



***HSPS Members Go Outrigger Canoeing in Hawaii***

*By Lt/C Robert Campbell, JN*

Sofia and I, along with Captain Roy and Trish Weeks, of Capt. Roy's Captain's School are seen here with local Hawaiian captains on an outrigger canoe at Waikiki beach. Diamond Head is in the background. These guys were amazing as they weaved their way through the swarm of surfers. I was expecting multiple fatalities. Not seen is when we got smashed by a rogue 8-foot wave on an otherwise calm day. The wave broke on top of us as we paddled out. We all got drenched. Sofia in the bow took the brunt of it, fell backwards in the canoe, and lost her swim suit top in the process. Fortunately she was able to recover before any pictures were snapped. She had a couple of nasty bruises on her calves the next day but was left with some great memories.



***Poop Sheet August 2011***

- August 3  
Board of Directors Meeting – Home Port
- August 4-7  
Bi-District Rendezvous – Lake Texoma
- August 10  
HSPS General Meeting – Chinese Night Home Port
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- August 12-14  
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- September 4  
Redfish Raft-up
- September 5  
Happy Labor Day, HSPS!
- September 7  
Board of Directors Meeting – Home Port
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- September 18  
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- September 19  
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Adopt-A-Beach

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### PRAYER

We're thankful, Lord, for gift of life  
With both its joy and sadness,  
Recall the good, forgive the fault,  
Pour out the oil of gladness.

And as we run the course ahead,  
Stand watch by night and day.  
Be both our compass and our star,  
To guide us on our way.

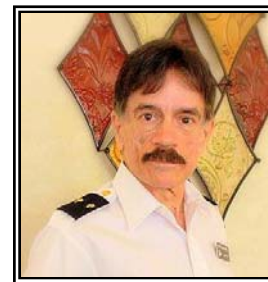
We thank You too for fellow man,  
With whom we share the wheel.  
We set the course and man the sheets,  
But You are mast and keel.

Amen  
P/D/C Scott D. McDonald

## COMMANDER'S CORNER



August 2011 Bay Neigh  
Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S



August is upon us, and as usual, the hottest month of the summer will be the busiest. The Bi-District rendezvous on Lake Texoma kicks the month off with several days of fun on the water and that will be followed by our "Chinese Night" at Home Port on Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. For those of you who have never been to one, it's a lot of fun, so please join us for Chinese Food and LOTS of decorations. We'll also have soft drinks, plenty of beer and the "Happy Buddah Bar" will be open as well – although this time I think I'll try to find a much better bartender than myself!

On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>, the August seminar will be on "Hurricanes and Boats" – talk about a lethal combination, AND no doubt some must-have information for anyone this close to the Gulf. Hurricane Ike is still a pretty fresh memory, so I know I'll definitely be signing up for this one and you probably should too!

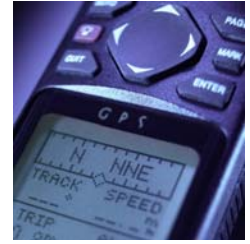
Moving right along, around mid month will be the always popular Matagorda Fishing Tournament. I look forward to this each year and if you've never been, don't miss out this year. It's not a long drive, and what a fun way to spend a weekend on the water. The fishing takes place on Saturday and then on Saturday night is a big "FISH FRY" of all the day's catch. The dates are the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, so check out the flyer and do your best to join us this year. It's a world of fun, and you just might win a trophy. Drop me a note if you have any questions that aren't answered in the flyer and I'll be glad to help.

I mentioned last month that I was planning a picnic/paddling event in the fall. The date has been set for Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be grilled burgers and hot dogs. I also think some smoked sausage on a stick will make for a nice appetizer, so plan on that too. As the date gets closer, I'll go into more detail, and I'll also be sending out some pictures of the park – It's really beautiful and I know it'll be a great event.

Looking back on July, the rendezvous at the Houston Yacht Club was a wonderful day, and we had a really good turnout of about 40 people. The dinner was definitely up to the yacht club's standards and the fireworks display was magnificent. There were some fireworks this year that I've never seen before, and they were really spectacular.

Have a great month, and as we all look forward to cooler weather, there are quite a few things in the works that I'll have to report about next month. In the meantime, if you haven't checked out our new Facebook page, do stop by and look it over. You can find us as "Smart Boater" in the Facebook search engine. Sometime this month we hope to be adding some videos so stand by and you'll hear lots more about that next month!





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

**Advanced Grade and Elective Course News**

**Seamanship** – A special session of Seamanship is underway this summer. This session was created especially for Sea Scouts but is also attended by regular members. **Scott McDonald** and **Denny Fegan** are the instructors. Students are **Chris and Cathy Leavitt, Larry and Steven Behrmann, Konrad Grether,** and **Red Wilson**. A special welcome to **Konrad** – he joined HSPS as an Apprentice when signing up for this class. Also, a big thank you is due to **Bob Stevenson** and **Chris Leavitt** for working so hard on building a stronger relationship with the Sea Scout programs. Well done fellas!

**Public Boating Safety Course News**

We had a low turn out (2 students) for the July 9<sup>th</sup> class. Perhaps everyone was out having fun on the water!!!

We have a special request from Sea Scout ship 208 (located in Baytown) for an ABC3 class August 20<sup>th</sup>. Skipper Eloy Valdes expects 5 adults and 15 youth to attend.

Our next regularly scheduled ABC3 class is Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at Home Port.

**USPS Seminars**

Look for P/C Denny Fegan's invitation to attend one of many seminars scheduled for 2011. The August seminar is especially relevant: "Hurricanes and Boats". Don't miss it!!

The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

- August 11, 2011                      Hurricanes and Boats
- September 8, 2011                  How to Use a Chart
- October 13, 2011                    Knots, Bends and Hitches
- November 10, 2011                Marine RADAR
- December 8, 2011                 Mariner's Compass

Sincerely,  
Lt/C Robert Campbell  
Squadron Education Officer



**July 2011 Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Houston Sail and Power Squadron**

**Roster 2011:** Rosters not picked up were mailed to the remaining members. Ed Nagel will be invited to an upcoming E Board meeting to discuss the planned mid-year update.

**Executive Department: Cdr/XO/AO Robert Leatherwood, S**

- **Cooperative Charting:** A message came from USPS on the elimination of the travel miles and time to and from the boat when performing Co-op Charting. The time is also being restricted. P/C Dick Snapp, AP, feels that the benefits to members in the USPS-wide competition are now very limited relative to the great expense of performing the activity, although NOS continues to receive high value from the effort.
- **Vessel Safety Checks:** Report from P/C Bill Haddock, AP: 174 checks have been completed this year, with 133 boats passing as of 7-1-2011. HSPS has 16.1% of all D/21 Examiners, and they have performed 27.7% of all checks.
  - Upcoming event: Saturday, September 17 at the Kemah Boardwalk Marina
- **Public Relations:**
  - **Initiatives with Sea Scouts** Report on June 15th Fleet Meeting by Chris Leavitt was provided by Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN:
    - There is a serious effort underway within the Boy Scouts of America, including the Sea Scouts, to get rid of all of the boats owned by Sea Scout Ships. This is being driven by their insurance, and they don't want to continue to have insurance related to boating activities. Some major change in BSA/Sea Scout policies will probably be approved in the fall. In the meantime, Sea Scouts who wish to participate in on the water activities with HSPS members are being told they must join USPS/HSPS as Apprentice Members. That eliminates the BSA insurance issue.
    - The Sea Scout leadership would like to have the Sea Scouts on the water with HSPS Members on HSPS Member boats for activities such as Co-op Charting. However, in view of the expense and limited value to Members from Co-op Charting under the new rules, that has had a very slow start and may not happen at all.
    - The Sea Scout leadership wants to provide a brief presentation to each ABC3 class on their program, because many of the attendees of such classes are the right age to become Sea Scouts. Since two of the instructors of the class were at this E Board meeting, and indicated a willingness to permit those presentations, that will probably become a standard agenda item.
    - HSPS training opportunities are being made a standard item on the Sea Scout Fleet Meeting agendas.
    - In addition to the June Fleet Meeting, there have been discussions about the possibility of providing seminars to the Sea Scout Academy attendees in January. That idea is supported by the squadron, but a specific date and set of seminars must be identified before anything firm can be scheduled.
    - Five Sea Scouts and leaders plan to attend the summer Seamanship course.
    - The Ad Hoc Scouting Committee, Chaired by Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN, will cease to meet until and unless a new need develops. Its primary purpose in developing the relationship tenets has been served. Since Sea Scouts are being required to become HSPS Members to participate in on the water activities, there is no need to designate any such activities which are agreed upon by the two organizations as Joint Activities. The Vessel Safety Checks from September through November of 2011 have already been designated as Joint Activities. If that effort is successful, it is likely that Sea Scouts will continue to accompany HSPS Examiners without the need for any further action by the Ad Hoc Committee.
  - Report on PR items "in the works" by Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S:
    - The Squadron will be submitting non-profit Grant requests.
    - Marine Max marina management has indicated a willingness to work with HSPS in making our flyers available. Before going further, Cdr Bob Leatherwood will investigate whether Galveston Bay Sail and Power Squadron will be doing anything with Marine Max. If there is no conflict, P/C Denny Fegan, AP, will discuss with them loaning HSPS an appropriate size powered boat to use in the conduct of on the water boater certification.
    - The July 4<sup>th</sup> rendezvous activities at the Houston Yacht Club were videotaped. There are also plans being made to videotape portions of classes. The videotapes will be posted online on the Squadron website, Facebook page, and Sail Angle. They may also be put on YouTube.
- **Website**
  - The "Events" section of the Home page has been updated as of July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The calendar has not yet been modified to correct an error, to include the new summer Seamanship class, and to designate the September through November VSCs as joint activities with the Sea Scouts. The membership page has been updated to reflect the change in dues effective June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**July 2011 Executive Committee Meeting**  
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**Education Department: Lt/C Robert Campbell, JN**

- **Member Classes:**
  - Update on Advanced Piloting exams: All exams have been returned to the SEO. All students passed with very high grades, and they will be individually notified shortly. Since SEO Robert Campbell has now passed this course, as well as the other advanced grade courses through Junior Navigation, USPS has now authorized him to be called a JN.
  - Special Seamanship course starts July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Public Classes:**
  - **Seminars:** Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes – July 14<sup>th</sup> – Presented by Denny Fegan. Cdr Bob Leatherwood will post the schedule of seminars on Craig's List.
  - **ABC3:** Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Home Port.
  - The summer/fall course prices will remain the same as they have been. If a change is to be made to any price, it will take effect in January 2012.
  - Ad Hoc Committee on initiatives with Leisure Learning report by Robert Campbell: One meeting was held with the LL managers. They will build a model with pricing for how the relationship would function. There are some issues to be worked that are associated with member vs. public pricing.

**Administrative Department: Cdr/XO/AO Robert Leatherwood, S**

- **Membership:** Report from Scott McDonald: 6 new members joined after the ABC3 class.
- **Bay Area Park Rendezvous:** Discussion and planning of a District Paddling Event/Cookout at Bay Area Park in the fall. Discussion led by Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S. A S. McDonald/Fegan motion passed to add this event on November 5<sup>th</sup> to the Calendar. The nearest location for RV parking will be investigated. The event will also be put on the D/21 Calendar and advertised to other Squadrons.
- **Upcoming Dinner Meetings:**
  - July 13<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Meeting at Kojak's - 6:30 pm.
  - Chinese Night at Home Port on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Bi-District Rendezvous on Lake Texoma - August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Matagorda Fishing Tournament and Fish Fry, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. Gary and Julie Bleisch and Jim and Dorothy Pirrung hosting.

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

- **Financial Report:** Financial report was submitted, but Phyllis Stendebach was not available to give her oral report.

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

- **Squadron Newsletter:**
  - Was mailed and posted on July 5th
- **Postage:** The severe financial condition of the Postal Service is making them look for every penny. The recently mailed newsletters were deemed to exceed the limit for ordinary First Class postage (\$0.44) even though they contain exactly the same number of sheets, seals and stamps as most of the previous Bay Neighs. We were charged \$0.64 to mail each of these 34 Bay Neighs.

**Commander's Department: Cdr Robert Leatherwood, S**

- The Kroger Neighbor-to-Neighbor program for this year has begun. Volunteers will hand out the forms to the public at Kroger stores and attempt to entice them to designate HSPS as the recipient of benefits.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous at Houston Yacht Club**  
Photos by Lt Jana Wesson, AP, Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S, and Lt Rolf Hogfeldt



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**July Dinner Meeting at Kojak's**  
*Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt, and Cdr Bob Leatherwood, S*





## Customer Letter



### Step One:

Read through this letter to understand the advantage of being a part of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

### Step Two:

Take the letter with you to your neighborhood Kroger store the next time you go shopping.

### Step Three:

Present the letter with your organization's barcode to your cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your KrogerPlus Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled KrogerPlus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.

### Q & A

**How many Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor accounts can an organization have?**

One per organization.

**Can a household "link" their KrogerPlus Card to more than one organization at a time?**

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your KrogerPlus Card and the new organization's barcode to the cashier.

### **Do I have to enroll each program year?**

Yes, all organization's and participants must re-enroll for each program year. Enrollment is June 1, 2011 through Dec 31, 2011 The Neighbor to Neighbor Program accumulation is **July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.**

### **How much can my organization earn?**

The Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

**Kroger Cashier:** 1. Scan customer's KrogerPlus Card 2. Scan the attached Organization's barcode.

The customer's Kroger Plus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program & contributing funds to their organization. When you scan the barcode, the description on the receipt will say "Loyalty Div 0.00". This means the barcode was properly scanned. The following Friday, the customer's receipt will display a message at the bottom of the receipt saying "**Your card is contributing to Neighbor to Neighbor #12345**"

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Please feel free to contact a Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program Representative with any additional questions at 866-995-7643 or email to [neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com](mailto:neighbortoneighbor@kroger.com). Additional information is also available at [www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com](http://www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com).



# HSPS MATAGORDA FISHING RENDEZVOUS



The **Sixteenth Annual Matagorda Fishing Rendezvous** will be held **August 12, 13, and 14, 2011**.

Trophies for the heaviest fish include first and second place offshore as well as first and second place inshore. If you can't bring a boat, an angler can catch a ride on a friend's boat, fish from the Matagorda Beach Pier or fish the surf.

**Location:** #131 Beach Road, Matagorda, Texas (979) 863-2150

## Agenda

- Friday, August 12:** Early arrival of boats  
1900 Dinner at Riverbend Restaurant
- Saturday, August 13:** 0700 Early departure of boats  
0800 Coffee and donuts  
0930 Late departure of boats  
1700 Weigh-in of fish ends  
1830 +/- Fish and potluck dinner  
1930 Awards presentation
- Menu:** Catch of the day – grilled and fried  
Side dishes by attendees  
Keg beer  
**Bring lawn chairs**
- Sunday, August 14:** 1000 Brunch and more fishing



## Directions:

By car, enter Matagorda via Hwy. 60. Turn left at the flashing red light (Stanley's Market on corner), cross bridge and go south approximately 3 miles.

By ICW from Freeport, pass under the Matagorda bridge, and take the first channel immediately to port. Do not pass through the locks. Go approximately 3 miles and look for the USPS Ensign

## Lodging:

If you are interested in staying the weekend, or overnight, there are two nice places nearby that are available for rent. Email Julie Bleisch at [julupbleisch@aol.com](mailto:julupbleisch@aol.com) to reserve your spot - let me know the total number in your party; type bed preference (single vs. full); and dates of stay. Don't delay! Your RSVP is needed to reserve the rental. We can reserve one (or both), as follows:

**(a) The Pelican's Nest** #137 Beach Rd: This was our original rendezvous headquarters, and is a rental property once again. Sleeps 10 people, with one downstairs bedroom that has 1-full & 1-single bed; Upstairs, one bedroom has 4-singles and the other bedroom has 1-full and 1-single bed. Can be checked out on the web at <http://www.MatagordaTexas.com/rent137/>

**(b) Dunlap's Riverhouse** #126 Beach Rd: One queen bedroom downstairs. Upstairs one bedroom has 3-full beds, and the other bedroom has 1-full and 1-twin bed. Can be checked out on the web at <http://www.matagordatexas.com/rent126/>

Also try [www.Matagordabay.com](http://www.Matagordabay.com) for lodging options.

Contact **Gary Bleisch (281) 850-1111** or **Jim Pirrung (979) 233-7267** for additional information.

*July 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous at Houston Yacht Club  
Photos by Lt Rolf Hogfeldt*



**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 Bob Leatherwood, S. 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.



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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](mailto:beakboatgirl@me.com)

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## August Birthdays

Judy White	8/1
Bill D. Fussell	8/4
Regina J. Stevens	8/6
John Mouton	8/9
William M. Stevens Jr.	8/9
Merton M. Osborne	8/13
George H. Simpson	8/15
George A. Riddle Jr.	8/17
Mary M. Derden	8/17
Teresa G. Spang	8/24
David B. St.Dennis	8/28
Luis C. Cuellar	8/31

## Get on the Water!

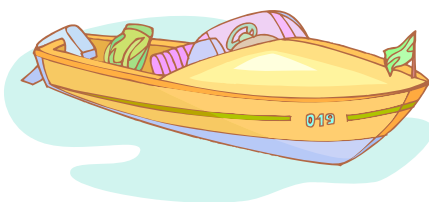
Maybe you're in between boats, or your boat has become a project boat, or you have a sailboat but want to do a little fishing. No worries, mate! Capt. Robert Campbell is offering "free" fishing and boating charters to HSPS members, family and friends.

**You provide:** Fuel & Food

**I provide:** Boat, Tackle, Ice & Water

Bay fishing or offshore: fly fishing, wadefishing, kayak ferries, drift fishing, jetty fishing, or just sightseeing.

For more info contact:  
Capt Robert Campbell  
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## August Dinner Meeting



Come join us at the THIRD ANNUAL "Oriental Evening" at Home Port!!!!

**Date:** Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Home Port

**Time:** 6:30-?::??

**Cost:** \$10

We'll be having Chinese Food and several HUNDRED fortune cookies so be prepared to smash cookies till you get a fortune you can live with!!!

ALSO – Plenty of time to practice again for another "Hal Cunningham Dessert Contest" – So get your thinking caps on and bring your BEST desserts.

And MORE even still!!!! We'll have plenty of soft drinks and beer. We'll also have the "Happy Buddha Bar" open, so we're also looking for a bartender!!!!

Get your reservations in as soon as possible (CHOP CHOP) so I'll be sure to have PLENTY of fortune cookies to smash!!!!

RSVP to Bob before noon on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> so I'll know how much food to order. RSVP at [icemangems@att.net](mailto:icemangems@att.net) or call Bob at 281-879-6005. There's also a sign up sheet at the bottom of the home page on our website where you can RSVP or sign up for classes and that page is located at <http://usps-houston.org/>