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Inland Navigator

Story by.. P/D/C Larry Stout, JN

Photo by.. D/Lt/C Pete Zurhorst, AP

Seven members from D/31 participated in the On-The-Water testing for the Inland Navigator certification program at Lake Texoma, May 14, 2012. Members who successfully completing their OTW portion of the program were R/C Bruce Albertson SN, P/Lt/C Steve Bryant JN, P/C Laurie Hestand P, R/C Steve Johnson AP, D/Lt Dana Tischer P, D/Lt/C Pete Zurhorst AP. Successfully completing BOC IN Navigator Certifier was P/D/C Larry Stout, JN.

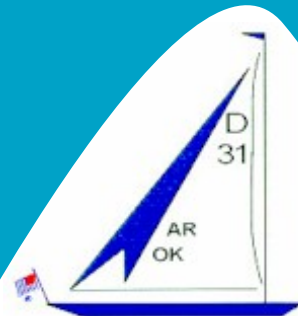
All training was done on the USPS Boston Whaler training boat which showed its capability in the choppy water from the high winds at Lake Texoma. Cedar Mills Marina graciously offered their facilities for the training which also included classroom work with a Power Point presentation.

Instructors for the program were BOC Certifier Trainers P/R/C Howard Yoas, SN, and P/D/C Scott McDonald, SN. Scott is also the BOC Mid South Regional Director which includes D31. St/C Shirley Heald, AP and R/C Steve Johnson, AP helped with the arrangements for the training.

Many boating skills were demonstrated by the candidates such as constant radius turn, low-speed



turns to show the boat's pivot point, slalom at slow speed, slalom astern, steering a range, arriving and departing a mooring, pivot turn, docking and use of spring lines.



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INVITATION TO FUN

DISTRICT 21 & 31 JOINT RENDEZVOUS AT LAKE TEXOMA

Notice to all
District 31 Members...

I would like to take this opportunity
to invite all of you to the 4th Annual

D/21-D/31

Joint Rendezvous &
Fiesta De' Boating IV

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

10, 11, 12 August 2012

Cedar Mills Resort

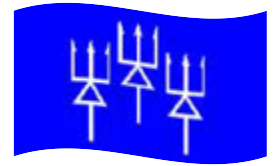
On Lake Texoma

Please read more about this three day event
in this issue of The Daymark

D/31 Commander
D/C Denise I Winn, P



ANOTHER HOT SUMMER



District Commander, D/C Denise I Winn, P
Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron

It's shaping up to be another hot summer! Certainly hope that it won't be a very dry one. We don't need any wild fires like Colorado just had.

I mentioned leading by example in the last issue of The Daymark, referring to the VSC program. Kent and I just had both our boats inspected over the weekend and they both passed. Not only is it important to have your boat checked but you may be missing the one thing that would help you, should you ever have a problem.

The D/21 and D/31 Joint Rendezvous and Fiesta De' Boating IV is coming up next month. The registrations need to be sent in by 28 July. I might also mention that the registrations for the Cardboard Boat Races are due at the same time. That registration may be found on the District 31 website.

If you have not been to the rendezvous, you are truly missing out on not only a good time, but the fellowship with

other members of District 31 and meeting members from District 21 and potentially making a lot of new friends as Kent and I have.

The Fall Conference will be here before you know it and there is a little preview of things that will be taking place that you won't want to miss! Beaver Lake members are gearing up for a Carribean themed evening that sounds like a whole lotta fun. Then there will be the Change of Watch ceremony that weekend as well where we will install the newest District Officers and D/Lt/C Danny Goss, JN of Oklahoma City will be installed as the new Commander.

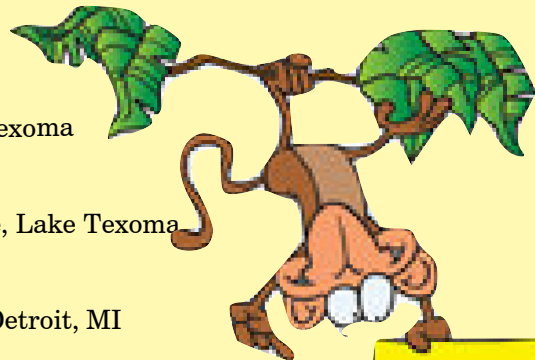
We had a good Summer Council meeting last month and are working hard to get the District pulled back together and help out the squadrons!

Hope to see you all at Lake Texoma at the Rendezvous where we will be "Having fun in D/31!"

Denise

Upcoming Events

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10 - 12 August | D21/D31 Joint Rendezvous, Lake Texoma
Cedar Mills Marina and Resort |
| 11 August | D21/D31 Cardboard Boat Challenge, Lake Texoma
Cedar Mills Marina and Resort |
| 5 - 9 September | USPS Governing Board Meeting - Detroit, MI
Information on National website |
| 20-22 October | Fall Council & Conference hosted by Beaver Lake
District Change of Watch |
| 3 November | Grand Lake Change of Watch |
| 10 November | Beaver Lake Change of Watch |
| ? January | Oklahoma City Change of Watch |
| ? January | Norman Change of Watch |
| 16-19 January | National USPS Meeting, Jacksonville, FL
Information on National Website |
| 24 February | 2013 Winter Council Meeting
Bass Pro, Broken Arrow, OK |



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CALENDAR



D/21  D/31

FIESTA

De BOATING IV

 **Friday**
10 August 

Registration
1400 - 2100
Cabin #1

Hospitality
1400 - 2100
Cabin #2

1700-1900 **Happy Hour**

Friday Night Dinner
1900 ... Cabin #2
Hosted by
Galveston Bay
Norman
Oklahoma City
Sail & Power Squadrons

 **Saturday**
11 August 

Breakfast
0800 - 0900
Cabin #2
Hosted by Ft Worth
Sail & Power Squadron

Hospitality
0800 - 1900
Cabin #2

Hurricanes and Boats
Seminar
Taught by
V/C Jean Hamilton, SN
1000 - 1200 Site TBA

Vessel Safety Checks
Attention all VE's attending
0930 -1300
On the docks

LUNCH
ON YOUR OWN

Raft up
Led by D/Lt/C Bill Galle, AP
1030 - 0430 Paradise Cove

Cardboard
Boat Races 
Led by
D/Lt/C Danny Goss, JN
and the D/31 Bridge
1400 - 1600
Center Cove

Paws
For Safety 
Children's Program 
with Sebastian
1300 - 1330 ... Center Cove

Happy Hour
1730 - 1900
Cabin #2

 **Fiesta**
Dinner
1915
Location TBA

 **Sunday**
12 August 

Breakfast
0800 - 0900 Cabin #2
Hosted by
Shreveport
Grand Lake
Sail & Power Squadrons

Everyone have a
safe trip home!

FIESTA



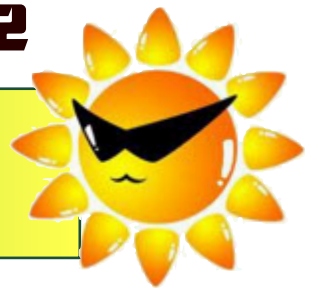
De BOATING IV



10 - 11 - 12 August 2012



Register for all the fun
By 28 July 2012



RANK _____ NAME _____ GRADE _____

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ADDRESS _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SQUADRON AFFILIATION _____ SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON _____

Registration Fee	@ \$16.00 _____	Total \$ _____
Fiesta Dinner Sat. Night	@ \$22.00 _____	Total \$ _____
Hurricanes and Boats Seminar	@ \$30.00 _____	Total \$ _____
Good Times with New Friends	@ \$00.00 _____	Total \$ PRICELESS

TOTAL FEES \$ _____



Please fill out and mail in this registration by 28 July 2012
Make checks payable to NORMAN SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



Send this registration and check to:
P/R/C Sandra Johnson, AP
10801 Sunnymeade Pl
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Any Questions ... Contact
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D/21



D/31

FIESTA De Boating IV

The D/21 - D/31 Rendezvous, Fiesta De Boating IV is scheduled for 10 - 11 - 12 August at Cedar Mills Marina and Resort on beautiful Lake Texoma, which closes the marina for the weekend to only USPS members!

This event had grown every year! It's not too late to make your plans. There are RV sites and camping sites still available at Cedar Mills. Call Shannon at (903) 523-4222. Here are some other sites that have cabins available...

Cedar Bayou Marina

(903) 523-4248

(10 minute drive)

Walnut Creek Marina

(903) 523-4211

(10 minute drive)

Victorian Inn

(903) 564-5662

(20 minute drive)

Whitesboro Inn

(903) 564-7464

(20 minute drive)

Websites for cottage rentals are:

www.laketexomahideaway.com

www.laketexoma.com/property.php?src=ren&pid=919

www.laketexoma.com/property.php?src=ren&pid=918

The perfect place to have a joint rendezvous. The lake holds many surprises for first-time visitors. For

example, who would expect a string of islands with sandy beaches? Or bald eagles?

Lake Texoma is great for all types of boating from power to sail. There's usually so much activity you can be entertained just watching all the boats on the lake. Personal watercraft, water skiers and wind surfers all consider the lake an excellent place to have fun.

Texoma is famous for excellent fishing for striped bass and other species. Plenty of professional fishing guides are available to ensure a great experience.

Lake Texoma is an immense playground - even off the water with two wildlife refuges, two state parks, fifty-four Corps of Engineers parks, twenty-six resorts and hundreds of campgrounds. Texoma's newest golf course, Chickasaw Pointe, brings a whole new level of excitement to an area already known for outstanding golf.

If you want to have a great weekend with fellow squadron and district members as well as meeting some squadron members from District # 21 and # 31, be sure to start making plans today!

The rendezvous is growing every year and you will want to be a part of it! We hope to see you there!



Fall Conference planned during NW Arkansas Arts & Crafts Festival

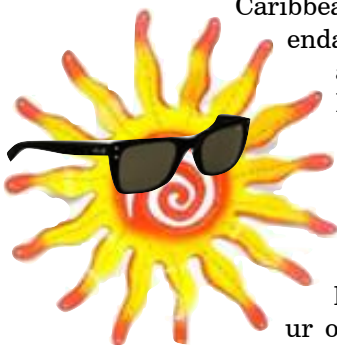
Get your calendars marked and make your reservations today for the Fall Conference 20 - 22 October in NW Arkansas, hosted by Beaver Lake Sail & Power Squadron.

North West Arkansas is known for its Arts and Craft Festivals and draws huge crowds. Visit <http://nwcraftfairs.com/allfairs.asp> P/C Susan Unger, N urges everyone to "make their reservations early" to ensure a hotel room, even though they have a set of rooms blocked off for the squadron, when they are gone, they might not have any more availability.

An educational seminar is in progress, it is not known at this time as to which one will be given, but there will be a "Cooking on your Boat" segment with the creative recipes of Lt/C Marilyn Goss, P and P/D/Lt/C Peggy Miller, S as well as submitted recipes from various District 31 Members. It was overheard that the best recipe(s) will be cooked during the segment. Send your recipes to Pegymiller74344@aol.com



Aside from all this, on Friday, 20 October, Beaver Lake Squadron is hosting an evening meal that will not only provide nutrition but fellowship as well. They have Caribbean Theme and wish all in attendance to wear Caribbean apparel.



There will be a limbo contest, a conch shell blowing contest and fun all the way around! The Fall Council Meeting will follow.

0900 on Saturday, 21 October, the Conference will begin followed by lunch on our own. In the afternoon there will be an educational seminar and the highly anticipated "Cooking on your Boat" segment previously talked about.

The newly opened Crystal Bridges Art Museum is beautiful and a must see for art lovers. Admission is free! For more information visit <http://crystalbridges.org/>

Every room is a suite at the Double Tree Suites by Hilton Bentonville and you can access it at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/B/BNT-DTDT-BSS-20121016/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id_=POG The room rate is \$94 per night and includes a cooked breakfast in the morning.

The Fall issue of The Daymark will feature more information as well as the registration for the Conference.

Crystal Bridges Museum

The newest jewel to NW Arkansas

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is a museum of American art in Bentonville, Arkansas. The museum, founded by Alice Walton and designed by Moshe Safdie, officially opened on November 11, 2011. It offers free public admission.



Alice Walton, the daughter of WalMart founder Sam Walton, spearheaded the Walton Family Foundation's involvement in developing Crystal Bridges. The museum's glass-and-wood design features a series of pavilions nestled around two creek-fed ponds. The complex includes 217,000 square feet of galleries, several meeting and classroom spaces, a library, a sculpture garden, a gift shop, a full service restaurant and coffee bar and a gathering space that can accommodate up to 300 people. Additionally, there are outdoor areas for concerts and public events, as well as extensive nature trails. It employs approximately 160 people, and is within walking distance of downtown Bentonville.

The museum has amassed \$488 million in assets as of August 2008, an amount that will increase as more pieces are continually added to the museum's collection. \$317 million of the project's cost has been donated by Alice Walton. A 2011 Forbes' ranking of the world's richest people placed the WalMart heiress at No. 21, with an estimated net worth of \$21.2 billion.

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United States Power Squadrons 100th Anniversary



Created on 2 Feb. 1914, USPS will mark 100 years of education, fellowship and community service in 2014. Based on the powerboat handling skills programs of businessman Roger Upton at the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass., USPS offers boating education programs in cities and towns across the U.S., its territories and Japan. The organization has also become an important ally of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Today, nearly 40,000 members in more than 400 squadrons provide boating education in everything from seamanship and celestial navigation to marine electronics and engine maintenance.

Several projects are under way to celebrate USPS' centennial. For more information and activity updates, visit usps.org/100. The [Ship's Store](#) is adding 100th anniversary logo items, an anniversary commemorative stamp is under discussion, and community activities are being planned at all levels.

During the 2014 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL, the Governing Board will hold a celebration on Saturday, 1 Feb.

Our meeting hotel, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront is planning a party for all members. The city plans to post signs throughout the town and is working with the Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron to conduct a boat parade on the St. John's River.

The USPS Flag and Etiquette Committee has designed an anniversary ensign to be flown on members' vessels in 2013 and 2014, and a new logo is available online at theensign.org/foreditors.htm.

To kickoff the yearlong ceremony, anniversary ensigns will be presented to all 32 districts at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Each squadron will create unique ribbon streamers of specified dimensions to affix to their district's ensign. During the 2014 Annual Meeting, districts will parade their ensigns and streamers in an anniversary flag presentation.

All members are encouraged to help plan yearlong celebrations in their communities, including municipal proclamations, appearances at civic and marine organization meetings, and presentations during boating safety equipment demonstration days.

– Greg Scotten (This article is from National)