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### *The BoatUS Civic Service Award*
*By Lt/C Alan W. Cross, AP*

The Squadron was the 2023 recipient of the BoatUS Distinguished Civic Service Award – 1st Place.

The Squadron was presented with a beautiful recognition item and a check for $1,000 (unrestricted).

This is the most prestigious award that a Squadron or District may achieve.

The Award recognizes visibility by the public of the BoatUS and USPS mission through local community activities.

It is presented under the joint sponsorship of the BoatUS Foundation and USPS through the National Membership Committee.

### *Poop Sheet March 2023*

March 1
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference

March 8
General Meeting – House of Pies (Kirby)

March 11
D/21 Spring Conference - Teleconference
VSC – Seven Coves Marina, Lake Conroe

March 18
Kayaking Level 1 – Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

March 19
Co-op Charting – Clear Lake

March 25
Kayak Rendezvous – Big Island Slough
Outboard Maintenance Workshop
Scott McDonald's House

April 1
America's Boating Course – Home Port

April 2
Kayak Rendezvous – Galveston Island State Park

April 5
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference

April 12
General Meeting – Maggiano's Little Italy
Memorial City

April 15
Geodetic Marker Recovery Day - Seabrook
Kayaking Level 1 – Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

April 16
First Aid for Mariners – Home Port

April 23
Kayak Rendezvous – Lake Woodlands

*Watch your email for event announcements!*

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## PRAYER

O God, Thy haven is the harbor toward which we sail, but our passage is tempest tossed.

Storms break upon us and their turbulence, we discover, is not only about us, but also within us.

Man's inhumanity and our own selfishness chum up our lives and we become anxious and afraid.

In need we call to Thee.

Make haste to secure and save us, O God, else we founder in a sea we cannot sail alone.

Amen

# COMMANDER'S CORNER

March 2023 Bay Neigh
Cdr Amy L. Taylor, S

What an exciting time to be a part of the boating community. The weather is warming up, we can safely gather in groups again, we are surrounded by a variety of waterways, and we are a part of one of the premiere boating clubs in the country. This sounds like a recipe for a fantastic season of boating!

On a personal note, I am extremely excited to serve you all as Commander for the 2023 year. This will be my second time in this role, but this term already has a much different feel as we can be meeting in person, and I feel like I have a better understanding of how to fulfill my duties. I also know that we have an incredible, motivated, passionate team within the club, and they are busy making very good things happen for us.

As we look ahead, I do have a vision and goals that I would like to share with you. I see our club continuing to grow in membership, but also in member involvement, and diversity of program. I believe we can do this by implementing member feedback, increasing our communication, highlighting the value and benefits of being a member, and continuing to challenge and support the various departments within the club.

We have kicked off the year with our Change of Watch, the annual Crab Trap Removal, and several of us attended the National Annual Meeting in Orlando. We have many more exciting events and meetings coming up. Be sure to look at the club webpage and calendar to keep up to date with everything that is happening.

As always, I welcome feedback and suggestions! Please help us make our club the BEST!

I would like to leave you with a quote from sailor and author Larry Pardey, as I think it is quite fitting for what we do:

"There is no better tool or equipment you can have on board than a well-trained crew."

# Focus on Boating Education

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*Together, we make boating better*

Many interesting and really interesting things are happening in Squadron, District, and National education. As you read this article, think about your passions for teaching someone, and if you want to be an instructor with the Squadron, simply ask me. You will be most welcomed!

### Squadron

The Houston Squadron continues to be blessed with gifts from other Squadrons. Educational materials, teaching aids, training aids, pamphlets, training materials, sextants, navigation tools – a few of the gifts we now have to use in our mission to make safer boaters through education.

Right now, there are plans for the Bridge to get together with the instructors (all disciplines/all subjects) on Sunday afternoon, the 26th of March. We'll be meeting from noon to 4-ish, and lunch will be provided. Every instructor and most especially those who want to be instructors are invited. The purpose is to:

- Let instructors meet everyone else,
- Have a lunch,
- A show-and-tell of Home Port and our materials, and
- Have a brainstorming session about where and what to do in 2023

There will also be some pretty exciting and specific news about educational activities, training aids, and the direction of National helping Squadrons. If you are interested, just send me an email!

The Squadron is moving to purchase a virtual trainer that is massively robust and very inexpensive. The demonstration at the National Meeting this month (Florida) was impressive.

### District

The team on a District level is changing, and there will be some magnificent changes in education in Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas. Across the board, the District will be rolling out cross-Squadron education, crossing some "borders" with other activities that a Squadron or District would do (think becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner or Operations Training – and possibly – conservation education). There is more! There are core classes and seminars that have always been available, but there is new content for non-sanctioned classes being considered. You'll be kept abreast of the classes and seminars, and think about GPS navigation on lakes and rivers.

### National

So many positive changes are happening with the National organization that this article would exceed the length I'm allowed!! Here are a few highlights, and keep in mind, some of the changes are coming and not yet implemented, but they are coming. The incoming National Education Officer has a vision for success and a list of six goals to realize that success.

Moving forward to support SEOs (those are folks like me) was a motion presented by our very own **Scott McDonald**, that was discussed during the National Meeting with, shall we say, "enthusiasm"? The motion passed, and now the Education Officer and others will see to the implementation. The motion was to supply, free of cost, electronic educational materials (instructor manuals and presentations) so the SEOs can make informed decisions on purchasing new education materials. It was won with data, numbers, and a focused message on one side vs. passion and naysaying on the other side. The short version – a huge win for SEOs across the nation.

**Contact**. To contact me, best way is uspsseohouston@gmail.com or call me on the cell at 281-451-1146.

## *Dan Boater*

*By Cdr Amy Taylor, S*

What happens when you get sick or hurt and you are far away from home? I had this question come to my mind recently. My husband and I took an amazing 3-week vacation to Ambergris Caye in Belize. In the first couple of days, we came across an accident of a golf cart vs a pickup truck. There were some folks in pretty bad shape. Because we witnessed this, I started becoming very aware of where the emergency rooms were. "Rooms" were very accurate. Not "hospitals". In some discussion with locals and ex-patriots living in the area I learned that this is really not the place to receive much in the way of medical care.

Fast forward a couple of more days, and I became sick very suddenly. Wouldn't you know it, I tested positive for COVID-19 in paradise. It became a little scary as I was thinking back on my newfound knowledge of the area I was in. What would I do if this got bad?

I remembered that when I renewed my membership with America's Boating Club, I had also renewed my Dan Boater Insurance. I truly couldn't remember exactly what it covered, but when I looked it up, I was so relieved that I had it! The core of what they do is medical evacuation and medical repatriation. It's not medical insurance, but it picks up where traditional insurance will drop off – It will get you home or get a family member to you. They also cover search and rescue expenses, offer travel assistance, a medical info line, an emergency hotline, and many other benefits. While it is geared towards boaters, it covers any of their members any time they are 50 miles or more from home – regardless of where in the world you are or how you got there.

If you are interested in learning more about Dan Boater, go to https://danboater.org/

America's Boating Club Members get a discount to join or renew at $60 a year per family. This is $40 less than non-ABC members. You can apply for membership here: https://danboater.org/join/?a=memberinfo

Safe Travels!

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## *Motion Before the Governing Board at the Annual Meeting*

*By P/R/C Scott D. McDonald, SN-ACN*

At the Fall Governing Board, I put forth a motion to adopt a policy that would deliver instructor materials to Squadron Education Officers at no cost. Making a motion like this is uncommon in our National Meetings but is well within the bylaws and permitted under Robert's Rules of Order. At that time, the motion was sent to committee for review, and no discussion was allowed. It would be revisited at the 2023 annual meeting.

I composed a memo to the Board of Directors outlining the motion and my reason for it. I also copied all the District Commanders and a number of other individuals. You can see a copy of that memo on the next page.

It's important to understand that the objective of this motion is not just to "get free stuff" for the Squadrons. It's about providing a stimulus to our Squadrons to expand their educational offerings. It's also about driving more revenues for National through the increased sales of student materials. And finally, it's about improving the partnership between our Squadrons and our National Educational Department in support of our mission of boating safety through education.

It's a small change to our business model that can be implemented with little risk and minimal effort, but the benefit will be significant.

During the annual meeting, the motion was brought up for discussion. Unfortunately, what was brought to the floor was not the motion I submitted. It took a bit of work to get it amended to the proper wording. But I also had to defend against several people who misrepresented the motion, including a pre-recorded message from our National Educational Officer. But I did have support from several others that spoke from the floor.

In the end, the motion went to the electronic vote. It was impossible to read the room to get a sense of how people felt. It took several minutes to process a vote, so the meeting proceeded to the next item of business. I was resigned to the likely defeat of the motion. Several minutes later, the results of the motion were presented by the Chief Commander. The motion had carried!

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# Memorandum
## America's Boating Club Houston

To: Board of Directors, United States Power Squadrons

From: P/R/C Scott McDonald, SN-ACN

Date: February 16, 2023

RE: Providing Instructional Materials to Squadrons at No Cost

At the recent Governing Board meeting in Raleigh, I introduced a new business item and a subsequent motion. I have written this mem to restate my comments and explain the logic that went into my motion.

Sales of educational courses have been declining for years. In the NEO report we learned that half of our squadrons have not taught a class in the last year. **WHEN SQUADRONS STOP TEACHING, THEY DIE**. Many of those squadrons are already lost to us, and we will not see their like again. This should be a wakeup call for our organization. My motion to address this issue was as follows:

> **USPS should adopt a policy to provide electronic versions of all instructor materials to Squadron Educational Officers at no cost to the squadrons.**

The reasoning behind this motion are as follows:

Squadrons are a critical link in the supply chain that delivers our educational content to the members and the public. But we persist in squeezing the squadrons for bits of revenue, rather than working with them to maximize our supply chain. It would costs a squadron well over $1000 to purchase the entire catalog of instructor materials, and very few do. The consequences include:

- Squadrons must recover the cost for instructional material by charging higher fees to students. This is regressive in that squadrons with smaller class sizes must charge more.
- Squadrons are disincentivized from teaching classes unless they have a significant number of students. This necessarily limits the variety of courses a squadron may offer. Most squadron member drop out of the Educational program after taking only a few courses.
- Squadrons avoid updating instructor materials to save money. Classes are often taught with student and instructors using different course versions.
- The National Educational Department provides very little information on new courses or seminars. Squadrons must purchase the materials to see if the new content has merit.

Eliminating the cost of instructor materials would have the following impact:

- Squadrons could charge a fair and predictable price to students without regard for the number of students in a class.
- Squadrons would be able to explore the broader catalog of courses and offer to teach less popular courses without risk. Squadron Educational Officers will be able to recruit new students as well as instructors. Students that have left the educational program may be lured back for new course offerings, and, and possibly retake courses that have been significantly updated.
- Instructors will be able to keep their material in sync with the current student materials.
- Our National Educational Department will be more effective in marketing new courses and seminars and squadrons will be encouraged to teach them.

The small loss of revenue from instructor materials will be more than offset by increased revenue from student materials. And the increase in education offerings will strengthen the individual squadrons and our national organization.

## *Change of Watch Ceremony and Lunch*

*By Lt/C Frank Amsler, P*

On Sunday, February 12th, 2023, the *Houston Sail & Power Squadron* hosted their annual *Change of Watch* Ceremony and Lunch at Warehouse 72 in West Houston. The event had three purposes. First, we wanted to take the opportunity to thank the many people who have served in our leadership over the last year and delivered a fun, educational and productive year for the squadron. Second, we welcomed in the new leadership who will be serving the squadron for the next year. Finally, we just wanted to have a great social event where we can get together as a group and enjoy one another's common interests and delightful company.

HSPS will be led once again by **Cdr Amy Taylor**. Although our Squadron **Commander Marie Vu** was unable to join us for the event, Amy read a very nice letter from Marie thanking the entire staff and sending best wishes to all of us.

The lunch at Warehouse 72 was from a limited menu, but all the of the selections seemed to be excellent! We had a private room in which we complimented with some decorations and both the US and US Power Squadron flags.

The ceremony began with **D/C Steve Baker** "dismissing" the Bridge from 2022. We thank all of you for your service. As a reminder, the Bridge Officers were Commander, **Cdr Marie Vu, P**; Executive Officer, **Lt/C Al Meyer, JN**; Administrative Officer, **Lt/C Roger Runnels, AP**; Education Officer, **Lt/C Alan Cross, AP**; Secretary, **Lt/C Scott McDonald, SN**; Treasurer, **Lt/C Monica Cross, AP**.

Next Commander Amy Taylor, S, took her oath as our new Commander for 2023. Finally, the officers for 2023 were all sworn in for the coming year. The Bridge Officers for 2023 are: Commander, **Cdr Amy Taylor, S**; Executive Officer, **Lt/C Roger Runnels, AP**; Administrative Officer, **Lt/C Frank Amsler, P**; Education Officer, **Lt/C Alan Cross, AP**; Secretary, **Lt/C Scott McDonald, SN**; and Treasurer **Lt/C Monica Cross, AP**.
The event was a great time had by all. We were able to celebrate our recent past and look forward to another year of advancing our mariner skills, serving the broader boating community and enjoying the fellowship of one another!

## *Battleship Texas in Dry Dock*

*By Lt Jana Wesson, AP*

For those who love historic ships, the Battleship Texas is in dry dock in Galveston having some major repairs done before being moved to a yet-to-be-determined new home. I went on a tour with the Battleship Texas Foundation on February 26. They are replacing both torpedo blisters and a lot of corroded steel near the stern. Tours are Sundays until end of April.

## *Abandoned Crab Trap Removal 2023*

*By P/C Chris Leavitt, SN-CN*

Our Squadron has a very active conservation program. We teach Leave No Trace, we developed a 9-minute video about Federal and Texas environmental laws that pertain to boaters, and when our schedule permits, we participate in conservation projects. The weekend of February 18, **Scott and Claire McDonald** and **Cathy and Chris Leavitt** helped with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Abandon Crab Trap Removal program in Trinity Bay.

As you may know, crabs are caught in traps like lobsters. Sometimes, the folks who put the traps in the water abandon them. They may go out of business, their boat may sink, the traps may be blown out of position by the weather, or any number of other reasons. Bottom line is that no one is checking the traps, and any fish or crabs caught in them will die. And the trap, as it is made from wire, will continue to be a killing zone for wildlife for a long, long time. So, the event is good for wildlife, and for those of use working it, it is fun.

Scott and Claire McDonald and Cathy Leavitt operated *Firefly*, the McDonalds' boat, to bring in crab traps for crushing while Chris Leavitt worked the beach program collecting information from the traps, crushing them and between trap deliveries, collecting trash.

The weather was quite cold (about 33 degrees) with a 10-knot wind from the North. It felt as if the North Pole had slipped south over the border and arrived in Texas on Friday. Still, there was *Firefly*, two TPWD Game Warden Boats, and a Jon boat and their crews collecting traps. There were roughly 6 folks from TPWD, 15 from the Houston Zoo, 1 from the Squadron, and 3 from the Chambers County jail. The last four agreed with the TPWD line – life is better on the outside.

On the beach side, the exciting part of the day was finding a large tire to bring in for the trash collection. What you can't see in the picture is the Trinity Bay mud filing the inside of the tire – you can't see it because as the tire got moved from the water's edge to the trash container, the mud fell out. Thank God. The tire was heavy; the mud was a lot heaver.

On the water side of the event some excitement was provided by Scott and Claire McDonald and Cathy Leavitt. In the shallow waters where *Firefly* was operating, she went aground. After shifting weight and pushing off with a boat hook, Cathy departed the boat for the mud and eventually pushed *Firefly* out of the mud. While she was still stuck in the mud, with extra effort, and help from Claire, she was able to lever herself back on the boat. It is worth remembering, when boarding a boat from the water; there are no points for style or grace – only for actually getting back in.

The event collected roughly 150 crab traps; before crushing they took up a lot of space. After crushing, not so much. A cold lunch was provided – well, it was hot at one time, sure didn't stay that way long. Of course, if you came for the food, you missed the point. It was a good day.

## *Houston Boat Show 2023*

*By Kimberly Sorensen*
*Boater Education Manager, Texas Parks and Wildlife*

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Houston Boat Show!

We talked to 1331 people on Saturday at the show! Huge thank you to Erin and the State Parks team for keeping count of everyone that came to our education area! In total we talked to 2,816 people at the event about TPWD, State Parks, Angler Ed, Archery, Conservation and Boater Education!

Show highlights:

- Brazos Bend Rangers (State Parks) brought baby alligators and helped cover the entire show promoting state parks and helping celebrate the state parks 100 year birthday! Thank you to Superintendent Jim Cisneros and team for your dedication to promoting state parks.
- Erin Freiboth (State Parks) from State Parks marketing covered all 5 days and coordinated other park staff to assist!
- Texas Outdoor Family rangers (State Parks) Noah Jaskolski and Robert Burrus jumped right into the outreach effort in their first month working with us.
- Roger Cowen (State Parks) from Huntsville State Park put many smiles on people's faces letting them try out the new inflatable archery set up. He talked to families and recruited for the agency throughout his two days at the event!
- Kendrick Gray (Communications) set up the new inflatable archery set and helped out on Wednesday and Thursday of the event.
- Greg Akins (Communications) set up backyard bass, leave no trace, fish ID and a tackle building activity. He brought in Michael Thomas, Paul Walker, Eric Potier, Don Carter and Ed Plant as volunteers!
- Sawyer Irwin and Game Wardens Jeff Putnam, Clark Coneby, and Jennifer Weaver (Law Enforcement) represented Law Enforcement and Boater registration and titling.
- Rebecca Peralez and Alicia Marler (Financial Resources) came from Austin HQ and represented Boat titling and registration.
- ***Chris Leavitt and Alan Cross assembled a team of volunteers to help out with Boater Education information from America's Boating Club. Highlight of the weekend was working with the Sea Scouts Shreya Satish and Shrey Satish. This brother and sister duo did a great job volunteering!***
- TPWD Ambassadors Kenya Walker (Sheldon Lake SP) and Taylor Biddle (Galveston Island SP) helped out with the State Parks booth and archery
- TPWD volunteer and Boater Education Instructor Albert Ohliger helped out with Boater Education on Wednesday.
- Holly Grand set up the Crab Trap removal program information.
- Boating Law Administrator Cody Jones attended on Friday.
- U.S. Coast Guard Paul Barnard worked the event, did safety presentation and promoted our work across the nation on social media.
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Bill Schaefer helped organize and run the event!
- Boater Education team Ashton Parsley and Kim Sorensen rolled out a virtual reality sailing course at the show! We also placed our newly wrapped boater education car out front for everyone to see the message – Don't learn safe boating by accident!

Excellent job to everyone that helped promote TPWD and safe boating at the Houston Boat Show!

## *Thank You for Your Service, Jana Wesson*

*By P/C Chris Leavitt, SN-CN*

Jana joined USPS in New Jersey while working in New York in about 1997. She was thinking about buying a speedboat, and a co-worker who was a USPS member suggested taking the Public Boating Course from the United States Power Squadrons. The class was good, the people friendly, so joining was the next step.

The Squadron was the Raritan Bay Power Squadron in District 4. Currently, it has about 70 members and is one of the larger Squadrons in District 4. As Jana came for the education, it's worth observing that she completed her Educational Proficiency Certification in 2001, that is she has taken and passed Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Pilot and four Elective courses – Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and Weather. About half her courses were taken in New Jersey and the rest here in Houston.

In 1999, Jana moved to Houston and transferred into the Houston Sail and Power Squadron.

In 2000, she became the Editor of the Squadron Newsletter – the *Bay Neigh*. In those days, it was printed by a professional printing shop and mailed. Publication is much simpler today – put a PDF on the Squadron website. Also, in every year since 2006 when the award was created, Jana and the *Bay Neigh* have earned National Awards. That's seventeen years of wins. Better than the Astros!

In 2007, Jana joined the Executive Board as an At-Large member. If you look at the front of the Squadron Roster, you can see a list our current leaders and what they do.

Some of the changes Jana observed are more virtual meetings and education is better. Things missed are boating rendezvous, Potluck Dinners at Home Port, and Houston/Galveston Chili Cook-offs. Also, Jim and Dorothy Pirrung used to do a "Bull Roast" rendezvous. Jim would buy a big chunk of beef and spend the day cooking it. The Squadron did Geodetic Co-op Charting and, in the evening, had a big party.

At this point, Jana has earned 25 merit marks for service to Raritan Bay Power Squadron and our Squadron, and is a Life Member, no longer paying dues. She is looking for a new editor for the Bay Neigh so she can relax and enjoy being a member. She came for the education and stayed for the friends.

## 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

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### *Feb 2023-Mar 2023 Birthdays*

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| Phoebe G. Sheward | Feb 1 |
| Gert S. Van Heerden | Feb 1 |
| Shirley D. Heald | Feb 2 |
| Donald F. Hearn | Feb 2 |
| Joyce M. Trecartin | Feb 2 |
| Corey Bloom Jr. | Feb 6 |
| Judy Smith | Feb 7 |
| Umberto A. La Matta | Feb 8 |
| Peter H. Hames | Feb 9 |
| Jeremiah E. Sujith | Feb 11 |
| Joseph Fields | Feb 13 |
| Monica K. Cross | Feb 14 |
| Ciara Bloom | Feb 15 |
| Dalton W. Becvar | Feb 16 |
| William S. Haddock Jr. | Feb 16 |
| Thomas J. Atkinson | Feb 18 |
| Beau J. Billeaudeau | Feb 19 |
| Lucas R. Hubbard | Feb 19 |
| James Scharp | Feb 19 |
| Veronica Statham | Feb 19 |
| Elizabeth A. Atkinson | Feb 21 |
| Kelly J. Hunt | Feb 21 |
| Marcy Antiuk | Feb 24 |
| Arlandria Barnes | Feb 24 |
| Regina Luanne Novak | Feb 26 |
| Drew Taylor | Feb 27 |
| Mary Roland | Mar 1 |
| Roger H. Runnels | Mar 2 |
| Maria Rosales-Ramos | Mar 6 |
| Claire G. Cross | Mar 7 |
| Annie Runnels | Mar 8 |
| Irma de Beer | Mar 11 |
| Edward F. Nagel | Mar 12 |
| Nihal Veeresh Nerlige | Mar 12 |
| Ella Robson | Mar 14 |
| Zachary A. Cross | Mar 15 |
| Jessica M. Howard | Mar 19 |
| Joey V. McDonald | Mar 19 |
| Margaret Goodell Trout | Mar 23 |
| Brian C. Bottorff | Mar 25 |
| Kyle E. Burleigh | Mar 25 |
| Joseph Walter Rogalski | Mar 25 |
| Christopher J. Leavitt | Mar 26 |
| Janice Louise Herndon | Mar 28 |
| Kristina L. Pierce | Mar 28 |
| Aniketh Prabhu | Mar 29 |

Are you aware of the legal requirement for using an engine cut-off switch (ECOS)? This is a requirement that could save your life.

For an overview of the importance of specialized safety equipment for recreational boating that will shut down the engine in an emergency, such as the boat operator falling overboard, take time to view a video on the subject. America's Boating Channel™ has produced two videos to help viewers learn about traditional lanyard type devices, as well as the new wireless systems. View "Engine Cut-Off Devices" and "Wear an ECOS" at **https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel**.

These and other safe boating videos are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube as a fun and educational introduction to what our organization has to offer.