



***Boaters and Anglers Urged to Help Curb Spread of Zebra Mussels from Lake Texoma***  
*By Larry Hodge, TPWD*

**(Commander’s Note: Those of you planning to come to our bi-district rendezvous at Lake Texoma in August may want to pay special attention to this article.)**

***Invasive species can damage fisheries, boats, water treatment plants and pipelines***

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) officials are asking all users of Lake Texoma to assist in stopping the spread of invasive zebra mussels to other water bodies in Texas and Oklahoma.

“Zebra mussels have become well established in Lake Texoma after having been introduced into the lake by boats trailered in from other states,” said Brian Van Zee, regional director for TPWD’s Inland Fisheries Division.

In addition to being found in Lake Texoma, zebra mussels have been introduced into lakes in the Arkansas River drainage in Oklahoma.

“Zebra mussels have the ability to attach to any hard surface left in the water—boat motors, docks, pipes and even cans and bottles,” Van Zee continued. “The larval stage of zebra mussels can also be carried in water left in livewells or bait buckets.”

Boats being transported from Lake Texoma to other water bodies pose the greatest threat of spreading zebra mussels to other water bodies. At present the only way to deal with that is for boat owners to be responsible and to inspect, clean, drain and dry their boats before moving them from Lake Texoma to another lake.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is asking anyone transporting a vessel that has been used on Lake Texoma to another water body to take the following precautions. (1) Clean all vegetation, mud, algae and other debris from the boat and trailer. (2) Drain all water from the motor as well as the livewell, bilge, bait buckets and any other compartments or systems that hold water. (3) Dry the vessel and associated equipment for a minimum of 7 to 10 days during the months of May through October or for 15 to 20 days from November through April. These drying times are approximations, and conditions such as cooler air temperatures, higher humidity and whether or not the vessel is kept in dry storage should be considered. These are the easiest preventive measures that boat owners can do to help prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

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***Poop Sheet July 2010***

July 4  
 Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, HSPS!  
 Rendezvous at Houston Yacht Club

July 7  
 Board of Directors Meeting – Home Port

July 8  
 USPS University Seminar “Boat Handling Under Power” – Bass Pro Shops, Pearland

July 14  
 HSPS General Meeting – Kojak’s Café  
 1912 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street

July 17  
 Boating Course – Home Port  
 Vessel Safety Check – Endeavour Marina

August 2  
 Board of Directors Meeting – Home Port

August 5-8  
 D/21-D/31 Bi-District Rendezvous  
 Lake Texoma

August 11  
 HSPS General Meeting – Chinese Night  
 Home Port

August 12  
 USPS University Seminar “Partner in Command” – Bass Pro Shops, Pearland

August 13-15  
 Colorado River Fishing Tournament  
 Matagorda – Gary Bleisch/Jim Pirrung



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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/C Scott McDonald

Kudos to all USPS members who participated in Co-op Charting this past month, including **P/C Dick Snapp, P/D/C Karl Fernandes, P/C Ozzie Osborne, Lt/C Bob Stevenson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Carl Stendebach, Lt Bob Smith, Lt Mary Sandoval, and Rob Rogers**. Thanks as well to all who attended the Co-op Charting orientation and the Vessel Safety Checks at Endeavour Marina. These activities are not only fun but important to the safety of all boaters on the water. Everyone can learn how to participate in Co-op Charting or Vessel Safety Checks, and both can be undertaken on Squadron-scheduled days or on your own time.

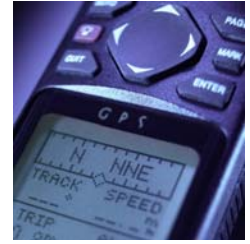
**Lt/C Bob Leatherwood** outdid himself at this year's Luau. The decorations and the food were great! The contest prizes were fabulous. Clean-up help from **Lt/C Phyllis Stendebach, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Carl Stendebach** and **Lt/C Bob Stevenson** was especially appreciated. Thanks to all who participated in this fun event and also to the many others of you who expressed the wish to come but were needed by family and friends at graduations, weddings, and other important events of early June. You were missed.

The leadership development workshop held in Dallas that **P/D/C Karl Fernandes, D/C Scott McDonald**, and I attended was well worth our time. Special thanks go out to our own **R/C Pete Hames, P/D/C Shirley Heald**, and **D/Lt Anita Walker (D/8)** for their tireless effort to create and present this DAO/SAO leadership workshop. These workshops will be held in ten locations around the US mainland and Puerto Rico. Next year, workshops for Executive Officers and the following year workshops for Commanders will be introduced, each building on the skills from the prior workshops. Although these workshops have been developed to be invaluable to bridge and incoming bridge officers, the material presented could be applicable to you in your professional life as well. Attend one when you can.

July and August will be all about on-the-water activities and fun. Don't miss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Rendezvous at the Houston Yacht Club and the Colorado River Fishing Tourney (August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>). While you are at it, join other District 21 Power Squadron members at Aquapalooza on Lake Travis (July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>) and District 31 friends from Oklahoma at our bi-district rendezvous at Lake Texoma (August 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>). You will also want to inaugurate a new dinner meeting venue with us at Kojak's in the Heights on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

To conclude, I would like to share with you what an honor it was to participate in the celebrations of the lives of valued friends; long time family member **Jane McCarthy** and life member **Lt. Blake Humphreville Jr., AP**. I know all Houston Sail and Power Squadron members join me in extending our deepest sympathy to **P/Lt/C Al McCarthy, JN, Lynne McCarthy, S, Margaret Humphreville**, and their families.





**Education News**  
**Lt/C Rick Fisher, SN**

**Public Boating Safety Course (America's Boating Course, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)**

The next America's Boating Course class is July 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Advanced Grade and Elective Courses**

**Fall 2010 MEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE**

Course	Class Day, and Registration Date	Instructor	Books and Tuition
<b>Piloting</b>	Monday, September 20th (Home Port)	Scott McDonald	\$80.00 *
<b>Engine Maintenance</b>	Tuesday, September 21st (Home Port)	Bill Fussell	\$50.00
<b>Junior Navigation (JN)</b>	Thursday, September 23rd (Home Port)	Bob Smith Ozzie Osborne	\$85.00

\*Subtract \$15 if you already have dividers and a 4" by 15" plastic plotting tool.

**Advanced Piloting** – Congratulations to **Dr. Bob and Ellen White** and **Forrest Paddock** for their excellent scores on the AP exam. Thanks again to **Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN** for teaching the course.

**USPS Seminars**

Our June 10<sup>th</sup> seminar at the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World attracted 2 participants to hear about the latest advancements in Coastal Navigation.

Our next seminar will be on Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and the topic will be Boat Handling Under Power. This seminar shows boaters how to depart and dock under a variety of conditions as well as all about trimming the boat underway. The seminar materials include a waterproof USPS *Captain's Quick Guide* and *Student Notes*.

**What Is Your Favorite Boating Web Site?**

Starting with the April Newsletter, we began to compile a list of everyone's favorite boating-related web site. They can be your favorite weather, boating safety, general boating information, navigation, or just boating "stuff". So, I will start with a few, and please email me with some of yours. I will compile the list, and share it on this forum.

The growing list includes:

- [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)
- [www.uspshouston.org](http://www.uspshouston.org)
- [www.usps.org/national/eddept/](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/)
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- [www.boatus.com/foundation/](http://www.boatus.com/foundation/)
- [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)

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***Around the Corner***  
***Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S, XO***

There's definitely NO mistaking it now, but if there is any confusion about when the start of summer is, all you need to do is check the outside temperature!

The Luau was a success and I'd like to thank EVERYONE who was able to attend. For those who couldn't make it this year, I'd like to apologize for the date change, but it couldn't be helped. Scott McDonald's roasted ham was marvelous and there were plenty of sides and snacks to send everyone home full and happy. We also had not only a NEW entry but also a surprise winner in the "Hal Cunningham Homemade Dessert Contest"! CLAIRE MCDONALD took home the gold with her pineapple upside down cake, made with FRESH cherries and FRESH pineapple. I don't think there was a bite left at the end of the night! Also, there was a very prestigious award presented to D/C Scott McDonald – the coveted "Luau Achievement Award", which was presented for his much appreciated Luau offerings (which for many years was a roasted baby pig). He received an official "roasted pig hat", which looked great on him, so be sure to check out the picture!



If you hadn't heard, P/C Denny Fegan has been crewing on *Captain Midnight*, a modified Mumm 36, in the Regatta De Amigos race to Veracruz Mexico. They left at 2 PM on Friday June 18 from the #11 buoy on the Houston Ship Channel and should be back home on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. All of the boats have transponders on them, so it's been fun tracking them. As of 5 PM on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, they were in 3<sup>rd</sup> place (see Page 8), and although they'll be back home by the time this issue comes out – BEST OF LUCK DENNY!

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, I met up with Jana Wesson at the "Hurricane Preparedness Workshop" at the George R. Brown Convention Center, and again this year, I was glad I went. It was WELL attended and there was definitely a wealth of information being handed out. The Mayor was on hand, as was Judge Ed Emmett and Bill Read from the National Weather Service – as was the Energizer Bunny, who took a break from his all too busy schedule for a photo op with Jana and myself!!

As the year moves right along, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July will be here in a couple of weeks, and all the fun happening at the Houston Yacht Club will be on again this year, so be sure to plan for it and check out the flyer in this issue as well as the one I'll be sending out by email shortly. July will also be the month for a new venue we'll be trying out for our July dinner meeting. It'll be at Kojak's Café, on West 18<sup>th</sup> this year. They have a private room for us and the operate a counter service, so everyone will be placing their own orders and paying for their own bill at the counter as they come in, and then proceeding to the private room where we'll be providing cold beer! Be sure to let the cashier know that you're with the Squadron so they'll know NOT to charge you any tax. Their menu is a good one and really varied so I think this will be a nice change and everyone will have a great time. Be sure to get your RSVP's to me and I'll also be sending out a copy of the menu when I send the mailer out. In the meantime – Here we come JULY!!!!!!!!!!!!



**June 2010 Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Houston Sail and Power Squadron**

**Executive Department: Lt/C Robert Leatherwood, S**

- **Cooperative Charting:** Report from Dick Snapp
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Co-op Charting orientation – 7 PM – Home Port
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> – Co-op Charting on Galveston Bay – Meet at 9:30 AM at South Shore Harbour, Pier 5 Slip 20. A boat is not necessary to participate.
- **Vessel Safety Checks:** Report from Bill Haddock: 78 total checks to date, 44 passed.
  - June 19<sup>th</sup> – Vessel Safety Checks at Endeavour Marina
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> – Vessel Safety Checks at Endeavour Marina
- **Boating Safety Week Report:** HSPS Activities included a boating course, VSC's at April Sound and Kemah, the joint event with Bayliner at Lake Conroe and the inflatable life jacket world record event with the NSBC (including a NPR radio interview with D/C Scott McDonald, SN, which was broadcast May 21<sup>st</sup> ), as well as another radio interview with D/C Scott McDonald, SN, by an Austin radio station.
- **W.A.D.E. Program Update:** Volunteers to provide water, and Cdr Claire McDonald, SN, will collect and deliver it to the Houston Safe Boating Council designated location.
- **Web Site:** Page "owners" need to schedule a learning session with Webmaster Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN, so they can become the page maintainers.

**Education Department: Lt/C Rick Fisher, SN**

- **Member Courses:** Fall session begins on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Engine Maintenance will be offered vs. the previously-advertised Weather due to unavailability of the instructor.
- **Public Courses:**
  - **Seminars**
    - Last seminar had 8 attendees
    - June 10<sup>th</sup> – Basic Coastal Navigation Seminar – Rick Fisher will be presenting
    - July 8<sup>th</sup> – Boat Handling Under Power – Denny Fegan will be presenting
  - **ABC** – Last session on 5/15 had 11 students
    - Next session July 17<sup>th</sup> – Home Port
- **Additional Topics:** A Chapman Award nominee will be provided by the Educational Officer.

**Administrative Department:**

- **Membership:** Report from Scott McDonald on new Members – 2 have signed up via the USPS online form
- **Public Relations:**
  - New tri-fold membership brochure is available as a handout.
  - The Membership Manual is being revised.
  - Cooperative advertising project plans can take advantage of the new USPS reimbursement program.
- **Upcoming Dinner Meetings:**
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> – Luau
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> – Kojak's Cafe
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Co-op Charting orientation – Home Port
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> – Co-op Charting on the bay
  - June 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> – Summer Boat Show (HSPS will not have a booth)
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> – HYC rendezvous (tentative) Sunday only event
  - July 10-11 – AquaPalooza at Lake Travis. HSPS will have a booth and be helping taxi boaters between the shore and their boats.

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

- **Financial Report:** Oral report only
- **Additional Topics:**
  - The 2010 Property Tax Exemption has been received from HCAD.
  - A new flyer will be produced and distributed to advertise new shirts and other logowear for HSPS members and families.

**June 2010 Executive Committee Meeting**  
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**Secretary's Department: Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN**

- **Squadron Newsletter:** June Bay Neigh will be mailed and posted on the website. Planning a 6/6 folding party.

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

- Passing of Jane McCarthy and Dot Welch. A S. McDonald/Robbins motion to donate the customary \$20 to the USPS Educational Fund in Jane's name passed.
- Long time member Blake Humphreville is not well. Members are encouraged to contact him or his wife Margaret to let him know we are thinking of him. [Ed. Since the meeting, Blake has passed away.]
- The Call List of members who want to be contacted by phone about upcoming events has been completed.
- Leadership training for bridge members in Plano – June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Cdr McDonald established an ad hoc business planning committee to make recommendations to the E Board on some issues that need resolution and to develop action plans. Initial membership consists of Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, Lt/C Bob Stevenson and Lt/C Phyllis Stendebach. Others were invited to join if they wish to help.
- New DB2000 passwords were provided by USPS to Cdr McDonald.
- D/21 Roster contains all members in all Squadrons and identifies those who hold key positions. Information corrections are underway.
- Spring conference wrap-up: HSPS made about \$100 on the event.
- HSPS will have two new Life Members if they both earn Merit Marks for this year.

**New Business**

- Lt/C Bob Stevenson was asked to sign the Squadron up for inexpensive software from Tech Soup, an organization which supports non-profits with donated and discounted software.

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**Education News**  
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Here are my favorites for this month:

[www.WestMarine.com](http://www.WestMarine.com) (click on "The West Advisor") The West Advisor is a collection of articles and videos on choosing boating hardware and tools ranging from anchors to ventilation devices. Click on the "Do-It-Yourself Projects" section and you will see helpful hints on installing and utilizing various boating related items. Click on "Video Advisors" and watch boating experts walk you through boating related projects. Click on "West Tests" and test your knowledge on various boating subjects.

<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/CoastGuard/VesselByName.html> From this site you can access the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) vessel database and extract vessel characteristics, documentation, and ownership data by vessel name or USCG official number.

<http://www.wunderground.com/tropical/> This time of year you want to have one or more weather site with a "tropical storm" section, and this site is one of my favorites. [Editor's Note: The "WunderMap" function is an especially neat feature of this site.]

Once again, call me (281) 734-4443 or email [Rick@ChampionMarineSurveys.com](mailto:Rick@ChampionMarineSurveys.com) to sign up for a course, or tell me how I can assist you in furthering your boating education.

Lt/C Rick Fisher, SN  
Squadron Education Officer

**Luau at Home Port**  
Photos by Lt Jana Wesson, AP and Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S





P/C Denny Fegan's position as of 5:00 PM CDT on June 23, 2010. *Rosalita* and *Ciclon* have finished.

***Boaters and Anglers Urged to Help Curb Spread of Zebra Mussels from Lake Texoma***  
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However, boats and other vessels that have been kept on Lake Texoma for an extended period of time and are infested with zebra mussels may require additional cleaning procedures. Power-washing with water at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit and flushing the motor, bilges, live-wells and other water intake systems with 140-degree water will kill zebra mussels. To be effective the water coming out of the flushed systems needs to reach 140 degrees to ensure the entire system was exposed to water hot enough to kill the mussels.

If it is not possible to clean the internal systems or compartments using 140-degree water, the use of either straight vinegar or a chlorine bleach and water solution (one-half ounce bleach to one gallon water) can be effective at killing zebra mussels as long as the mixture is kept in contact with the mussels for 20 to 30 minutes. Clean water should be used to flush the chemicals and dead mussels from the boat following treatment. Boat owners should check with their manufacturer to be sure using these chemicals will not void their warranty.

Large vessels with complex water intake systems such as those used for cooling the engine, air conditioning or personal sanitation may require decontamination by a boat mechanic or marina.

A video showing how to decontaminate a boat can be viewed at <http://100thmeridian.org/Video/Clean.asp>. Additional information on zebra mussels and other invasive aquatic species in Texas is at [www.texasinvasives.org](http://www.texasinvasives.org).

Since zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Texoma, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has suspended pumping water from Lake Texoma to Lake Lavon, which supplies their water treatment plant in Wylie, said Denise Hickey, public relations coordinator for NTMWD. "While zebra mussels do not have a negative impact on the quality of water supplied to our customers, they can clog pipelines and equipment, greatly increasing maintenance costs," Hickey said.

"Zebra mussels are very good at filtering out the zooplankton and phytoplankton that are the basis of the aquatic food chain for fish and other aquatic organisms," Van Zee said. "Zebra mussels have the potential to impact the valuable fisheries in Lake Texoma and other lakes. Because of the damage they can do to water pipelines, water treatment plants and anything left in the water, they are a potential problem for everyone in Texas, not just anglers and boaters."

Under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Penal Codes, possession or transporting of zebra mussels in Texas is a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, jail time up to 180 days, or both.



# Houston Sail and Power Squadron Fourth of July Rendezvous At The Houston Yacht Club



You are invited to join Houston Sail and Power Squadron for a fun holiday at the historic Houston Yacht Club. You can participate in the HYC activities planned. You can also lounge around the pool or go boating on Galveston Bay. The whole place will be jumping with July 4 activities, including the Cardboard Boat Race, cookouts, a prime rib buffet dinner, and fireworks. The food is great and the prices are very reasonable.



*Dock space may be available again this year for a nominal fee (\$1/foot per night). If you'd like to bring your boat, contact David Hampp, the Harbormaster at HYC, for availability and reservations. 281-471-1255, 713-882-7920 (cell)*



## Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 4:

- 1100 – Grilled Burgers and Dogs by HYC
- 1730 – Cardboard Boat Race
- 1800 – Dinner (Barbeque-\$12.95 or Prime Rib-\$17.95)
- Dusk (about 2100) – Fireworks

## Directions

HYC is about 30 minutes from downtown Houston. Take I-45 South to 610 East (toward Pasadena); exit 225 East (Toward La Porte); then 146 South (toward La Porte); Go about 4-5 miles - turn left on Shoreacres Blvd. Follow designated blue signs to HYC. You **MUST** check in at the front desk when you arrive for a guest card.



## For RSVP and Additional Information

Contact Claire McDonald \*/Bob Leatherwood

Email: mcdonald@stthom.edu \* or icemangems@att.net

Phone: 713-3668-5994 (Claire home)\*  
281-879-6005 (Bob home)  
713-562-4624 (Bob cell)

\*Claire will be out of town until 6/27/10

**Uncle Sam  
wants YOU  
at the HYC  
on July 4<sup>th</sup>!**



# AquaPalooza And USPS!

Come join the Austin Power Squadron and USPS District 21 at the signature event for AquaPalooza, the world's largest boating event! We'll be at Lake Travis on Friday & Saturday, July 10-11.



**What is it?** If you don't already know, AquaPalooza is the name given to a series of on-water celebrations held during the last two weekends in July at more than 100 locations around the world. Created by Sea Ray Boats, AquaPalooza is free and open to all boaters and non-boaters. Each gathering features fun activities for family and friends of all ages, such as live entertainment, games, giveaways and much more.

This year the signature event will be held on Lake Travis. There will be a full week of activities, finishing up with an on-the-water concerts Friday and Saturday. Brad Paisley is the headliner for Saturday afternoon. Over 3,800 boats and tens of thousands of boaters are expected to attend. A full concert stage will be set up at The Reserve marina. Attendees will be on their boats rafted up in rows on the lake. Many will be swimming or lounging on floats in front of the stage.

**USPS has been asked to help!** This event is sponsored by Sea Ray and open to the public. Boating safety is a major part of the weekend. Texas Parks and Wildlife, local EMS, and other safety organizations will participate. Sail and Ski Center, the local Sea Ray Dealer, has asked us to help. They will be providing a taxi service of pontoon boats to ferry attendees between their boats and the shore, where they have access to facilities and concessions. They have asked the Austin Sail and Power Squadron to operate and crew these boats during the concert. They recognize that USPS is dedicated to boating safety and want to utilize the experience and skills of our members. The Austin Power Squadron is reaching out to District 21 and the rest of USPS for assistance.

**How will it work?** There will be 20 pontoon boats equipped with weed guards. Each pontoon boat will be operated by one captain, assisted by one first mate. Each will operate a designated area in the mooring field, circulating between land and the boats. There will be at least two crews for each boat, alternating duty throughout the day. Friday will run from 10am to 10pm. Saturday runs from 9am to 9pm. Members may work all or part of a shift. Rest areas will be available for the crew on the land. Sea Ray will be providing liability coverage for the event.

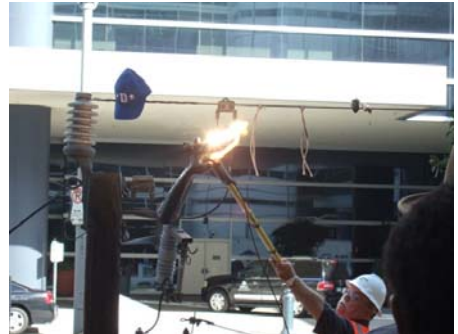
**What's in it for us?** We will get a significant public relations boost from this event! We will be recognized at the concert, on the pontoon boats, and on the land. We will interact directly with the thousands of boaters at the event. On top of that, you will be able to attend a great concert and have fun on the water! Volunteers will receive wrist bands good for discounts at events throughout the week.

**What can you do?** We can use your help as a captain, as a first mate, and as a land volunteer. We need people on Friday and on Saturday, full shifts and part time shifts. If you are interested in participating, please contact:

Robert Stubbs at 512-261-9705 (home/office) or 512-632-0095 (cell), or email at [rstubbs1@austin.rr.com](mailto:rstubbs1@austin.rr.com)

Please note: hotel accommodations will be scarce! The Austin squadron is working to provide accommodations for all volunteers. Travel trailers would be welcome.

**Hurricane Preparedness Workshop**  
 Photos by Lt Jana Wesson, AP



**Sponsors**

The Squadron is seeking companies and individual sponsors to help defray many of the Squadron's expenses. As more sponsors are found, the likelihood drops that your dues will increase. Sponsors may choose to place an advertisement in the *Bay Neigh*. The size of the ad will be relative to the level of their financial support. Sponsors will also be recognized on the Squadron's website. Please recommend potential sponsors to Executive Officer Claire McDonald, who will contact them directly. There is no cutoff date for this information. The search for annual sponsors will continue indefinitely.



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## 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](mailto:beakboatgirl@me.com)

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## July Birthdays

Joe R. Middlebrooks	7/2
Karl E. Fernandes	7/7
Nan B. Middlebrooks	7/13
Henderson H. Rogers Jr.	7/16
Margaret C. Pyle	7/22
John Benkenstein	7/23
Robert J. Robbins	7/31



## Website Update

By Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S

Just a quick note to pass along some information about our new website. Thanks to Bob Stevenson, it's up and running and there's a **NEW** feature I wanted to let everyone know about. From the <http://uspshouston.org/> home page you can now sign up for any coming event. If you'll scroll down on the homepage, you'll see the sign up page and you can sign up for dinner meetings or any event coming up. There's also a page for Vessel Safety Checks and Boat Operator Certification and from those pages you can request a VSC or get information about the BOC.

## July Dinner Meeting

**Place:** Kojak's Café  
1912 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Houston, TX 77008  
(713) 426-1800

**Date:** Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30-7:00 Drinks and socializing  
7:00-8:00 Dinner  
8:00-8:30 Meeting

Join us on July 14<sup>th</sup> for our dinner meeting at a spot we've never tried before – Kojak's Cafe at 1912 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street. It'll be a new adventure for us all, because we're trying a different approach here. Instead of a "set" menu, we're all going to be ordering from the entire menu and paying individually as we go. They run a counter service, so everyone will place their own orders and pay their own bill and then proceed into the party room where we'll have a chest full of BEER that we'll be providing. When you place your dinner orders as you arrive, be sure to tell them you're with the Squadron so you won't be charged any tax. Wearing your name tags would definitely be a big help. Also, they would appreciate it if all of our dinner orders were placed by 7:00. They actually close at 7:30, but are going to stay around for us have our dinner and meeting till 9:00. Their menu is incredibly VARIED and there's something there for everyone's tastes!!!! You can easily check out the menu online at <http://www.kojakscafe.com>

Please RSVP to Bob Leatherwood at [icemangems@att.net](mailto:icemangems@att.net) or call Bob at 281-879-6005

