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Upcoming Events

December 2009

11 Annual Christmas Party, see Page 4

25 Christmas Day

Merry Christmas

From the Bridge



Well, we are almost through the year. We survived Thanksgiving without eating too much (or maybe not), and are looking forward to Christmas.

On November 10th Ida, as a tropical depression, hit Florida and Alabama with 35 mph winds. It was a hurricane the day before, but weakened steadily as it approached the coast. It was a good reminder why the hurricane season runs through the month of November. You just never know. Ida then traveled inland and gained strength. By the time it went back into the Atlantic it pounded the Northeast.

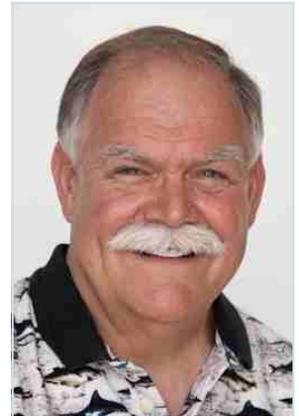
The Past Commanders Dinner was a great time; Baja Coast is a very good restaurant. Don't forget to put the Christmas Party on your calendar and please RSVP. The party is December 11th. See page 4 for details.

Another December event is that the Gulf cools off. Today the Gulf water temperature is 66 degrees F. Today (it's a cold day) it is warmer than present air temperature, but not by much. No matter where in Texas you travel or live, water temperatures are cold enough during the winter that hypothermia is a danger. Your body can cool down 25 times faster in cold water than in air. Any temperature less than 98.6 degrees can be linked to hypothermia. If immersed in water that is between 60 and 70 degrees, the expected time before exhaustion or unconsciousness is two to seven hours, and just one to two hours in 50 to 60 degree water.

A personal flotation device can help you stay alive longer in cold water. In fifty degree water you have a predicted survival time of two hours if you are treading water with no flotation. That time increases to four hours in the H.E.L.P. position with flotation.

If someone does fall overboard it's better to have them not swim to the boat, but take the boat to them if possible. Re-boarding gear is especially important if the waters cold. In a small boat it is possible to capsize the boat if everyone goes to one side to help pull someone in. Instead have as many as possible shift their weight to the opposite side of the boat. Hopefully none of these things will be a concern for any of us, but it's always wise to be prepared.

If you are traveling this month be careful and safe, we want everyone here for next year. And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!



Cdr. Bob Weber

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"They that go down to the sea in ships; and occupy their business in great waters; these men see the works of the Lord; and His wonders in the deep".

Book of Common Prayer



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Scenes from Past Commander's Dinner 2009



David Price, Steve Roach, Pam Larson, Bob Weber, Frank Vogelsang, John Gaskins



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l-r Joyce and Steve Roach, Frank & Yvette Vogelsang, Bob and Dee Dee Weber, Lee Price, Pam Larson



IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DECEMBER 11 - CHRISTMAS PARTY
JANUARY 8, 2010 - ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 22-24, 2010 - BOAT SHOW
MARCH 5, 2010 - CHANGE OF WATCH



SEO Frank Vogelsang

Education Update December 2009

A number of Education awards for the Coastal Bend Sail and Power Squadron and squadron individuals were announced at the recent D21 2009 Fall Conference in Lake Charles.

District 21 Prince Henry Award---First Place—CBS&PS

Awarded to Squadron with the highest number of JN and N completions related to number of eligible AP and JN squadron members. The ceramic statuette replica of the famous statue of "Prince Henry, the Navigator" located in Portugal will be on display at the COW meeting in March.



District 21 Education Award---Second Place—CBS&PS

Awarded to the Squadron with the greatest improvement in all phases of Education.

District 21 Navigator "N" Pin Award

A sterling silver Sextant Lapel pin awarded to the following in recognition of attaining the grade of Navigator:

Bob Weber, Joyce Roach, Steve Roach, Tim Vogelsang and Frank Vogelsang

USPS Educational Proficiency Award---Joyce Roach

USPS Educational Achievement Award---Frank Vogelsang

Congratulations to all the award recipients for their perseverance and hard studies. We are having a great education year. The AP class is working diligently to complete the course cruise exercise in preparation for the examination later this month. We plan to schedule an offshore navigation class – Junior Navigation—starting in January. I wish to thank all of our members and instructors that have volunteered countless time and effort on an on-going basis to prepare and present these courses. Your support is vital to the continued success of CBS&PS.

December Recipe Soft Gingersnaps



- 1 1/2 cups butter (no substitutes), softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tsp baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Additional sugar

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in molasses. Combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, cloves, salt and nutmeg; gradually add to creamed mixture. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until dough is easy to handle.

Roll into 1-in. balls; roll in sugar. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees F for 8-12 minutes or until puffy and lightly browned. Cool for 1 minute before removing to wire racks.

From *allrecipes.com* by Shawn Barto

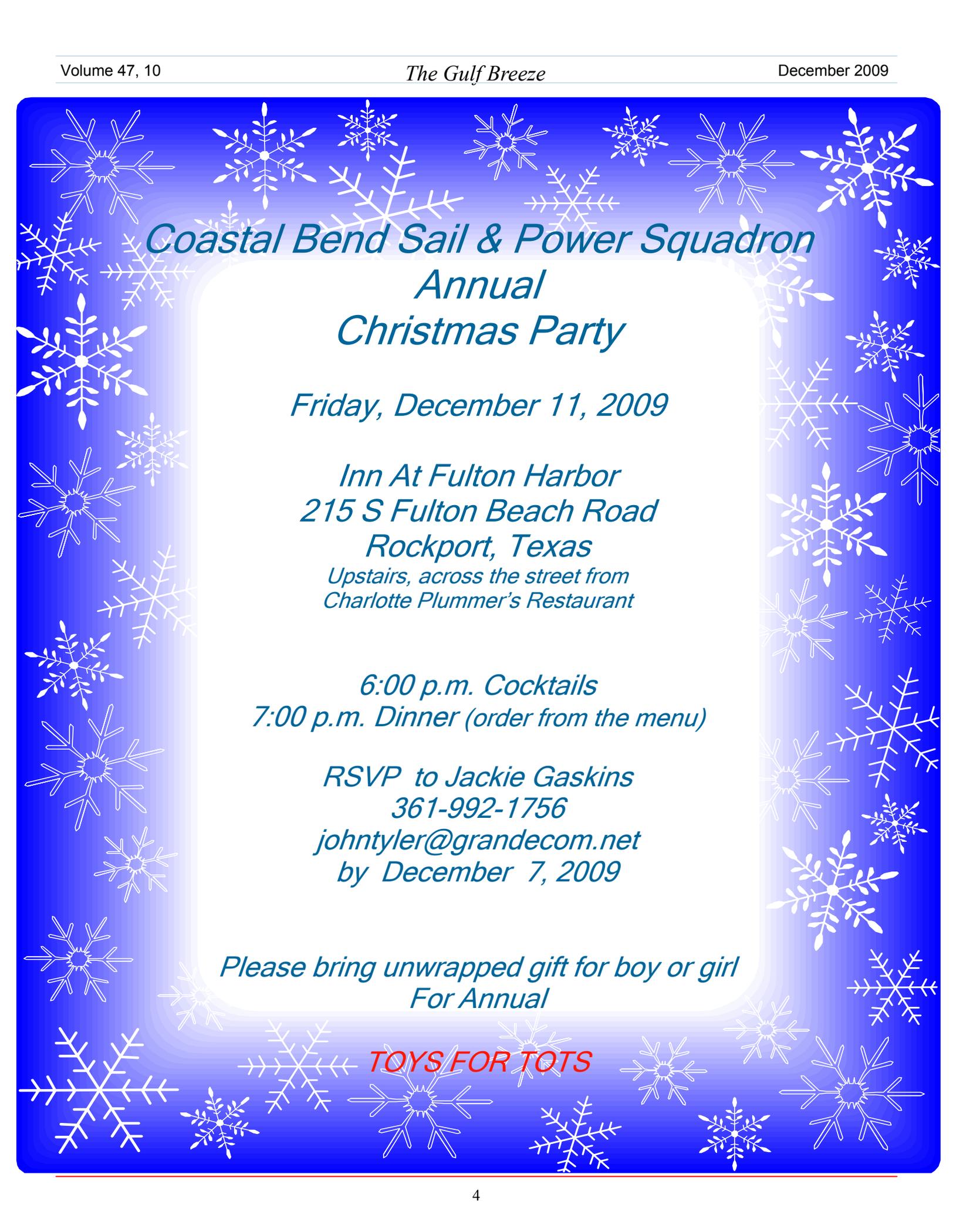
December Birthdays

- 15 Jim Haley
- 18 Don Birchum

If you are not listed please contact Lee Price, Lee5375@cablone.net or 361-775-0191.

Data is taken from National database.





*Coastal Bend Sail & Power Squadron
Annual
Christmas Party*

Friday, December 11, 2009

*Inn At Fulton Harbor
215 S Fulton Beach Road
Rockport, Texas*

*Upstairs, across the street from
Charlotte Plummer's Restaurant*

*6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner (order from the menu)*

*RSVP to Jackie Gaskins
361-992-1756
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by December 7, 2009*

*Please bring unwrapped gift for boy or girl
For Annual*

TOYS FOR TOTS

D21 Co-Op Charting Event Port Isabel, November 13-15



Friday night shrimp feast



Dick Snapp and Ken Wilkinson



David & Lee



Planning Meeting



Another Co-Op Charting Boat



Captain Lewis



Ken Wilkinson



Checking the Charts



January 22-24, 2010

53rd Annual Boat Show and Sale

American Bank Convention Center

Show Times:

Friday 1:00 - 8:00

Saturday 10:00 - 8:00

Sunday 11:00 - 5:00

Admission

Adults \$7.00

Children 11 and Under \$3.00

Hourly Door Prizes Provided by:

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14th Annual District 21 Rendezvous



Texas' 48th Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade On Clear Lake

DATE: 12 December 2009
 TIME: 1700 (5:00 PM)
 PLACE: Hilton Houston NASA Hotel, Clear Lake, Texas

Join D/21 on the top floor of the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake Hotel for the annual D/21 Christmas Party. It's located on NASA Road 1 just across from the South Shore Harbour Marina, where the annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade starts and ends! Watch the parade in warmth and comfort, while visiting with old friends. Be sure to bring cameras, camcorders, and binoculars to enjoy the event to the fullest.

Act now – call 281-333-9300: ask for Nazie Greenwell. Tell her to get you the best Power Squadron rate and she will see what she can do! I.D. yourself as Power Squadron and only speak to Nazie to get the best rate! Charles Ashford has two rooms that come with the suite. If you are interested on a deal for one of the rooms, contact Charles Ashford at 713-962-4393.

The cost for this fun evening will be \$17/person if received by 1 December, after that date the cost will be \$25/person (late supplies cost more). Price includes beer, wine, mixed drinks, spiral cut ham, and the best view on the lake! AS ALWAYS for SQUADRON & DISTRICT EVENTS, PLEASE BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE (no veggie plates please).

*This evening will be a great way to get into the holiday spirit,
and we guarantee no meetings!*

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