



Kayaking on the Bayous
By Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S

Over the weekend of September 25th and 26th, the "Austin Canoe and Kayak" shop held their annual "DEMO DAYS" on Allen's Landing. Every year they turn out there to close out that year's models and anyone who attends can take any of their kayak models out on the water for a spin. I managed to make it by there on both days and tried out about 5 or 6 different models. My favorite by far was the Hobie Outback, a 12' model with a Mirage drive on it. The Mirage drive is a set of flippers, very similar to a penguin's, with two pedals that activate the flippers and really get that kayak cutting through the water so you can switch off – paddling or peddling, or a combination of both. The beam on it is 3', making it VERY stable. Much more stable than a canoe and definitely stable enough for fishing. In fact, you can even get it with a live well!

I also went out on October 13th to Bay Area Park, just off Bay Area Blvd, and spent 8 hours on the water on Armand Bayou, which is a really great "paddling trail." We saw plenty of water birds, beautiful plant life and one pretty good sized gator, about 8' long! I went with a friend of mine, recently transplanted here from Rhode Island and that's how I got so interested in kayaking. Well, I'm certainly HOOKED now and there's no turning back. We rented a couple from Austin Canoe and Kayak and I made sure to get the Hobie Outback and what a great day on the water it was.



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PRAYER

With the cool of autumn
So closes the season of storms.
We thank you, Lord, once again
For shielding our friends and neighbors
From the awesome fury of the sea.

And with the season we return to port
To home, hearth, and family.
We share the company
Of those we hold dearest
And find you in our midst once again.

Amen
P/C Scott D. McDonald

It is time again to prepare for our next watch year which begins in March. Part of our preparation involves establishing a slate of candidates to be elected at our "official" annual meeting in January. This slate will be published in the December *Bay Neigh*. Our nominating committee has been working diligently to contact and secure members willing to serve. Most members already contacted have been willing to contribute and many elected positions have been matched with great potential candidates. Another dynamic year is shaping up.

As often happens in our busy world in which all are overcommitted, we find that we are still looking for volunteers in all departments. Please read on and consider how you can serve in a large or small way. I am convinced (because I know so many of you and know how supportive you are) that all 134 of us can offer something to keep our Squadron strong. Only you can determine what the service can be and then communicate it to me mcdonald@stthom.edu or to our nominating committee chair, Ken Brooks kwbrooks@ix.netcom.com

As a refresher, read the following information, which will be new to some and well known to others. Seriously consider your contribution for the coming watch year. Decide which department can best benefit from your skills. Do you like to arrange parties? Is the Boat Show your favorite event? Do you want to be on the water with other boaters? Do you enjoy public relations? Numbers? Writing? Would you like to teach? Conduct vessel safety exams? Handle the Squadron Ship's Store? Can you tell a joke well? There is something for everyone. Do not be shy about contacting us. We will not be shy about contacting you with a suggestion for an opportunity in which we feel you can excel but, if that's not you, just let us know where you see yourself helping. We will find a way to make it happen.

HSPS Organization

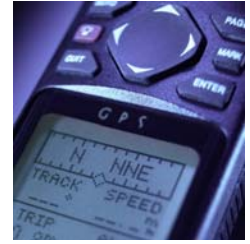
Houston Sail and Power Squadron (HSPS) is organized under bylaws consistent with the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons and those of District 21 and Louisiana Secretary of State.

Squadron Members are the foundation of Houston Sail and Power Squadron. Its Active Members are the ruling body of the Squadron. Reports are given by elected and appointed officers and committee chairpersons. The report of the Nominating Committee, in conjunction with nominations from the floor, triggers the election of a slate of officers for the new year.

Squadron Elected Officers (The Squadron Bridge) and Committees. The Squadron Commander (Cdr) is the ranking officer. He (She) is supported by five Squadron Lieutenant Commanders (Lt/C) – the Executive Officer, the Educational Officer, the Administrative Officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. HSPS also elects an Assistant Squadron Educational Officer, Assistant Secretary, and an Assistant Squadron Treasurer who serve as 1st Lieutenants (1st Lt), but are not members of the bridge.

Four *General Committees* are elected at the Annual Meeting – Audit, Nominating, Rules, and Planning. They report to the Membership. The senior member of each committee steps down each year and a new member are elected. This provides continuity on the committees.

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

Public Boating Course

We will hold our last public boating course for the year on Saturday, November 13th at Home Port.

I want to thank all of those who participated in the public boating course program in 2010, as it was a challenging year with the transition from the legacy BoatSmart class to the new America's Boating Course – 3rd Edition.

Thanks to **Ed Nagel** who led the District-wide effort to revise and adjust the new ABC-3 course so that it would fit into our 1-day format. Ed spent untold hours reviewing every old and new PowerPoint slide and piecing together this course.

Thanks to **Scott McDonald, John Glaeser, Jean Hamilton, and Denny Fegan** for providing the terrific instruction.

Big thanks go out to **Carl Stendebach**, who heads up the Public Boating Course, and who, along with his very able assistant, **Ray Kinkaid**, sets up the monthly program, provides the coffee and donuts, registers the students, proctors and grades the exams, prepares the certificates, collects the money, and reports the activity to both USPS and TPWD. Thanks Carl and Ray!

Seminar

On Thursday, November 11th, we will hold a seminar at the Bass Pro Outdoor World facility, located in Pearland (intersection of Hwy 288 and the Sam Houston Tollway).

The November seminar will be *How to Use a Chart*. The seminar comes with a student workbook, and a plasticized *Quick Reference* guide. Registration begins at 6:45 pm with the seminar concluding at 8:45 pm. This Bass Pro Shop series features the seminars required for the USPS Boat Operators Certification program, specifically the Inland Navigator certification. Cost for each seminar is \$35 per person.

Advanced Grade and Elective Courses – The Fall 2010 Semester in Underway

Piloting – Class is underway with five members and one non-member in attendance, including Robert Campbell, Tom Hooper, Rob Rogers Dan and Holly Huston, and Zach Moser (Zach is our first non-member to take an Advanced Grade course under the new USPS policy). Thanks to D/C Scott McDonald, SN, for always doing a great job teaching this course.

Junior Navigation – The team of Bob Smith and Ozzie Osborne have launched another JN class with five members in attendance, including Ellen White, Forrest Paddock, Robert Campbell, Ramesh Sadeghian, and Denny Fegan.

Marine Engine Maintenance – As he usually does, Bill Fussell has a classroom full with seven students in attendance, including Dan Huston, Bob and Ellen White, Robert Campbell, Bill Haddock, Ted Hilton, and Zach Moser.

Once again, call me (281) 734-4443 or email 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

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

It's hard to believe that November is ALREADY here, but with the magnificent weather we had throughout October, it's definitely clear that the Fall season is upon us. That beautiful, crisp and sunny weather gets me itching to go outdoors and STAY there for just about any reason I can think of but what a perfect time to be out on the water! Over the weekend of September 25th and 26th, the "Austin Canoe and Kayak" shop held their annual "DEMO DAYS" on Allen's Landing. I'm now HOOKED on kayaking! Be sure to check out the article and pictures elsewhere in this issue.

October also turned out to be the perfect month for our *Sam Houston* tour of the Ship Channel. Once again, it was a beautiful evening, and quite a few people got there early. We did our best to "Tailgate" in the parking lot before time to board the *Sam Houston*. The thanks for hosting our Tailgate Party goes to Scott and Claire McDonald, who brought along some iced down beer which was gratefully accepted by all! It wouldn't be at all surprising if everybody showed up next year around noon! Aside from a really nice evening cruise, two acknowledgments were made that really topped the evening off. Jim Pirrung was presented his 25 year pin from Cdr Claire McDonald, and a motion was made by P/D/C Karl Fernandes to rename the event after George Simpson, who planned the very first tour, which remains one of the most attended and definitely a favorite that everyone looks forward to every year. Thanks a million George, what a great idea!

Next week, it's off to South Padre Island for the Fall District Conference which is really going to be something, and what a great time of year to be staying in a new hotel that's right on the beach!

After the conference, it's right into November, and the holidays will be upon us once again. Be sure to make plans for our November dinner meeting which will be our Roman/Italian Night at Home Port on Wednesday, Nov. 10th. Then on Sunday, December 5th will be our annual Christmas Brunch at Brady's Landing. I'll be sending out reminders for both, and you can RSVP on the signup page on our website or by dropping me an email or phone call to Bob Leatherwood – icemangems@att.net – 281-879-6005

Kayaking Demo Days at Allen's Landing
Photos by Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S



October 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
Houston Sail and Power Squadron

Executive Department: Lt/C Robert Leatherwood, S

- **Cooperative Charting:** Report from Dick Snapp: The Squadron event on September 19th involved 3 boats and 8 people. HSPS is in 5th place nationally, and D/21 is in 2nd place.
 - Rockport D/21 event: 6 boats participated and between 8 and 10 reports will be filed with CCWeb.
 - October 31st – D/21 Co-op Charting at Padre Island
- **Vessel Safety Checks:** Report from Bill Haddock:
 - The USPS VSC page shows HSPS's current status. Seven out of twelve are doing well: Jim Hotop is leading; Denny and Rick are coming in second. Two need to make just one more check to get their required five prepared. Three need to get busy on their own, turn-in their checks, and join us in early November.
 - The calendar also has been updated. On Saturday, Nov. 6, our team of vessel examiners will return to April Plaza Marina, 17742 Highway 105 W, Montgomery, Texas 77356-5621 (936-588-1144). This marina is in the southwest corner of Lake Conroe.
 - Denny [Fegan], Carl S., and I [Bill Haddock] checked twelve trailerable boats there on Saturday, Sept. 25. Denny completed the data entry.
 - The Annual Life Jacket Report was filed with Asst. Chair of the USPS VSC Committee Stf/C Dan Joyce, SN.

Education Department: Lt/C Rick Fisher, SN

- **Member Courses:** Update on enrollments in Fall classes:
 - Piloting – McDonald – 7 students
 - Engine Maintenance – Fussell – 7 students
 - JN – Smith & Osborne – 5 students
- **Public Courses:**
 - **Seminars** – Bass Pro Shop Pearland will be starting their own free seminars soon. HSPS won't go there next year. There will be further discussions on what, if anything, to do about giving seminars in 2011.
 - October 14th seminar has been cancelled
 - November 11th – How To Use A Chart
 - December 9th – Using GPS
 - **ABC3**
 - November 13th – next course

Administrative Department:

- **Membership:** Report from Scott McDonald: Additional members have joined – daughters of two new members, a new family has asked to join, and one upgrade to full member is in progress.
- **Public Relations:**
 - Whistles and banner have arrived. Photos and receipts will be submitted to the National PR office, Stf/C Denise Samu, for co-op advertising reimbursement in the amount of \$246.
 - Galveston Bay Power Squadron has been advertising in the local newspaper Telltales. Claire McDonald will investigate whether or not it is possible and reasonable to put an HSPS ad in there in addition to the one about GBPS.
- **Upcoming Dinner Meetings:**
 - October 16th (Saturday) – Dinner cruise on the M/V *Sam Houston* – no alcohol
 - November 10th – Roman Night at homeport – Wear your toga.
 - December 5th – Holiday brunch at Brady's Landing
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - October 9th (Saturday) – Operations Training presented by C. McDonald. Pappas BBQ lunch provided.
 - October 28th-October 31st – D/21 Fall Conference on South Padre Island.
 - November 20th (Saturday) – Fishing on Clear Lake
 - December 11th (Saturday) – D/21 Christmas Boat Parade party at the Clear Lake Hilton

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

- **Financial Report:** Submitted

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

- **Squadron Newsletter:**
 - September/October *Bay Neigh* was posted/mailed on 9/27/2010.
 - The folding party for the November *Bay Neigh* will be Halloween weekend. Day and time to be negotiated by e-mail.
 - Bob Leatherwood has started sending monthly announcements about the availability of the online *Bay Neigh*. Previous announcements had been sent by Scott McDonald.

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

- Nominating Committee Chair will be Ken Brooks. The committee has begun contacting members about the many opportunities available to serve the squadron on a committee or on the Bridge.
- Sail Angle auto-enroll information has been dispersed. Opt out deadline is Mon, Oct. 11th. Dinner meeting announcements and sign-up will be via messages from the HSPS Sail Angle Group as soon as it is up and running.
- Merit Mark recommendations are due to Claire now. There is a November 15th deadline for submission to National.
- Newsletter and website awards are being eliminated. A Distinctive Communicator award will replace them.
- The request for a Winter Boat Show booth has been submitted. Volunteer slots will begin to be filled at the Christmas brunch.

Kayaking on Armand Bayou
Photos by Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S



Commander's Corner
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The Squadron Executive Committee (E-Board) is composed of the Squadron Commander, the five Squadron Lieutenant Commanders, the immediate Past Commander, and several members-at-large elected by the membership. Members-at-Large are traditionally nominated from the most active and interested members of the Squadron and include new members as well as "old-timers". This committee meets monthly on the first Wednesday night as a "Board of Directors" to handle the business of the Squadron.

Five *Standing Committees* report to the Executive Committee. The Commander appoints the members of these committees with approval of the Executive Committee. The committees are Finance, Law, Personnel, Supply, and Property.

The Squadron Commander (Cdr) is the ranking officer of the Squadron and is responsible to the Squadron membership, the District, and the National organization for all aspects of the Squadron's programs. The Commander presides at the Squadron Annual Meeting, Membership Meetings, and Executive Committee Meetings. He or she is an ex-officio member of all Squadron committees except for Audit, Nominating, and Rules; has access to the District and National organizations as a member of District Conferences and Councils, the District Executive Department, and National Governing Boards. The Commander's duties are wide and varied, but in essence he or she is responsible for the growth, operation, and vitality of the Squadron.

The Squadron Executive Department is headed by the Squadron Executive Officer (SXO). The SXO assists the Commander and acts as the Commander in his (her) absence. The Executive Department directs its efforts to the Squadron's relationships with "the outside world"; activities external to the Squadron. Seven committees report to the SXO – Boat Show, Cooperative Charting, Liaison, Legislative, Public Relations, Radio Technical, Vessel Safety Check, and Safety. The Chairpersons of these committees serve with the rank of Lieutenant (Lt).

The Squadron Educational Department is managed by the Squadron Educational Officer (SEO). The SEO is assisted by an Assistant Educational Officer. Educational Department Committees direct their efforts to presenting courses developed by the USPS National Educational Department. The Squadron Educational Department consists of three "Local Boards" or divisions – Boating, Advanced Grades, and Elective Courses, and two additional committees – Teaching Aids and Supplemental Programs. Chairpersons of these Local Boards and Committees serve with the rank of Lieutenant (Lt).

The Squadron Administrative Department reports to the Squadron Administrative Officer (SAO). The SAO assists the Commander and acts as Commander in the absence of both the Commander and the Executive Officer. This department is concerned with the internal programs of the Squadron. Six committees report to the SAO – Boating Activities, Entertainment, Meetings and Program, Membership, Member Involvement, and Operations Training. Chairpersons of these committees serve with the rank of Lieutenant (Lt).

The Squadron Secretary's Department is chaired by the Squadron Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for the maintenance of all Squadron correspondence, records, member data (including roster) and meeting minutes. The Secretary sends out calls to all Membership and Executive Committee meetings. Four committees report to him/her: Historian, Roster, Squadron Newsletter, and The Ensign correspondent. Chairpersons of these committees serve with the rank of Lieutenant (Lt).

The Squadron Treasurer's Department is chaired by the Squadron Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for the collection, holding, and disbursement of Squadron funds. The Treasurer keeps appropriate records, makes required reports, prepares necessary tax forms, and assists the Finance Committee in the preparation of the annual budget.



The Truth About Cold Water
By Mario Vittone
(Submitted by P/C Jim Hotop, JN)

I'm going to come right out and tell you something that almost no one in the maritime industry understands. That includes mariners, executives, managers, insurers, dock workers, for certain - fisherman, and even many (most) rescue professionals:

It is impossible to die from hypothermia in cold water unless you are wearing flotation, because without flotation - you won't live long enough to become hypothermic.

Despite the research, the experience, and all the data, I still hear "experts" - touting as wisdom - completely false information about cold water and what happens to people who get in it. With another season of really cold water approaching, I feel compelled to get these points across in a way that will change the way mariners behave out there on (or near) the water.

What follows is the truth about cold water and cold water immersion. I know that you think you know all there is to know about hypothermia already (and maybe you do), but read ahead and see if you aren't surprised by something.

When the water is cold (say under 50 degrees F) there are significant physiological reactions that occur, in order, almost always.

You Can't Breathe:

The first phase of cold water immersion is called the cold shock response: It is a stage of increased heart rate and blood pressure, uncontrolled gasping, and sometimes uncontrolled movement. Lasting anywhere from 30 seconds to a couple of minutes depending on a number of factors, the cold shock response can be deadly all by itself. In fact, of all the people who die in cold water, it is estimated that 20% die in the first two minutes. They drown, they panic, they take on water in that first uncontrolled gasp, if they have heart problems - the cold shock may trigger a heart attack. Surviving this stage is about getting your breathing under control, realizing that the stage will pass, and staying calm.

You Can't Swim:

One of the primary reasons given by recreational boaters when asked why they don't wear a life jacket, is that they can swim. Listen up, Tarzan; I swam for a living for the better part of my adult life, and when the water is cold - none of us can swim for very long. The second stage of cold water immersion is called cold incapacitation. Lacking adequate insulation your body will make its own. Long before your core temperature drops a degree, the veins in your extremities (those things you swim with) will constrict, you will lose your ability to control your hands, and the muscles in your arms and legs will just flat out quit working well enough to keep you above water. Without some form of flotation, and in not more than 30 minutes, the best swimmer among us will drown - definitely - no way around it. Without ever experiencing a drop in core temperature (at all) over 50% of the people who die in cold water, die from drowning perpetuated by cold incapacitation.

You Last Longer than You Think:

If you have ever heard the phrase, "That water is so cold, you will die from hypothermia within ten minutes." then you have been lied to about hypothermia. For that matter you can replace ten minutes with twenty, or thirty, or even an hour, and you've still been lied to. In most cases, in water of say 40 degrees (all variables to one side), it typically takes a full hour to approach unconsciousness from hypothermia, the third stage of cold water immersion. But remember, you must be wearing flotation to get this far.

We are all different in this regard, but I once spent an hour in 44 degree water wearing street clothes and my core temperature was only down by less than two degrees (I was not clinically hypothermic). It was uncomfortable to be sure, and I wouldn't recommend finding your own limit, but it probably would have taken another hour to lose consciousness, and an hour after that to cool my core to the point of no return. The body's efforts to keep the core warm - vasoconstriction and shivering - are surprisingly effective. The shivering and blood shunting to the core are so effective, that twenty minutes after jumping in (twice the "you'll be dead in ten minutes" time), I had a fever of 100.2.

Rescue Professionals Think You Live Longer:

There is a good side to the misconceptions about hypothermia. Should you ever be in the water in need of rescue, you can be certain that the Coast Guard is going to give you the benefit of every possible doubt. When developing search criteria - search and rescue coordinators use something called the Cold Exposure Survival Model (CESM): It is a program wherein they enter all the available data about the victim (age, weight, estimated body fat, clothing, etc.) and about the environment (water temp, sea state, air temp, wind) and the software spits them out a number that represents the longest possible time you can survive under those conditions. I plugged my own information into it once and it said I could survive for over 4 hours in 38 degree water wearing nothing but a t-shirt and jeans and no flotation. I can tell you from experience that the CESM is full of it - I'd give me 35 minutes tops - but the error is comforting. If the program that determines how long I might live is going to be wrong - I want it to be wrong in that direction.

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Out of the Water is Not Out of Trouble:

I lost count of the number of survivors I annoyed in the back of the helicopter because I wouldn't let them move. I had a rule - if they came from a cold water environment - they laid down and stayed down until the doctors in the E.R. said they could stand. It didn't matter to me how good they felt or how warm they thought they were. Because the final killer of cold water immersion is post-rescue collapse. Hypothermia does things besides making everything colder. Victims are physiologically different for awhile. One of the things that changes is called heart-rate variability. The hearts ability to speed up and slow down has been effected. Getting up and moving around requires your heart to pump more blood, being upright and out of the water is also taxing, then any number of other factors collide and the heart starts to flutter instead of pump - and down you go. Victims of immersion hypothermia are two things; lucky to be alive, and fragile. Until everything is warmed back up - out of the water and dry is good enough - mobility comes later.

Did You Learn Anything?:

If you did, then hopefully you'll use it to make good decisions when it comes to being safe on and around cold water; good decisions like these:

1. When working on deck, wear flotation. This includes, especially, all fisherman in Alaska. I couldn't find more recent research, but the 31 Alaskan "fell overboard" casualties in 2005 died from drowning, not cold water. Not one of them was wearing flotation. Many couldn't stay above water long enough for their own boats to make a turn and pick them up...over a life jacket.
2. If you witness a man overboard - getting the life ring directly to them is critical (vital - step one - must do it). Make certain that all-important piece of safety gear is not just on your vessel, but readily available and not tied to the cradle.
3. When working on deck - wear flotation. I said that already? Well, when I quit reading search reports that end with "experienced" mariners dying because they thought they understood cold water - I'll come up with better advice.

For more advice about how to handle an accidental immersion into cold water - please watch Cold Water Boot Camp - it is one of the best 10 minutes on immersion hypothermia ever produced.

2010 Redfish Island Raft-up *Photos by 1st/Lt Carl Stendebach, JN*





15th Annual District 21 Rendezvous
Texas' 49th Annual
Christmas Boat Lane Parade On Clear Lake

DATE: 11 December 2010
TIME: 1700 (5:00 PM)
PLACE: Hilton Houston NASA Hotel, Clear Lake, Texas

Join D/21 on the top floor of the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel for the annual D/21 Christmas Party. It's located on NASA Road 1 just across from the South Shore Harbour Marina, where the annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade starts and ends! Watch the parade in warmth and comfort, while visiting with old friends. Be sure to bring cameras, camcorders, and binoculars to enjoy the event to the fullest.

Act now – call 281-333-9300: ask for Nazie Greenwell. Identify yourself as Power Squadron for the best prices. Charles Ashford has two rooms that come with the suite. If you are interested on a deal for one of the rooms, contact Charles Ashford at 713-962-4393.

The cost for this fun evening will be \$17/person if received by 1 December, after that date the cost will be \$25/person (late supplies cost more). Price includes beer, wine, mixed drinks, spiral cut ham, and the best view on the lake! AS ALWAYS for SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS, PLEASE BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE (no veggie plates please).

*This evening will be a great way to get into the holiday spirit,
and we guarantee no meetings!*

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Instructor Development Course

All HSPS,

With the broad array of USPS University courses we are now offering to members, interested non-members, and boating public in general, we are in need of new instructors. To become a USPS certified instructor, you simply need to participate in, and complete the requirements for, the USPS Instructor Development course. P/D/C Karl Fernandes is the HSPS Instructor Development (ID) Chair, and he has agreed to hold a special ID class in January 2011.

As of now, we have interest in the ID course from Dr. Ted Hilton, Ed Roland, and Robert Campbell. We have room for more, and I would like to see a few more agree to participate. Please consider sharing your boating knowledge by becoming a Houston Sail and Power Squadron instructor.

Please respond to me Rick@ChampionMarineSurveys.com with your interest.

Thanks.

Lt/C Rick Fisher SN
HSPS - SEO

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.



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November Birthdays

Joyce E. Rice	11/1
Lynne A. McCarthy	11/2
Van Z. White	11/2
Andrew Charles Lucena	11/5
Marvin V. Morris	11/6
C. H. 'Dutch' Hotalen Jr.	11/7
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David W. Walker	11/24
John H. Crowe	11/30
Joan W. Tenney	11/30
Dale J. Wilpers	11/30



November Dinner Meeting

ANDIAMO! Please join us at Home Port for **ITALIAN/ROMAN NIGHT**.

We'll be serving delicious, homemade lasagna and bringing in other scrumptious food from The Olive Garden Restaurant.

Come share a glass of wine or bottle of Peroni, Italian beer (or iced tea) with us!

Bring a homemade desert and compete for the one and only **Hal Cunningham Delicious (homemade) Dessert Award**.

It will be a fabulous evening! We hope to see you there!

WEAR YOUR TOGA!!!

What: November Dinner Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 10, 2010

6:00-7:00 – Social hour, beverages provided (please bring red wine)

7:00 – Dinner Served

8:30 – Winner of Hal Cunningham Delicious Dessert Competition Announced

Where: HSPS Home Port, 6910 Bellaire Blvd #15.

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, and more

Dessert: Bring a homemade dessert and compete in the **Hal Cunningham Delicious Homemade Dessert Competition!**

Drinks: Wine, Plenty of Italian Beer, Iced Tea or BYOB – If you're an "enthusiast", bring a bottle of red wine!

Cost: \$10.00/person

An RSVP anytime before November 9th would be appreciated:

icemangems@att.net

Or call Bob Leatherwood at 281-879-6005

You can also use the sign up page on the home page of the HSPS website
<http://uspshouston.org/>

Ci Vediamo!!!!