonsafeboatingcouncil.org
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce | 281-488-7676 | www.clearlakearea.com