



HSPS Members Awarded for Their Service
By Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN

Ray Kinkaid, AP and **P/C Pete Hames, AP** received Certificates of Appreciation from the Squadron for over 30 years of service to the organization. We took this opportunity at the Luau to recognize Ray for his decades of support to the Education Department as an administrator for basic boating courses. His job basically went away with changes made by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. We also felt it appropriate to recognize Pete Hames for his support for basic boating classes away from Home Port plus his decades of work in Leadership Development at the National and Squadron level before his job also disappeared as a result of a reorganization at National.



Ray Kincaid is recognized for 30 years of service to HSPS



Pete Hames is recognized for 35 years of service to HSPS

Poop Sheet July 2017

- July 1
VSC – Clear Lake Channel Public Boat Ramp (Under Hwy 146 Bridge)
Practical On-the-Water Training – Lakewood Yacht Club
- July 4
HSPS General Meeting – Fourth of July at HYC
- July 5
Board of Directors Meeting – Home Port
- July 15
ABC3 – Home Port
- July 22
Practical On-the-Water Training – Lakewood Yacht Club
CPR and First Aid Training – Home Port
- July 29
ABC3 – Rinker’s Boat World, North Houston
- August 3
Board of Directors Meeting – Home Port
- August 5
ABC3 – Texas Marine, Conroe
- August 11-13
Matagorda Fishing Tournament – Gary and Julie Bleisch’s – Matagorda
HSPS General Meeting
- August 19
ABC3 – Home Port
- August 26
Practical On-the-Water Training – Lakewood Yacht Club



Bay Neigh

Official Monthly Publication of
United States Power Squadrons
Houston Sail and Power Squadron
District 21



Editor
Lt Jana Wesson, AP

Assistant Editor

Home Port
6910 Bellaire Blvd #15
Houston, Texas 77074
www.usps-houston.org

Bridge

Commander..... Cdr Scott. McDonald, SN-ACN
Executive OfficerLt/C R. Luanne Novak, P
Educational Officer Lt/C Robert W. Stevenson, JN
Administrative Officer Lt/C George H. Crowl, Jr., AP
Secretary Lt/C Kyli Doucette, S
Treasurer Lt/C Phyllis Stendebach, P
Immediate Past Cdr..... P/C Chris Leavitt, JN

Squadron's 1st Lieutenants

Asst. Educational Officer..... TBD
Asst. Secretary TBD
Asst. Treasurer..... 1st/Lt Deborah Collings

Executive Committee

All Bridge Officers...	Cathy Leavitt, P
Kathy Benkenstein	Claire McDonald, SN
William E. Blan, S	Stephanie Shipp
John L. Glaeser, SN	Carl Stendebach, JN
Daniel C. Huston, AP	Jana Wesson, AP

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the writers and publication herein does not imply endorsement by USPS or HSPS.

PRAYER

Almighty God and father of us all, we commend to Thy eternal care those who labor in the United States Power Squadrons. Help us to see the good in every man, to use the talents of each and to offer our own service, that we may carry our personal share of the responsibilities set before us. Mercifully grant that in seeking what is just and equal and caring for the needs of others we may live and work together in unity and love. We ask these things in Thy name, O Lord. Amen

COMMANDER'S CORNER



July 2017 Bay Neigh
Cdr Scott McDonald, SN-ACN



Charles F. Chapman is a notable name in the history of powerboating. Charles was born in Norwich, Connecticut in 1891 and studied naval architecture and marine engineering at Cornell. He became the editor of *Motor Boating* magazine in 1912, the first publication to focus on recreational powerboats. He continued as editor for 45 years. In 1913, along with Roger Upton and eight other individuals, he became a founding member of the United States Power Squadrons. His membership number was "1."

Over his lifetime, Chapman was heavily involved with USPS. He served as Secretary, Vice Commander, and Chief Commander. In 1916, he was asked by the Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt to write a training book for the Navy Reserve. This became the *Chapman Piloting and Seamanship* book. For many years, it served as the gold standard for powerboat knowledge. As late as the 1980s, if you took a USPS course, it was likely taught from a copy of Chapman's. Chapman's book is still in wide use today and in its 67th edition.

When the focus of your organization is education, it's important to keep the contributions of people like Charles F. Chapman in mind. That is why USPS has established the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. Each year, every Squadron can nominate one outstanding instructor. Each District then selects a nominee from the Squadrons to represent the District. Then, National reviews all of the District nominees and selects three to receive special recognition.

For this year, Houston Sail and Power Squadron is pleased to announce that our Squadron Education Officer, **Lt/C Robert Stevenson, JN**, is our nominee for the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Houston Sail and Power Squadron is unlike many Squadrons in that we have a large Educational Department. The typical Squadron has a small handful of teachers that teach most of the courses. There's usually one instructor that anchors the team and does the lion's share of the work, and most of the students see the same instructors over and over. In HSPS, we have over two dozen instructors that teach different course and seminars, including on-the-water programs, most of which is classroom instruction.

Bob is the anchor on our team that makes everything work. He is one of our primary instructors, teaching public boating classes, advanced grade courses, and seminars. He also teaches instructor certification and works with Texas Parks and Wildlife to certify public boating course instructors. He manages our training assets, including course materials, training rooms, computers, projectors, teaching aids, and other equipment. He has personally worked with each of our students to help them plan and participate in the training that fits their needs. On top of all this, Bob has been able to do something that most educational officers have not. He has been able to recruit a large number of really good instructors and build one of the best Squadron programs in all of USPS. Because of this, he is able to have a far greater impact on his students than most instructors can hope to achieve.

Please join me in congratulating Bob for being our Chapman nominee, and to all of our Educational Department for a job well done.



Focus on Boating Education
Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN
832-570-3663
seobobstev@gmail.com



**The Squadron needs a new Instructor Development Chair and more new instructors.
Please contact me if you are willing to help.**

All **spring semester courses** are now complete, and I'm happy to report that everyone who took an exam passed.

Come out to Home Port for **FREE CPR and First Aid training** on July 22 at noon. The optional Certification by the American Heart Association will cost you \$50. We need to know how many people to plan on, so please let me know by July 17 if you will attend and if you want certification.

Fall course planning is moving forward and firming-up. Classes are normally given from 1900 - 2100 on one weeknight a week for a couple of months. The evening selected for each course is usually negotiable between the instructor and the students, as is the schedule of classes. The currently planned start of fall classes is the week of September 11. Here's what I know now about planned or likely courses:

- **Engine Maintenance** will be presented by **Lt Richard Lipham** on Monday nights. Two members of the Galveston Bay Sail and Power Squadron have said they want to attend.
- **Piloting** will be taught by **Lt/C George Crowl, AP** on Thursday evenings. Two members have said they are planning to attend.
- **Marine Electrical Systems** will be taught by **P/C Bill Haddock, AP**. Currently three people are planning to attend. Start date has not yet been set.
- **Instructor Development** will be conducted by **Lt/C Bob Stevenson, JN** on weeknights, two hours per week. There is currently one member planning to attend, and we need more. Start date has not yet been set.
- **Seamanship** is tentatively planned for Home Port, conducted by **Al Meyer, AP**. We have no solid leads yet for students, but there are usually some from the year's ABC3 classes. Al and his assistant **Rick Fisher, SN** like to conduct their classes on Monday evenings.
- **Seamanship** will also probably be conducted in Baytown, primarily for Sea Scouts living in that area. **P/C Chris Leavitt, JN** will be the lead instructor, but could benefit from some assistance. The classes will probably be Sunday afternoons once per month.

Rendezvous and Field Trip. The Squadron is planning a general boating activity weekend from Friday afternoon September 29 to Sunday morning October 1 at Pelican Rest Marina on Offat's Bayou in Galveston. In conjunction with the rendezvous will be a boating educational field trip for current and past students. See the flier in this *Bay Neigh* and the e-mail notice to all members. Please contact me about the field trip, Randy Pike about the rendezvous, or **Lt/C George Crowl, AP** about how everything will be pulled together. Let's make this boating-focused organization an actual boating organization again!

Contact me to join the fun!



HSPS MATAGORDA FISHING RENDEZVOUS

The Matagorda Fishing Rendezvous will be held August 11, 12, & 13, 2017.

BYOB and bring your lawn chairs.

Trophies for the heaviest fish include first and second place offshore as well as first and second place inshore. If you can't bring a boat, an angler can catch a ride on a friend's boat, fish from the Matagorda Beach Pier or fish the surf.

Location: #131 Beach Road, Matagorda, Texas

Agenda:

Friday, August 11:	Early arrival of boats
	1900 Dinner at The Harbor Waterfront Restaurant 190 County Road 214, Matagorda, TX 77457 Turn left at sign for Matagorda Harbor (past cemetery)
Saturday, August 12:	0730 Coffee and donuts
	0800 Departure of boats
	1700 Weigh-in of fish ends
	1830± Fish and potluck dinner
	1930 Awards presentation
Sunday, August 13:	1000 Brunch and more fishing



Menu: Catch of the day
Side dishes by attendees
Bring lawn chairs & BYOB

Directions:

By car, enter Matagorda via Hwy. 60. Turn left at the flashing red light (Stanley's Market on corner), cross bridge and go south approximately 3 miles.

By ICW from Freeport, pass under the Matagorda Bridge, and take the first channel immediately to port. Do not pass through the locks. Go approximately 3 miles and look for the USPS Ensign and big white tent.

Lodging:

If you're interested in staying the weekend, or overnight, there are motels and rentals nearby. Check www.Matagordabay.com for lodging options or call/text Julie Bleisch at 713-515-3928 for info.

Contact Gary Bleisch (281) 850-1111 for additional information.

Offat's Bayou Field Trip and Rendezvous

All members are invited to join us in the first combination boating field trip and rendezvous. The date is September 30.

In the morning, former and current students will gather for a brunch at Skipper's Greek Café. Then we will break up to go out on Galveston Bay on several boats to experience what has been learned or will be learned in classes currently underway.

In the afternoon, members and guests will rendezvous on Offat's Bayou in Galveston at the Pelican Rest Marina. Chatting, eating, and perhaps a cold one will fill the evening. Attendees can stay on their boat, negotiate a berth on someone else's boat, or stay at a hotel in the area.

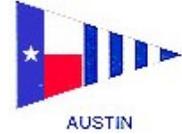
Randy Pike is coordinating the rendezvous. Bob Stevenson is planning and providing the details for the field trip. George Crowl is trying to keep Randy and Bob headed in the same direction and smoothly meshing the activities.

If you are interested in participating, please let George, Randy or Bob know. We can work out how you can be fit into the overall plan. If you can have a boat involved, that is a real plus. We need a bunch of boats to make it a successful rendezvous.



District 21 Fall Conference Cruise

October 12-16, 2017



Austin Power Squadron is hosting this conference on a four day cruise aboard the Carnival Valor

Itinerary:	12 Oct, Thu	Depart Galveston @ 1600
	13 Oct, Fri	At Sea (Meetings)
	14 Oct, Sat	Cozumel, Mexico
	15 Oct, Sun	At Sea (Meetings or Seminars)
	16 Oct, Mon	Disembark @ 0800

Cruise Pricing:

- Interior, Twin/King, Double Occupancy \$465.00 pp
 - Ocean View, Twin/King, Double Occupancy, \$520.00 pp
 - Balcony, Twin/King, Double Occupancy \$620.00 pp
 - 3rd & 4th person in same room \$230.00 pp
 - Contact Travel Agent for Suites and other Categories
- Prices Includes \$99 port charge, \$57 taxes, \$50.81 gratuities, and **D21 Cocktail Parties!**

Booking: \$150pp Deposit and balance due by 14 August 2017.

- Book on-line at <https://ricotours.webconnex.com/district21cruise> or Contact Charlene Broyles,
- Rico Tours, at 512-801-7986 or cbroyles@campbelltravel.com or Debbie McLaughlin at 512-241-2845 debbie@ricotours.com to book cabins/upgrades

Why you should attend:

- There will be no Conference registration fee.
- Conference will be held on day at sea leaving a full day in Cozumel to enjoy excursions.
- Cost is all inclusive except for parking in Galveston which is about \$45 for the four days.
- Cost is comparable to hotel conferences, 4 days long. (registration, hotel and many meals)
- Fine dining or casual dining, it's your choice with many venues to choose from.
- Camp Carnival for your children or grandchildren ages 2 to 15 and teen activities.
- Activities & entertainment, clubs, bars, lounges, and casino.
- Access to Spa Carnival a complete fitness center with classes, whirlpool, sauna and steam room.
- Spacious staterooms, nightly turndown, room service, TV and more.

Other things you need to know.

- Passports or proof of citizenship for every passenger is required. Questions: Contact travel agent.
 - Uniform details, if any, meeting times and places will be furnished later.
 - Private D-21 cocktail party and other perks from travel agent only available to those who book through our travel agent.
 - Other questions—P/C Jesse Comeaux 512-963-8381 or P/C Chet Geist 512-327-0928
- SEE OTHER DETAILS ON REVERSE SIDE INCLUDING CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- • Deposit of \$150 pp
- • Balance due 08/14/2017
- • No agency fee is being charged unless you cancel

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

For written or phone cancellations received:
 Until 08/01/2017 – FULL REFUND less \$25 per person agency fee
 08/02/2017-08/28/2017 - 50% of cruise cost plus agency fee
 08/29/2017-09/13/2017 - 75% of cruise cost plus agency fee
 After 09/14/2017 - no refund plus agency fee

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel and trip cancellation insurance. Rico Tours can assist you to select the best policy for your situation.

A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED

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

Houston Sail and Power Squadron
6910 Bellaire Blvd #15
Houston, Texas 77074

July Birthdays

Joe R. Middlebrooks	7/2
Lelaina M. Clayburg	7/8
Trey Gilbert	7/11
Richard W. Lipham	7/12
Nicole Pavlovsky	7/12
Nan B. Middlebrooks	7/13
Barton Bennett	7/14
Jennifer D. Hardegree	7/16
Henderson H. Rogers Jr.	7/16
James J. Pavlovsky	7/22
Gabriel Fontenot	7/24
Freda W. Bass	7/25
Lawrence Behrmann	7/31
Robert J. Robbins	7/31



Amazon Smile Gives Back to HSPS

Are you going to buy something from Amazon? Don't go to amazon.com. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> so that a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Houston Sail and Power Squadron.

Show Your Pride in Your Membership in HSPS!

You can express pride in your membership in Houston Sail and Power Squadron and USPS.

How? Easy. And cheaply, too!

If you have never received your Squadron membership nametag – or you've long-since lost it like another member or two have done -- \$7 is all it takes to get a new one. And it only takes five bucks to get a Squadron burgee embroidered on your favorite pull-over or t-shirt.

Here's how it works:

- At each Squadron Dinner Meeting, our Treasurer will provide a signup sheet for new or replacement nametags and/or getting the Squadron Burgee embroidered on a member's shirt. Before the meeting, you may purchase the shirt from whatever source you prefer.
- Just fill out the sign-up sheet provided.
- Please pay \$7 for the name tag and \$5 for the embroidery – cash please to make life easier for the Treasurer.
- The collected shirts will be tagged with the member's name and be taken to M-R Design, 6611 Bissonnet #110, for processing.

They should be returned in time for the next monthly meeting or soon thereafter in the unlikelihood that there may be a backup in orders.

