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Oh, what a day it was!
By Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN

Continuing his 13 years of service to the Squadron (and to the country as the nation's top Cooperative Charting person), **Past Commander Dick Snapp**, Advanced Pilot (AP), offered to take the current AP class students out for an afternoon on the water for a practical exercise. The course is about navigating with the aid of electronic equipment, but it is very difficult to understand what that electronic equipment can do for you – and how you might use it – If all you get to see are static photographs of the viewing screens in a classroom.

Dick took the class, which consisted of **Bob White**, **Ellen White** and **Forrest Paddock**, in addition to its instructor, **Bob Stevenson**, plus Squadron Boat Operator Certifier and **Past Commander Denny Fegan**, and **Past District Commander Karl Fernandes** for an afternoon cruise that had been pre-planned but also included ad hoc changes. Karl served as crew for Dick. It was great to see him out on the water.

The objective was to put into practice the navigation and plotting skills that someone completing Advanced Piloting should have. Dr. Bob White, M.D. won the prize for the best pre-planned cruise, although it was very close between Bob and Forrest. A series of cruise legs with some given waypoints was provided by the instructor. The students were asked to calculate various data about the trip, such as when they should turn or when they would arrive at some points.

The first thing needed was to know how much water would be under the keel at South Shore Harbour Marina at the planned time of departure. Students had to plot and calculate the courses and distances between channel markers and buoys within Clear Lake. Then, they were asked how much clearance there would be between the highway 146 bridge at Kemah and the highest point on the boat. The information needed to answer these questions was obtained from one of several sources consulted by the students, including the National Ocean Service on-line tide tables and graphs for Clear Lake.

The cruise into Galveston Bay required a turn to starboard while in the Clear Creek Channel at marker #4. After traveling toward one of the Squadron's favorite rendezvous points – Redfish Island – the students were to determine when to turn and what course to take in order to pass through the South Boater's Cut across the main Galveston Bay Ship Channel. A challenge was that some older charts don't show that cut. In addition to the practical plotting skills, the students learned of the need to keep their charts up to date.

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PRAYER

The captain challenges the sea
En route from port to port.
The time spent safe at anchorage
Is always very short.

So too, upon the sea of life,
We face what fate may bring.
We cannot always play it safe,
Each day is challenging.

So help us, Lord, to stay the course,
Protect from rock and shoal.
With joy, we'll sign the daily log
If You be Way and Goal.

Amen
P/C Scott D. McDonald

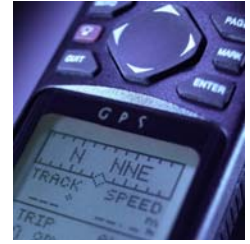
Scott and I had the honor of representing HSPS yesterday at the memorial service for our dear friend and life member **Lt. Crawford Chaisson, S.** I know that Crawford's wife, Marie, was touched by the outpouring of comfort and support from the HSPS members who were able to attend the service and those who sent their condolences. Thanks to all for your kindness.

With our successful D/21 conference behind us, I was once again able to turn all my attention towards our Squadron. All departments were focused on improving communications this month. Take a look at our new, interactive website <http://www.uspsHouston.org>. Big kudos go out to webmaster **Lt/C Bob Stevenson** for being the locomotive behind this renovation and enhancement. You can now RSVP for dinner meetings and events online! Roster chair, **D/C Scott McDonald**, is working diligently to produce our 2010 roster, which will be available shortly. *Bay Neigh* editor **Lt Jana Wesson** continues to produce our awarding winning newsletter, available in electronic and traditional copy.

I am reconstructing our telephone calling list. I am delighted that so many of you are comfortable receiving your *Bay Neigh* and other Squadron information via e-mail. This is an efficient and cost effective technology for us to use. Still, I am concerned that ALL Squadron members receive information in the way they best prefer. To this end, I am making sure that our telephone contact list is accurate and includes all who would like to receive information by phone. Scott and I recently tried to call all Squadron members who do not use an e-mail address with us with varying results. I discovered many phone numbers on record are no longer accurate and have now turned to the other USPS and mailed requests to those with whom I could not speak. Please return your response card so that we can verify your phone numbers and become aware of how frequently you would like to be contacted. I have spoken with members who are happy to receive a hard copy of the *Bay Neigh* and feel no need to be contacted by phone. Likewise, some members truly appreciate regular phone calls to keep them up-to-date. Some members have now become comfortable with e-mail.

Which brings me to YOU reading these words: what do YOU want? If you would like to change the way we communicate with you PLEASE let me know. I do not want any of you falling off my radar screen because some list is not as accurate as it should be. This is EASY to fix. Just call me at home 713-668-5994 or call me at work 713-525-3522 or call my cell phone 713-303-8048 or email me mcdonald@stthom.edu or write me a letter (Claire McDonald 3714 Blue Bonnet Blvd. Houston, TX 77025) and I will make sure we keep you in our loop your way.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Stein Room on May 12th. If you listen, you will hear the siren call of free beer! Ya gotta love it!



Education News
Lt/C Rick Fisher, JN

Member Courses

The Spring 2010 member classes are wrapping up with exams completed for Seamanship and Marine Electrical Systems. Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN says his Advanced Piloting class will begin taking their exams by the end of April.

Looking at the Fall 2010 semester, we plan to offer Seamanship to new members, Piloting, and possibly Junior Navigation (JN). Regarding Elective courses, our 4-year course plan indicates that we will offer the always-popular Weather course. **Please e-mail me with your interest in both Advanced Grade and Elective courses for this Fall.**

HSPS Boating Safety Course (formerly BoatSmart)

On Saturday, April 17th, we had four students successfully complete the 1-day boating safety course.

Beginning May 15th, we will offer the new 1-day America's Boating Course, 3rd Edition, as a replacement for our former BoatSmart class. This new course has been completely revised, with updated presentation materials and a new student book.

USPS Seminars

The next seminar in our Bass Pro Shop series will be held on May 13th, and the topic will be "Marine Radar".

USPS National Announces Plan to Offer All Courses to the Public

Following are excerpts from a letter dated 12 February 2010 from V/C Robert Sweet, JN announcing an expanded direction for USPS courses:

"Effective with the Annual Meeting on 6 February 2010, the restriction against squadrons instructing courses to the public has been removed from the National By-Laws."

"Any squadron, or district, can offer any USPS educational program to the public as well as members. That is not a requirement, it is an opportunity and choice left to the individual squadron. As I am sure you can all appreciate, many changes have taken place in the boating world over the past few years and younger boaters are looking for different ways to learn. We must and will adapt."

"You are asked to charge near market price for our courses to the public attendees with a deep discount to members, and discounts to USPS partner organizations. That is the public's inducement to join USPS. The additional proceeds from public attendees belong to the squadron or district that offered the course. We ask that you consider applying them to marketing efforts to attract more attendees to your courses and seminars."

"To counter trends away from the classroom, we are emphasizing hands-on, skills-based training and on the water training – you can't do that on the internet. We must all adapt. USPS' greatest strengths are our quality programs and our extensive base of experienced, instructor-members located wherever people boat. That is how we function and how we get and retain members – direct interaction."

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

MAY – How did May get here so fast? I'm really having a hard time getting used to the idea that the year is almost half over!! Especially since I still have a Christmas present that still needs to be mailed, although once March got here, it became a birthday present, but alas, it didn't get mailed in March either. So, if I just wait a little longer, it can be a Christmas present AGAIN, so I should probably get it boxed up and ready to mail!

We had the April dinner meeting at Joe's Crab Shack and it was a much better turnout than last year. I had really been looking forward to it because they gave us seven different menu selections this year instead of the usual four that we've had for the last 2 years. I decided to give the Seafood Enchiladas a try, and it was really good, but then it was Crab, Shrimp and Cheese, all wrapped up in a corn tortilla and served over black beans and rice. What's not to like about ANY of that? THIS month we'll be meeting at the ALWAYS popular "Stein Room", so make your plans to be there on the 12th and get your RSVP's in. There's more info in this issue, but we'll be bringing in BBQ and all the fixins from Pappas, but needless to say, the free beer from Houston Distributing definitely takes top billing. We'll have plenty of door prizes AND a "mystery" speaker so plan on being there and please, don't forget to tip the bartender since the beer is free!

Also coming up this month is "Bay Day", where the Galveston Bay Foundation presents interactive exhibits, activities and demonstrations to introduce people to the Galveston Bay ecosystem. It's fascinating and a lot of fun and takes place at the Kemah Boardwalk on Saturday, May 15th.

I guess that's about it for now, so everyone have a "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" and I'll see you all at the Stein Room on the 12th!!!!!!

Oh, what a day it was!
By Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN

Upon reaching the entry point for the South Boater's Cut, the boat was stopped for a discussion on anchoring. Denny Fegan explained how he sets the alarm on his chart plotter. He is not bothered by being awakened due to the chart plotter alarm set to about his boat length for the Not Greater Than distance from his boat's location after letting out the anchor rode. He always wants to know if the boat is dragging its anchor so he can take appropriate action before a crisis arises.

The cruise continued through the cut and then turned northwest, paralleling the Houston Ship Channel and the dredging spoil. Denny pointed out that the "5 mile cut" on the chart was supposed to have been closed and filled with spoil by now, so Dick prudently elected to pass back to the other side of the spoil through the North Boater's cut and then run up to where the 5 mile cut was supposed to be in order to determine if it still existed. The "North Boater's cut" has not made it onto the official NOAA/NOS charts, but it exists and is marked by channel markers just like other channels. This is called "Local knowledge", and is one of the benefits of being a member of the Squadron. The 5 mile cut had not been closed, so we could have passed through it as well. However, navigation must be accurate due to the minimal water on either side of the extremely narrow channel.

We then continued to follow the pre-planned route. Dick proceeded quickly on the rest of the pre-planned cruise, with following seas speeding us on our journey home. It was either that or the smell of the beer that awaited our return to port – we were not sure which had more effect.

Soon after arrival we took the obligatory group photo below (thanks, Denny!). Then, after enjoying some liquid refreshment and sandwiches provided by the Whites, we chatted about what had been learned and then departed – to meet again soon. This AP class of sail boaters is ready for a "predicted log" contest, Ken!



April 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
Houston Sail and Power Squadron

Congratulations, etc.: Claire McDonald thanked Carl Stendebach, Dick Snapp, Denny Fegan, Bob Leatherwood, and others who helped make the District 21 Spring Conference a success.

Executive Department: Lt/C Robert Leatherwood, S

- **Cooperative Charting:** Chair Dick Snapp, reported that CcWeb is currently down. There has been no change since last report in the Squadron's standing. D/21 events for the new watch year have not yet been firmed-up.
- **Vessel Safety Checks:**
 - VSC was conducted on Ernest Veranes' boat by Denny Fegan in preparation for the Advanced Piloting class on-the-water exercise.
 - VSCs are planned for May 22nd as part of Boating Safety Week.
 - VSC training session was held on March 24th.
- **Boating Safety Week:** May 22nd-28th: May 13th seminar, May 15th ABC course and May 22nd VSC
- **Web Site:** Input has been received from the Membership Chair, so the new site will go live in a few days.

Education Department: Lt/C Rick Fisher, N

- **Member Courses:** Spring member classes are wrapping up with all exams anticipated to be finished by the end of April. Seamanship (Fisher), Advanced Piloting (Stevenson) and Marine Electrical Systems (Haddock)
- **Public Courses:**
 - **Seminar** – Bass Pro Shop Pearland – Apr. 8th – Anchoring – Denny Fegan will be presenting; May 13th will be the Marine Radio Seminar. A press release has been put out. We can expand the release to many papers around the Houston area, so that will be done for future press releases.
 - **Public Boating Course** – Apr. 17th – Home Port – This class will be our last class based on the BoatSmart materials, as we will be switching to the revised ABC3 class (8-hour format) beginning with our May 15th class.

Administrative Department:

- **Membership:** Scott McDonald reported no new Members recently. **Nominations or volunteers for a new Chair are needed.** Scott has too many jobs at the Squadron and District level to do them all well. Membership is too important to let fall by the wayside.
- **Public Relations:** New initiative for public awareness to be launched soon. Denny Fegan and Bob Stevenson offered to help Claire, but **more help is needed from members not attending the E Board meetings. Contact Claire if you will help.**
- **Upcoming Dinner Meetings:**
 - April 14 – Joe's Crab Shack
 - May 12 – Stein Room
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - April 24th – Adopt-a Beach sponsored by the State of Texas
- **Additional Topics:**
 - The **W.A.D.E.** program will be discussed at the Houston Safe Boating Council meeting on April 12th. Denny Fegan and Claire McDonald will attend.
 - Claire will be contacting people who don't have e-mail to determine if they wish to be called about dinners and other events.

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

- **Financial Report:** The monthly report, which reflected the final status of the Squadron for its Fiscal Year, was provided. The end of Fiscal Year financial report is ready for review by the Auditing Committee.
- **Additional Topics:**
 - Phyllis reported that D/21 has recognized that they have not been getting their share of first year dues from new members, because of the way the funds are submitted and recorded. They are in the process of recovering the funds due to them for the past year.
 - After investigating credit card processing by the Squadron for educational classes, there was recognition that the fine print in the bank agreement needs to be reviewed. The risks and liabilities of the Squadron need to be understood before the agreement is signed.

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Treasurer's Department: continued

- **Additional Topics:**
 - Bill Mize presented the proposed budget, which had been developed from inputs by the officers. A Fegan/P. Stendebach motion passed to adopt the budget and present it for approval to the Members. [Ed.: The budget was passed by the members at the April dinner/business meeting on a S. McDonald/Leatherwood motion.]

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

- **Squadron Newsletter:** April Bay Neigh was mailed and posted on the website on 4/5. My thanks to everyone who contributed articles and time to fold and staple on short notice. Considering everything that happened in March, it was a miracle we got it out at all!
- **Additional Topics:** 2010 roster will be distributed in early May if a crew can help fold and staple the rosters when Scott says they have been printed. **Volunteers please contact Bob Stevenson.** The Squadron printer was delivered to Scott McDonald tonight.

Unfinished Business

- The squadron's annual property tax exemption request can now be filed. The letter showing the squadron to be in good standing with USPS was received from National. The annual request to the National Headquarters Director for a "good standing" letter will be made a routine part of the Treasurer function, just as filing the tax exemption request was moved from the Law Officer to the Secretary as a routine function.

Adopt-A-Beach

Photos by Cdr Claire McDonald, SN



April Dinner Meeting at Joe's Crab Shack
 Photos by Lt Jana Wesson, AP





SAVE THE DATE

**8TH ANNUAL
LEUKEMIA CUP
KICKOFF**

Thursday, May 13th, 2010
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Benefiting:
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

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Houston Sail & Power Squadron Nautical Coop Charting Event June 6, 2010 – Galveston Bay

Our first Squadron nautical coop-charting event is quickly approaching. To help facilitate the event, I have scheduled a Co-op Charting Workshop for Thursday June 3rd at 7:00 pm at Home Port followed by our first Co-op Charting outing on Sunday the 6th. The workshop will include the procedures for gathering and submitting data to NOAA.

I encourage you to attend both the workshop and the day on the water on June 6th. I will hand out the chartlets to the boat captains at the workshop. This will help you prepare for the day and will save you a lot of preparation time.

Remember, you do not have to have a boat to participate. Each boat will need a few individuals to record data.

On Sunday June 6th, we will meet at my boat at 9:30 am (South Shore Harbour), Pier 5 Slip 20, boat name **Sea Toy** for a short captain's meeting and distribution of the remaining chartlets. For those captains that have their chartlets and crew, you do not have to meet at my boat.

If you need more information, please contact me at 281-858-9810 or email rcsnapp@comcast.net
P/P Dick Snapp

Houston Yacht Club Opening Day & Introducing The Gallingtons' New "Beluga" Photos by Cdr Claire McDonald, SN



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			
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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:

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Help Set an Inflatable Life Jacket World Record!

The National Safe Boating Council and Canadian Safe Boating Council are teaming up to set a world record! We are encouraging boaters, boating safety educators and anyone else who would like to join in on the fun to participate in "Inflatable Life Jacket World Record Day." Participants from across North America will simultaneously inflate an inflatable life jacket to set an unprecedented world record. The inaugural event will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

World Record Day will help to usher in National Safe Boating Week, this year May 22–28, 2010. The goal of National Safe Boating Week is to educate and inform the boating public about boating safety, specifically life jackets. The push of inflatable life jackets has been the main focus of the campaign for the past few years.

HSPS will be participating in this event as part of our Boating Safety Week activities and as this goes to press we are choosing a location to gather. If you cannot make it to the location we announce, I encourage all HSPS inflatable life jacket owners and your friends and children to inflate your jackets at 10 AM wherever you are and get someone to take a picture of you so that we can include you in the national count. If you prefer not to expend the CO₂ cartridge, use the manual inflation tube.

Other HSPS National Safe Boating Week Activities will include the public boating course (America's Boating Course) on Saturday, May 15th at Home Port and Vessel Safety Checks on Saturday, May 22nd.

Come participate in any or all of these activities. Help us get into the Guinness Book of World records!

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.

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May Birthdays

Suzanne Cash	5/5
Carole J. Mouton	5/5
Lawrence I. Chriswell	5/6
Walter P. Nass Jr.	5/6
Joseph J. McCarthy	5/7
Thomas M. Derden	5/8
Janet Block	5/9
Steven C. Gallington	5/10
Fiona B. McDonald	5/10
Richard G. Fisher	5/17
Wynne F. Perryman	5/17
Clark Rea	5/19
John L. Glaeser	5/21



May Dinner Meeting



The Stein Room
At Houston Distributing Company
7100 High Life Drive
Houston, TX 77066

Wednesday, May 12th

Open bar and socializing from 6:30-7:00.....
Meeting from 7:00-9:00

Pappas BBQ and a "Mystery" Speaker!!

