



America's Boating Course at Home Port in May

Our next America's Boating Course™ class is on Saturday, May 15th. More info follows:

America's Boating Course™ – 3rd Edition is the latest public boating course offered by the United States Power Squadrons, and includes seamanship, required equipment, state and federal regulations and rules of the road, emergency procedures, and much more. It covers just about everything you need to get started, and is a great refresher for the more experienced boater.

The May class will be held at our classrooms (Home Port) located at 6910 Bellaire Blvd. #15, Houston, TX 77074. This is near the intersection of Bellaire Blvd. and Highway 59. Take Bellaire Blvd. east to the first traffic light beyond Highway 59, which is Bintliff Dr. Our Home Port is in the office park located behind the fire station at the intersection of Bintliff and Bellaire Blvd. Use the entrance from the interior parking lot.

Registration for the class starts at 8:30 AM, and the course lasts until approximately 4:30 to 5:00 PM. The cost is \$45.00 for the first family member (includes one book which can be shared), and \$10.00 for each additional family member (additional ABC 3rd Edition books are available for \$30 each). There is an additional charge of \$10.00 for each person that wants a state Boater's Certificate from the Texas Dept. of Parks and Wildlife. Cash or checks only, please. State certification at this time is required for anyone under the age of 18 operating a boat or jet ski, but is encouraged for everyone. The minimum age for taking the exam for state certification is 12. Please bring your social security number, since the state requires that information. There will be a 45-minute break for lunch around noon, and you can either bring your lunch or drive to some fast food restaurants in the area.

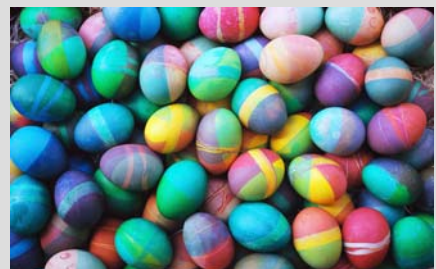
For your information, Houston Sail and Power Squadron is a non-profit volunteer boater's club dedicated to boater education. If you have any questions about America's Boating Course™ or our Squadron, please don't hesitate to ask, or take a look at our website, <http://www.usps-houston.org>. Also, check out our national website: <http://www.usps.org>.

Rick Fisher
Houston Sail and Power Squadron

281-734-4443

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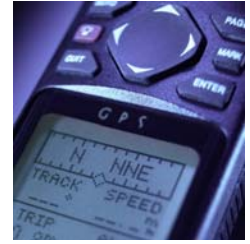
PRAYER

Keep us, O God, from all pettiness.
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off all self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face-to-face, without self pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment, and always be generous.
Let us always take time for all things, and make us to grow calm, serene, and gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, to be straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little things of life that create differences, that in the big things of life, we are as one.
And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind!
Amen
P/C Scott D. McDonald,

What a busy month we had preparing for our fabulous Spring Conference. Special thanks go out to many HSPS members. **Carl and Phyllis Stendebach** were invaluable as Conference treasurer and outstanding hospitality suite helpers. **Bob Leatherwood** singlehandedly decorated for our Thursday-night barbeque party in Clear Lake Park and remained available to assist all weekend with the Houston hospitality suite. **Bob Stevenson** served as ticket-taker at the barbeque and decorations helper for the Change of Watch party on Saturday. The registration table was ably manned by **Carole Mouton, Mary Sandoval, Dick Snapp and Deb Gallington**. **JoLee Haddock** was the gracious hostess for the Saturday social lunch and **Bill Haddock** assisted her with the set-up and wonderful decorations. **Pete Hames** presented an excellent leadership training workshop. **Rick Fisher** provided an exceptional *Rules of the Road* seminar assisted by **Jim Hotop**, who handled all the seminar registration detail. **Denny Fegan** stepped forward with the informative session about all the new seminars called *The Seminar on Seminars*. **Karl Fernandes** and **Dick Snapp** presented a session about Co-op Charting. **Ed Nagel** presented all the work that has been done reorganizing the America's Boating Course material into a more manageable format. **Dee Hotop** provided general assistance and helped with the DB2000 seminar. **Jim Hotop** offered invaluable help with the conference room set up. **Ozzie Osborne** offered to be on call for whatever we needed. The Change of Watch dinner dance was great fun and beautifully orchestrated by **Jean Hamilton**, who created the extraordinarily imaginative and downright fine decorations, and arranged for the evening's wonderful entertainment. Folks, this was an amazing team who has earned our biggest thanks. The conference would not have been as great without the additional participation of **Tom and Mary Derden, Kathy Fisher, Steve Gallington, Su Hames (who served as a D/21 aide for P/D/C Shirley Heald), Charleen and Kirby Harding, Jennie Harrison, Edie Nagel, Susan Stevenson, Jana Wesson, and Marie Gallante & Justinian Hamilton**. As your Conference chair, I know that it is because of you and any HSPS member who may have escaped my notice that the entire weekend worked so well. Finally, I must thank our new D/21 Commander **Scott McDonald**, who had a hand in almost all of the planning and execution of this important weekend for our Squadron.

On an even more personal note, all of you who attended the Change of Watch have my heartfelt thanks for your support, expert aid, and gracious patience during my mother's medical emergency. She has recovered and is undergoing more testing to determine the underlying cause of the incident.





Education News
Lt/C Rick Fisher, JN

Member Courses

We are well into our Spring 2010 Advanced Grade and Elective course schedule. Thanks to **P/C Bill Haddock** and **Lt/C Bob Stevenson** for volunteering their time to serve as instructors, and thanks to all of our member students for signing up for the various courses.

HSPS Boating Safety Course (formerly BoatSmart)

On Saturday, March 13th, we had five students successfully complete the 1-day boating safety course. Next class is Saturday, April 17th.

Ed Nagel is heading up an effort to transition our boating safety course from our legacy **BoatSmart** course to a new **America's Boating Course 3rd Edition** course. For now, we will continue with the 1-day format and continue to partner with Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. to provide those attending to get their TPWD boating certificate.

USPS Seminars

In 2010, we will continue to offer monthly USPS University seminars in conjunction with Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Pearland. These seminars will be held on the second Thursday of each month at the Bass Pro facility located at the southwest corner of Hwy 288 and the Sam Houston Tollway.

The next seminar will be held on April 8th, and the topic will be "Anchoring". This seminar covers selection of anchor, rode, and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors. It also includes tables for sizing and anchor and components, and information for determining loads under various conditions. The kit includes the *Anchoring Quick Guide* and Student Notes with copies of the slides.

What Is Your Favorite Boating Website?

Over the next few months, I want to compile a list of everyone's favorite boating-related website. 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.

www.usps.org – To be politically correct, I should start with this as my favorite. Actually, I spend a good deal of time at www.usps.org/national/eddept/

www.safetyseal.net – This is the public Vessel Safety Check site. Check it out. If you click "I Want a VSC", it takes you to the on line Vessel Examiner database, so by entering your zip code you can find the USPS or Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel examiner closest to you.

www.tpwd.state.tx.us – Texas Parks and Wildlife has a great web site, and you can now do an instant and free Ownership Query on any boat with either a "TX" number or a hull identification number (HIN). I use this query feature all the time in my business.

<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/bookletchart/> – This is the site for NOAA's new experimental BookletChart™ program. This is a great new program that allows you to find any location on a NOAA chart, and download and print it a "chartlet". The charts are updated weekly with Notice to Mariners, so you know the chartlet is current. You really need to spend some time on this site!

Well, that is my "starter" list, so now I need to hear from you! Email me your favorite boating related site, and I will compile the list for everyone.

Once again, call me (281) 734-4443 email me at 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, JN
Squadron Education Officer

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

Okay, it's official – "Spring has sprung!" At least as far as the Spring Conference goes anyway. All-in-all, it was a non-stop three days and hectic at times, but it was a lot of fun, and the excitement level was high. I enjoy going to the District events whenever I can because there's always plenty to learn and everyone I've ever met has always been friendly.

It all started out on Thursday night with the BBQ. Frank Boerner from Galveston was there ALL day with a monster pit that was bigger than a VW, and he spent 8-10 hours cooking BBQ. Scott McDonald was also there, cooking chicken, boiling potatoes for potato salad, chopping mass quantities of cabbage for cole slaw and it all took hours on end. For my part, I was disappointed that it was SO WINDY because I couldn't do a lot of the decorations that I had planned because the wind was whistling through that pavilion like a Texas Twister. STILL, it turned out to be a really FUN evening and the food was fantastic. As far as the decorations go... WELL, I'm definitely NOT giving up and you can count on a "Western Night" at Home Port sometime in the future because the decorations aren't going away and neither is my plan!!!

Friday night was a new experience for me and not just fun but downright athletic. The hospitality suites opened their doors and the "pub crawl", going from suite to suite began. Each Squadron represented had their own hospitality suite and there was a District suite also. Each had their own offerings food-wise as well as their own bartenders and set-ups. Naturally, I made it my "mission" to explore each one – purely from an educational standpoint, you understand, just in case I have to set one up someday. It was quite an evening and I'm happy to report that from all the "testing" I did in my room-to-room travels, I'm MORE than capable now of putting together a Kick-A... hospitality suite with NO problem!!!!!!

Saturday night was the District Change of Watch and what an evening it was. Shirley Heald, the District Commander, went out on a happy note, and our own Scott McDonald came in as the NEW District Commander for this year. It was a beautiful evening with a nice turnout, and all were left with a complimentary "Old Fashioned" glass inscribed in gold leaf with the USPS logo and both Scott's and Claire's names on them. I tried taking pictures of the glasses, but it didn't do them justice so I gave up, but what a really memorable three days it was!

Now April is here, and we'll be getting down to business. We're having our first dinner meeting after the Change of Watch at Joe's Crab Shack this month on the 14th. They have an expanded menu for us this year with a whopping SEVEN choices plus soup or salad AND dessert, so definitely try to be there. We also have the Adopt-A-Beach program coming up this month and much more in the months to come, so stay tuned and you'll be hearing more in the weeks to come.



Congratulations to Rick Fisher!



SEO Rick Fisher is now an "N"! He was awarded his Silver Sextant pin at the D/21 Spring Conference.

March 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
Houston Sail and Power Squadron

Congratulations to Jana and Lawrence Wesson on their recent marriage

Executive Department: Lt/C Robert Leatherwood, S

- **Cooperative Charting:** NOS has accepted the reports that have placed D/21 on the Honor Roll, thus placing D/21 first in Co-op Charting nationally. HSPS remains in third place.
- **Vessel Safety Checks:**
 - VSCs planned for Lakewood on March 6th and South Shore/Watergate on March 20th to accommodate Sea Scout boats
 - VSC training will be conducted by P/C Bill Haddock, AP on March 24th. Experienced examiners need decals and brief updates. Prospective examiners need the full evening instruction.
- **Boating Safety Week:** May 22nd-28th
- **Additional Topics:** There is only a District level award for VSCs. Methods to recognize examiners at the Squadron level will be developed.

Education Department: Lt/C Rick Fisher, N

- USPS has lifted restrictions against offering member boating courses to the public from the Bylaws. D/21 will set prices for District-wide standardization.
- P/C Denny Fegan, AP, led a discussion of Boat Operator Certification program involvement with the US Sailing organization. No action will be taken by HSPS in the near future on this.
- **Member Courses:** Classes underway – Seamanship (Fisher), Advanced Piloting (Stevenson/McCarthy) and Marine Electrical Systems (Haddock)
- **Public Courses:**
 - Seminar – Bass Pro Shop Pearland – March 11 – Trailering your boat
 - Public Boating Course – Mar. 13th – Home Port
 - Seminar – Bass Pro Shop Pearland – Apr. 8th – Anchoring
 - Public Boating Course – Apr. 17th – Home Port

Administrative Department:

- **Membership:** D/Lt/C Scott McDonald, SN, reported one reinstatement, one new member approved, and one person who is going to sign-up.
- **Public Relations:** New initiatives need to be developed for publicizing courses available to public.
- **Upcoming Dinner Meetings:**
 - March 10 – pot luck at Home Port
 - April 14 – Joe's Crab Shack, 2120 S. Hwy 6, 77077
 - May 12 – Stein Room
- **Upcoming Events:** March 25th-27th – D/21 Spring Conference sponsored by HSPS. Everyone is encouraged to go to the Change of Watch Saturday night and the BBQ dinner Thursday night.
- **Additional Topics:** The Calling Committee has ceased operations in view of the few people who need to be called, rather than receiving their notices via e-mail. Claire McDonald and Bob Leatherwood are contacting the few who asked to be kept in the know.

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

- **Financial Report:** Submitted.
- **Additional Topics:**
 - Budget planning material was passed to the officers for input. The proposed annual budget will be developed and presented to the E Board in April, with voting by the members to occur at the April dinner meeting.
 - After a discussion on newly available information about insurance coverage by USPS, a S. McDonald/R. Fisher motion passed to officially sanction any on the water event organized by an HSPS course instructor as part of that course.
 - A S.McDonald/P. Stendebach motion passed to submit \$20 to the Educational Fund for each of two former members who have passed away – Donald Stotler and Robert Sobocinski.

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

- **Squadron Newsletter:** The March edition has been delayed due to Editor Jana Palfy's wedding. It should be available on the website over the weekend, and will be mailed on 3/8.
- **Additional Topics:** 2010 roster will be distributed by mid-April

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

- The Commander and Executive Officer are handling the Administrative Officer functions. They will ask for assistance when needed.

Unfinished Business

- The D/21 Spring Conference funds must be kept separate from HSPS funds. A C. McDonald/Stevenson motion passed to appoint 1st/Lt Carl A Stendebach, Jr. JN as the Treasurer for the Conference. Lt/C Robert Leatherwood, S, will provide the second signature on checks.

New Business

- The Squadron Educational Officer was requested to make a recommendation regarding the very old Squadron computers, at least one of which no longer functions.

Notice of Public Hearing Advisory Panel on Recreational Boating Safety

For Immediate Release
Friday, March 26, 2010

Pursuant to the call of Lance Bruun, Chairman, the initial meeting of the Advisory Panel on Recreational Boating Safety, will be held on Friday, April 16th at 10 AM in room E2.036 inside the capitol extension located at 1400 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The purpose of the meeting will be to formally organize the panel and to receive invited and public testimony on:

1. Texas's current state of recreational safety on public waters, including saltwater;
2. How other states meet their need for recreational safety; and
3. Suggested directions the panel should take in enhancing recreational safety on public waters in Texas.

The hearing will be open to the public, and anyone wishing to address the panel is invited to attend. Additionally, comments for the panel to consider can be e-mailed to Richard.dennis@house.state.tx.us

The Advisory Panel on Recreational Boating Safety was established pursuant to House Bill 3108 of the 81st Legislature, authored by State Representative Tan Parker and sponsored by Senator Chris Harris. For more information, please contact the following:

Mr. Lance Bruun
Chairman, Advisory Panel on Recreational Boating Safety
361-884-8300

Mr. Richard Dennis
Chief of Staff, Representative Tan Parker
512-463-0688

Mr. Harold Stone
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
512-389-4530

D/21 Spring Conference – BBQ, Hospitality Suites, and Change of Watch
Photos by Carole Mouton, AP, Lt/C Bob Leatherwood, S, and Lt Jana Wesson, AP





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!** There will be **SEVEN great menu choices** instead of just the four from years past, so be sure to check out the new, expanded menu below!!!

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

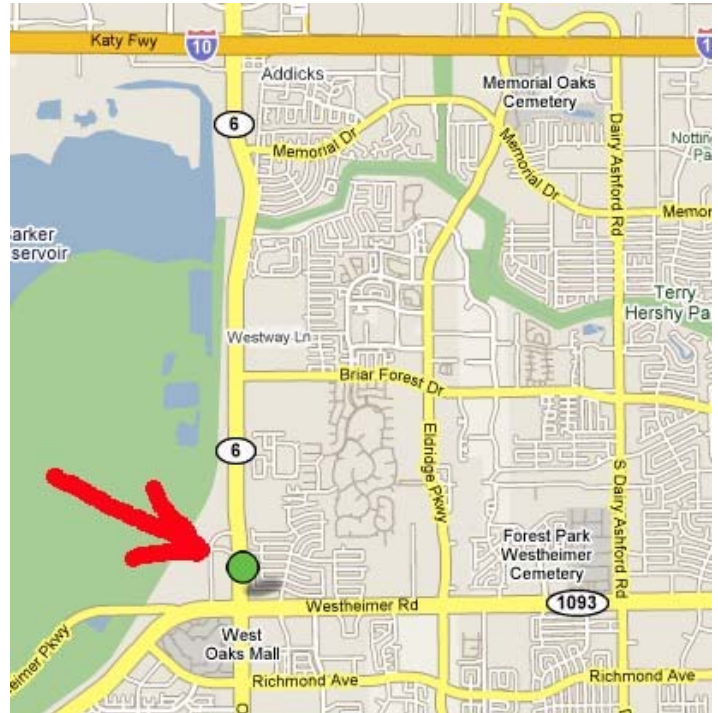
What: HSPS Dinner Meeting – April 2010

When: Wednesday April 14th

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 - Chipotle BBQ Chicken & Shrimp** – A tender chicken breast and jumbo shrimp grilled and basted with chipotle BBQ sauce. Served with Joe's rice and veggies.
- **Choice #5 - Seafood Enchiladas** - Shrimp, crab and lots of cheesy, creamy goodness, all wrapped in corn tortillas! Served over a bed of black beans and rice, they're muy delicioso!
- **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: \$20.00 per person for all you can eat, drink or win!

RSVP by Monday April 12th to Bob Leatherwood at icemangems@att.net OR call Bob at 281-879-6005 (Leave message if I'm out)

District and Squadron Administrative Officer Training
The Transition from Warrior to Chieftain

D/Lt Anita F. Walker, JN – Pompano Beach Power Squadron
Leadership Development Committee

The new District and Squadron Administrative Officer Training (DAO/SAO) is coming to a location near you! On June 11-12, 2010, P/D/C Shirley D. Heald, AP will facilitate this course for Districts 21 and 31. The teacher will be D/Lt Anita F. Walker, JN. More than one hundred students already attended the 5-module, 6 hour course at either the Beta (D/8) or at the Annual Meeting in Orlando. While this course is designed specifically for Squadron and District AO's, we encourage all officers and members to attend this very informative training.

Our Squadrons and Districts rely upon sound leadership for success. Tough economic times and changing demographics require more of our Bridge Officers than ever before. This training was the vision of our Past Chief Commander, Creighton Maynard, SN and Chief Commander, Frank Dvorak, SN. The Board of Directors approved a roll-out plan for 10 cities with financial support from the Century Fund.

Here's an outline of the DAO/SAO course.

- Module 1: Leadership Knowledge and Skills – fundamental principles of leadership and management in the USPS setting.
- Module 2: Teambuilding Techniques – methods for developing and managing high-performance work teams and committees.
- Module 3: Problem Solving (interactive case study) – conflict resolution, growth, member involvement, preventing Squadron dissolution – hands on application from Modules 1 and 2.
- Module 4: USPS Structure (OT in today's USPS) – USPS structure, jobs, responsibilities and traditions. Brief review of Operations Training (OT). If you are either on the Bridge or intend to serve, you should have already taken OT.
- Module 5: Planning and Executing Effective Meetings (USPS application for Bridge members) – rules of the road for general, committee, dinner, Council, District and other USPS meeting settings.

All students, who complete the course, receive an LDAO designation in DB2000 and a certificate. Detailed course notes are provided to each participant.

Our session will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Plano East Hotel. The address and phone number are (700 East Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074) and phone (972) 881-1881. Room rates are \$79.00 plus tax **until May 21, 2010** and parking is free. Pets are welcome with a \$50 non-refundable pet deposit. There is also room for motor home parking. Please contact P/D/C Shirley D. Heald, AP at (469) 387-5641 for more details. Registration forms are attached to this letter and are also available on the Leadership Development website. www.usps.org/national/ot/ ***(There will be a complimentary hospitality room Friday night from 6:00-8:00 in the Presidential Suite of the hotel with substantial hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.)*** The hotel provides a free, full breakfast, and we will provide a working box lunch and afternoon snacks during the class. We will start promptly at 9:00 AM and conclude at 4:00 PM on Saturday. Dress is USPS casual.

The ten cities include: Boston, New York, Baltimore, Atlanta, New Orleans, Dallas, Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Bellevue (Governing Board.) In addition, D/33 – Puerto Rico, is planning to hold classes in their geography. Anyone can attend any of the sessions. The website also has other dates, logistics, registration forms, faculty bios, contact folks and other important information.

A Look Ahead

In late October, 2010, we will Beta Test the new DXO/SXO course designed for Executive Officers. This hands-on training will use the skills and knowledge gained during the Administrative Officer training. It will be introduced at the 2011 Annual Meeting in Orlando. The DAO/SAO course will be a pre-requisite for participation in DXO/SXO. So be sure you attend the Administrative Officer course in any of the available locations. This course will be free for incoming and sitting Administrative Officers – Squadron and District. Others will be charged \$50 to defray costs. All members are welcome based on availability. Pre-registration is required for all classes and space is limited – (maximum attendance - 40.) If you have questions, you can contact P/D/C Shirley D. Heald, AP at sheald@ryder.com or (469) 387-5641. See the website, listed above, for more details and contact information.



DAO/SAO Training Registration Form
Saturday 12 June, 2010
Holiday Inn Express Plano East
700 Central Parkway East, Plano, TX 75074
Call 1-972-881-1881, Room rate \$79.00



Training Workshop 0900 to 1600 Saturday including Lunch

Please fill out the Reservation Form below and return by **11 May 2010**

Date: _____

Last Name	First Name	Rank	Grade
District	Squadron		
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Certificate No.	Current Position or Incoming Position		
Phone No.	Cell No.*		

eMail Address - (Please provide for acknowledgement of your reservation and Workshop communications.)

* Cell Number will only be used in an emergency on the Training Day

Yes No – I will be able to attend the pre-training eve Cocktail Party on Friday 11 June (1800 to 2000) (No Charge). If **Yes**, will you bring a guest? Yes No

Course notes, coffee breaks and lunch will be provided. All attendees are expected to lunch with the class. The course will be provided free for Administrative Officers. Other attendees will be charged.

I'm neither a current nor incoming Admin Officer but want to attend. I am sending a check for \$50.00 payable to **USPS DAO/SAO Seminar** to **P/D/C Shirley Heald**, to help defray the printing, coffee breaks, lunch and other costs.

For Reservations with check payment, print this document and send with payment enclosed to:

P/D/C Shirley Heald, AP	(H) 972-414-0817
2206 Fulton Dr	Cell 469-387-5641
Garland, TX 75044-7430	(B) 817-490-5302
	Fax: 817-490-8024

For existing or incoming Administrative Officers (no payment is required), fill out the form, save the document, and print a copy for your records, If no payment is required, attach the document to an email and send to: **P/D/C Shirley Heald, AP** email, sheald@ryder.com
 Make sure you select read receipt when sending email.



April 24th will be the next coast-wide Adopt-A-Beach clean-up. HSPS has participated with this Texas General Land Office program for the past three years and we are organizing a group now. Please contact Claire McDonald at mcdonald@stthom.edu or 713-668-5994 by April 14th if you would like to participate. It's fun and helpful to our marine environment. When I know who will participate, we will decide where we want to participate. There are sites near Clear Lake, Seabrook, Galveston, Freeport, and Bolivar Peninsula – to name a few. The clean-up concludes by noon. I look forward to hearing from you.

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, which is being redesigned. 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.

A business card for Richard Snapp, Realtor. It features a photo of Richard Snapp, a man with glasses wearing a suit and tie. The card includes the AmeriStar REALTORS logo, contact information, and an MLS logo.

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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 Palfy at beakboatgirl@me.com

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April Birthdays

Eric W. Edwards	4/3
Terry L. Foster	4/4
Troy Matherne	4/4
Robert S. Sobocinski	4/6
Donald L. Lipke	4/8
James Eyrl Keith	4/10
James J. Pirrung	4/11
Eric J. Herpin	4/13
William H. Mize Jr.	4/16
M. Katherine Fegan	4/24
Douglas R. Dobson	4/25



Explore the Outdoors with "Women in the Wild" Workshop

ROCKPORT — Women interested in the outdoors are invited to attend the second annual Women in the Wild workshop, a weekend-long event being held by the Rockport chapter of the Texas Outdoors Woman Network (TOWN) on May 1-2. The event is designed to help familiarize women with the various outdoor activities in the Coastal Bend and encourage them to participate in a fun and safe outdoor environment.

The event will be held at The Lodge in Rockport. The entry fee includes participation in four of the scheduled activities, a t-shirt, a Saltwater Fisheries Enhancement Association membership and meals for the weekend.

Courses offered include beginner and intermediate shotgun shooting, BB guns, archery and self defense. There will also be a fly fishing seminar with Chuck Naiser and a fishing seminar with Jay Watkins. Women will have a chance to learn boat equipment and operation, kayaking, outdoor photography, habitat/species identification, first aid and Dutch oven cooking.

"The intent is to help these women become familiar with new activities without pressure to master any one thing," said Texas Game Warden Brandi Reeder.

TOWN is an offshoot of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program. Its goal is to provide outdoors-oriented women a chance to meet and develop friendships with other women who have similar interests. Chapters across Texas regularly hold various activities that allow women to participate in the outdoors in a stress-free and supporting environment.

Women interested in the program need to register before April 15. Entry costs \$125 before March 15 and \$150 after that. Registration is limited to the first 75 women above the age of 21. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement Offices in Corpus Christi, Rockport, and Victoria and online at <http://www.townrockport.org/>. For more information visit the TOWN Rockport Web site or contact Brandi Reeder at brandi.reeder@tpwd.state.tx.us or (361) 790-2611.