



# Prevailing Wind

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## Commander's Message

Cdr. Mike Hall, AP



It is New Year's Eve 2009 as I write this, and another year will be completed in just a few hours. This will be my last article for Prevailing Wind as Commander of the Lakeland Sail and Power Squadron. It has been my pleasure to serve you and the Squadron in this capacity for the last two years. Thank you for allowing me that opportunity.

We will install a new Commander, Bridge Officers, and Executive Committee on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at our annual Change of Watch. In addition to his duties as a member of the District 22 Bridge, D/Lt/C Dick Littrell will be installed as our Commander. New members, Joe McDonough, P and Linda McDonough,

will also be installed as Bridge Officers. Familiar name, P/C Fred Guard, AP, Lt/C Judy Larson, AP, Bob Beckner, Art Rowbotham, S, Bonnie Rowbotham, S, and Lt/C Nancy Hall, P will be returning to the Bridge and Executive Committee. Thanks to these wonderful members for stepping up to serve this coming year. May those of us who were involved in the day-to-day operations of our Squadron stay involved, and may those of us who were not too involved become more involved. It takes all of us to make things happen.

See you at the Change of Watch.

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### Future Activities

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| Jan. 12   | <b>LSPS Bridge and Exec Committee</b><br>Old Salt Marine<br>1800                                |
| Jan. 23   | <b>LSPS Change of Watch</b><br>CashBar - 1800, Dinner - 1900<br>Lakeland Yacht and Country Club |
| Jan. 28   | <b>Knots, Bends and Hitches Class</b><br>Old Salt Marine<br>1900                                |
| Feb .2-4  | <b>Annual USPS Meeting</b><br>Coronado Springs Resort at Disney                                 |
| Feb. 4    | <b>America's Boating Course</b><br>Old Salt Marine  |
| March 5-7 | <b>Orange Cup Regatta</b><br>Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland                                       |



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Tom Larson, AP

Soon you will have a new Administrative Officer. I want to thank everyone who helped make this a great year for the LSPS. The year has gone by so fast, and it has been filled with several great activities and classes. Seems like everyone had a great time at the Christmas party. I know I enjoyed myself with lots of drink, good food and the White Elephant gift exchange.

Don't forget to attend the COW in January, another great time for our members.

**Burgees:** I will be bringing the Burgees to the COW. If you want to buy one the cost is \$20.



## SEO's Message

Lt/C Judy Larson, AP

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new year of boating courses and seminars. We're starting January with a seminar many of you have requested. That's the 'Knots, Bends, and Hitches' course. It's a 2-hour course with plenty of hands-on work. The instructor is Fred Guard. The seminar will be held at Old Salt Marine, on Thursday, 28 January, at 1900.

Our next public boating course will start on Thursday, 04 February. This will be the 12-hour version of the 'America's Boating Course'. I will be ordering new instructor's manuals next week. If you are interested in teaching one of the sections and would like a new manual, please let me know as soon as possible.

The ABC 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition is USPS' primary civic effort toward public instruction in the fundamentals of safe boating. Both short (8-hour) and long (12-hour) formats are designed to familiarize the student with the fundamentals of safe boating and qualify for certification in most states that require boating education before operating a watercraft.

The short (8-hour) version covers the basics needed to operate a boat safely, and is a replacement for previous short USPS courses such as *Boat Smart* and the 8-hour version of *The Squadron Boating Course*.

The long (12-hour) course covers all that's included in the 8-hour course and adds basic information on both paper and digital charts and basic piloting techniques, equivalent to the full version of *The Squadron Boating Course*.

Thank you for making the past year such a successful one. I hope we do as well this coming year!



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01 January, 2010

Dear Members:

On behalf of all Executive Committee members we cordially invite all members, spouses and guests to our 55th Annual Change of Watch. It will be held at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club on Saturday, 23 January, 2010. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

We also wish to express our thanks for your support and continued support for this Squadron's activities in promoting safe boating thru education.

An announcement form is also enclosed with additional information.

Fraternally,

*Mike Hall*

Cdr Mike Hall AP

Enc: Change of Watch Flyer

You are cordially invited to attend the

# Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron Change of Watch 2010

## Saturday, 23 January 2010

### Lakeland Yacht & Country Club 929 Hollingsworth Drive Lakeland, Florida

Cash Bar - 1800

Dinner - 1900

-- Buffet Menu --

Two entrees: London Broil, mushroom demi-glaze and  
Chicken breast, marinated, slow roasted, buttered noodles, pan gravy

Two vegetables, assorted salads, dessert, coffee and tea

## \$20.00 Per Person

**USPS Members Dress: Uniform "A" with bow tie or business suit**

**Please respond by 16 January 2010 to**

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Name(s), Rank, Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Check \_\_\_\_\_

# Scenes from the 2009 LSPS Christmas party at Zohra's



## Bridge Officers for 2010 year

COMMANDER	Dick Littrell JN
EXEC OFFICER	Fred Guard AP
EDUCATION OFFICER	Judy Larson AP
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Joe McDonough P
SECRETARY	Cindy Valich S
TREASURER	Linda McDonough
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