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& Power Squadron's



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Sail and Power Boating

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## From the Bridge



This will be my last article for the *Bay Breeze* as Commander of GBSPS. I'd like to take this last opportunity to extend a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our members. In an effort to get ahead of the ball, Happy Valentine's Day to all of you as well. I received several cyber Christmas Cards from members and friends this year. I'm very much impressed with the quality, whether photographs or power-point presentations. I may try some of that myself next year, thereby driving yet another nail into the coffin of the postal service. Filling the E-Board was a real cliff-hanger again this year, but thanks to Mike Upchurch and Janet Boerner, Jim Tyson will take over with all positions filled. Invitations and the mailing list are being finalized for the COW, and you should be getting yours before you read this in the *Bay Breeze*. Looking back over the year, this has been a period of transition for GBSPS. In June we initiated the web-based *Bay Breeze*. At about

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### Friday 03 February 2012 Change of Watch

**Place:** Houston Yacht Club, 3620 Miramar Dr. La Porte, TX 77571

**Time:** Social at 1830, dinner at 1930

**Menu:** Prime Rib, Broiled Snapper, Chicken Almandine with mixed salad, green beans, new potatoes and assorted desserts and coffee or tea.

**Dress:** Uniform A with bow tie, business and/or cocktail attire

**Reservations:** Thru call committee.

**Price:** \$ 38.00

### Friday 02 March 2012

**Place:** Monument Inn, 4406 Battleground Rd., La Porte, TX

**Time:** Social at 1830, Dinner at 1930

**Menu:** Choice of: Blackened Fish, Fried Shrimp or Chicken Tender Platter, Cinnamon or Yeast rolls, Iced Tea or Coffee.

**Program:** Proper Flag Usage Sail & Power by James Liston, a member of Vexillological Association of the State of Texas, an organization devoted to flags

**Dress:** Casual

**Reservations:** Thru call committee

**Price:** \$21.00

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## Now Hear This!

<b>January</b>	
<b>26-28</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Jacksonville FL.</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>E-Board Meeting</b>
<b>February</b>	
<b>03</b>	<b>Change of Watch</b>
<b>04</b>	<b>Chili Cookoff</b>
<b>06</b>	<b><i>Bay Breeze</i> Articles Due</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>E-Board Meeting</b>

Contributors are welcome to email copy to the editor, or it may be mailed to address shown above. Or, if you wish, just bring yourself and your ideas to monthly meetings. Your joining in on this event is the important thing!

**Copy deadline goals are as follows:**

**Initial Copy Deadline** - 2200 on the second day after monthly meeting.

**Final Copy Deadline** - 1800 Thursday after monthly meeting, 100% of copy due.

**Final Bay Breeze Changes** - 2000 Thursday, i.e., No Changes after 2000.

**Final Bay Breeze Proof Session** - Strickler Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday following the GBSPS meeting or as announced.

## E-BOARD MINUTES

The E-Board meeting was held 03 January 2012 in the Strickler Building. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was given.

Cdr Arbaugh announced that the upcoming Officer Election meeting on Friday night will be at Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, 2010 NASA Road One, in Webster. The Commander also mentioned that the Change of Watch is scheduled for 03 February and the Chili Cook-off (which will be hosted by Houston Sail & Power Squadron) is scheduled for 04 February.

Cdr Arbaugh announced that the following listed people reinstated their membership into GBSPS:

Michael Wilson  
 Carolyn Wilson  
 Kenny Mungle  
 Myna Mungle  
 Phillip Slam  
 Ruth Abelt  
 Kay Powers  
 Patt Riggins  
 Roger Swaney

Lt/C Jim Tyson discussed the District's new Boater's Class. He is trying to get in touch with Scott McDonald to get talking points about the Class. Lt/C Tyson is attempting to work with the Yacht Clubs to see if we can hold this Boater's Class at their facilities. Lt/C Tyson asked about Vessel Safety Inspections. Charles Scott reported that we have received 260 decals for this next year; we certainly have our work cut out for us in 2012.

Lt/C Tyson discussed the assigned delegates for the National Meeting; Bill Carr and Charles Scott will be the delegates for GBSPS.

The Planning Meeting to schedule meeting dates, etc., for 2012-13 will be held 14 January 2012 at 9:00 am at the Strickler Building.

Lt/C Jim Hammond was only at the meeting a few minutes but did bring in some wooden table

boards to be used at the Change-of-Watch. He has been working on them for use to hang officers' flags at the head table. The Board decided the smaller of the table boards were best in case the tables were at a strange angle then the small boards could be used in threes and moved about to not disrupt the flags. Lt/C Hammond did mention that Kevin DeNicola (and family members) needed to be sworn in at the upcoming meeting.

Lt/C Marta announced that he sent a check for \$154 (that is \$1 for each GBSPS member) to National for the USPS Education Fund and received a very nice letter thanking us for our contribution to the Fund. Lt/C Ron Marta reported that we are solvent and that all our bills are paid.

Old Business/New Business: 1<sup>st</sup> /Lt Pam Sanders discussed the work she and her husband, Richard, are doing in the Conference Room. She said she has spent about ½ of her budget for the Conference Room project and plans to go ahead and spend some of the money she has available on an automatic (sensor activated) light for the front porch of the building. It is so dark (even with the porch light on) it is difficult to see the steps; she is afraid someone is going to trip and fall. She will discuss her possible purchase with Gary Morgan-Gohlke before making any changes. 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Sanders discussed upcoming Boating Classes for the coming year. No dates have been decided on as yet but she has had inquiries about a Boating Class for January. After reviewing the calendar and our upcoming activities the only Saturday available would be 28 January. She is looking into the possibility of setting up a meeting for a couple of hours during the week—we have tried this approach before and it worked well at that time. She is currently looking for someone to teach in January.

John Morawski suggested that the Publicity Chairman contact the Editor for the publication called *Telldales* Magazine to see if we could get information for GBSPS included in upcoming months.

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## NAUTICAL KNOWLEDGE

Location: 29° 33.141' N and 095° 01.566' W, the same as before. The location is true; however, there has been some movement since I wrote last. I attended the USPS National Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida the end of January. I went a day early to take advantage of a CPR and First Aid Course that was offered. The course was intensive and focused on medical emergencies that might be seen by boaters. This will allow me to conduct on-the-water training for the public. Of course, that is not the only requirement.



I am proud to report that the following individuals have passed either Seamanship or Piloting or both in the past year. The Seamanship Course graduates are: John Conrad, Richard Ertl, Pete Kucera, Linda Leatherwood, James McKay and Pam Sanders. Piloting Course graduates are: Candy Capuano, John Conrad, Karen Kuykendall, Linda Leatherwood, and James Worthington. In addition two non-members have passed Piloting: Cindy and David Meeh. They are part of the USPS University program. The University Program allows us to offer our member courses to the public but at a higher price than our members pay. The following courses for spring 2012 should be underway by this time: Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting.

Change of Watch should have come and gone by the time you receive this paper and we will have a new Commander, Jim Tyson. I look forward to working with him in the coming year. I would be remiss if I did not thank all the individuals who made the Education Department successful in the last year. Public Boating classes were made possible by the hard work of Pam Sanders and her team – Richard Ertl (who wasn't even a member), Candy Capuano, Joanna Daniels, and the instructors. Pam and her team will be continuing their work this year. She is also your new Assistant Educational Officer (ASEO). Then, there was Janet Boener, my retiring ASEO, who was always there to offer advice and encouragement. Janet has taken on the position of Executive Officer for the Squadron. Thank you and good luck! Instructors for courses and seminars have been acknowledged throughout the year; however, I thank each one of you again. Thank you for taking your time to educate the rest of us.

Sometimes the mind goes blank and will not yield anything. Today is a day like that. Smooth seas and fair winds until next month.

**Remember: Boating is fun....**

**Let Us Show You How!!**

*Lt/C Jim Hammond, SN  
Squadron Education Officer*

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the same time Jim completed a working edition of our new web site. The Auction Committee went "headless" for the first time this past year, but thanks to those who volunteered their time and support it was a great success. There isn't enough room here to list all those who contributed to the auction, but GBSPS and I are grateful for all your effort. At this point it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge all those committee heads and members for the work they do to make our squadron function.

He suggested a monthly article as it appears to be a good way to get our "name" out there; it is a popular publication

A motion to adjourn was properly made, seconded, and approved by a show of hands; the meeting adjourned at 2010.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Lana Sands, P*

One of the standing orders for the Commander is to grow his squadron by 3% or more each year. Suffice to say that didn't happen on my watch. We started the year with 192 members of all categories, and finished with 165 members, and that figure does not represent the low point of the year. On the bright side this past month we had 10 reinstatements, a figure that seems remarkable given the circumstances. WELCOME BACK! Members who separate from the squadron are asked to fill-out a Non-Renewal survey. I think these forms are seldom used, probably from reluctance on the part of the individual to share that information. Something akin to burning bridges or embarrassment (I lost my job). I'm inclined to think a "Reinstatement" form could be more helpful, as it conveys a positive approach to the situation and may have the advantage of shedding some light on the circumstances that led to the separation in the first place. A person with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds (Mark Twain). I look back on the year as a series of challenges and rewards, and on the whole it was a great ride. And so, on that note I will take my leave.

*Fair Winds and Following Seas  
Cdr Linton Arbaugh*

## Whoops!

**James Liston** earned a Merit Mark for the year 2011 and was not mentioned in the January 2012 issue. James is a member of the National Flag & Etiquette Committee and his Merit Mark came from work with that committee.

The Editor regrets the error.



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DESK

### Let's Turn Things Inside Out

As this is my last article as Executive Officer, I began looking at the functions of the various jobs in each of the departments. Some words that were once said to me were ringing in my ears – “Administrative Office functions are internal while Executive Office functions are external.” However, I have found that all of our functions touch people both inside and outside our organization. We all have to become emissaries or ambassadors of our organization to the outside world.

You may think my last statement a little weird, but the reality is that much of the boating world doesn't know who we are, what we do, or the benefits of joining. I even had a Coast Guardsman on my crew in my last race who did not. Something is wrong with this picture.

You may ask yourself “Do people still want to join – are the benefits still relevant? The answer is a resounding YES. Let me explain some things that happened over the Christmas/New Year holidays.

For their Christmas presents, I gave my two sons, now in their late 20's, what turned out to be the perfect gifts for them. For one, it was a very specific hunting rifle. For the other, it was a new Astra IIIB sextant. I swear tears of joy were coming to their eyes. Yes, here is a 20 something person, who has a great understanding of all of the modern bells and whistles, that wants to learn how to use a sextant – technologies that seemed to have died out in the 60's and 70's with the commercial availability of the Loran.

The other example is from my New Year's Eve party, where at least two couples expressed a complete lack of knowledge of our organization, what we do, and what the benefits are. Both have boats with very expensive insurance. Both have an expressed desire to leave the boundaries of Galveston Bay, and both have a thirst for knowledge that is

sorely lacking outside the walls of the Strickler building.

The possibility for growing our membership dramatically exists, we just have to go outside of our normal territory, instead of looking within, hence turning our organization “Inside Out.” See you at the Change of Watch.

*Lt/C Jim Tyson, JN*

## POTENTIALLY FAULTY FLARES

While reading my January issue of Practical Sailor, I read that Orion Safety Products has a program for replacing potentially faulty flares. The XLT and 12-gauge flares in question were manufactured before October 2008. The problem is that the flares have failed to launch or ignite in some cases.

You might have some of these flares in your emergency or back-up emergency kits. Check for expiration of December 2011 (ABS XLTs) or March 2012 (ABS 12-gauge shells). The affected flares and shell are orange, not red. You should properly dispose of any flares with these or earlier expiration dates.

You might be qualified for Orion's replacement program if the expiration dates for the flares fall between November and December of 2011. The shells qualify if their expiration dates fall between November 2011 and March 2012.

Details for the possible replacement can be found at [www.orionsignals.com](http://www.orionsignals.com) or by calling 800/851-5260 or 765/472-4375. This is not a recall.

You can read the complete article in the January issue of Practical Sailor.

*Lt/C Jim Hammond SN*

## THIS 'N' THAT BY JINX & JUNE

Those of us who were able to attend the Annual Meeting for the election of officers on 06 January 2012 had several nice surprises. The first shocker was seeing our own dedicated Past Chief Commander Creighton Maynard and his lovely wife, Glenda, enjoying the social hour at the restaurant. They happened to be in our area and decided to surprise us by showing up for our Happy Hour. And the ballot we received had at least three open positions, and before the night was over they were all filled and we had a full slate to vote on. Those two things made for a great evening!

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One of our new members who got sworn in that night, Tom DiNicola, got into the spirit of filling out one of our This 'N' That cards and presented us with a great sail boat picture he drew on one of the cards. Thanks, Tom and Welcome Aboard to you and your Dad, Kevin!

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Many thanks to Marvin Frank, who will again make the arrangements for our monthly meetings this year, and needs to hear from you. He needs to know what we can do to increase attendance and if you have any ideas for meeting places or speakers. Call him at 409-497-8051 or email him at [captmarv@earthlink.net](mailto:captmarv@earthlink.net).

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Kenn and Dale Manning are planning on an extremely busy month. They plan to go to Mardi Gras in New Orleans followed by ICOM in Lake Charles with our District Commander. Then they will go on to the National meeting for USPS in Jacksonville, Florida.

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The Kearneys spent their time after Christmas and New Year's helping her youngest son, Glenn and family, move into their newly purchased beach house at Lafitte Cove on Galveston Island.

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We missed Carol and Henry Milam at our meeting but they were in a much more interesting place. They were in Hawaii!

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Even though they were born 18 months apart, Jinx Manning had two grandchildren from the same family graduate from two different colleges on the same day just four hours apart. Charles Ashford gave Jinx a new camcorder for the occasion and she and her son Lee, made it to two graduations - one at A & M and one at Texas State San Marcos - in time to record each of them walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Needless to say Jinx is thinking of changing Lee's name to Superman.

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Charles and Marian Scott spent Christmas in Durham, NC with their son and grandson. Then they traveled on to Memphis to see four more grandchildren. They took Houston's warm weather with them so there was not a white Christmas anywhere they traveled.

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Betty Carr has been having some health issues so it was certainly good to see her and Bill at our meeting after such a long absence. Hang in there, Betty. We know you've been out there doing some boat inspections or you wouldn't be at the top of the list. Congratulations!

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What would we do without Charles Gautier? He's so faithful and great with our cooperative boating efforts and we have him to thank for some really impressive grant money to help our cause. Thanks, Charles!

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Be thinking "Change of Watch". It's at Houston Yacht Club on Friday 03 February and we all need to be there to tell Cdr Linton Arbaugh how much we

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appreciate all he's done this year, something nearly EVERY day, to be more specific. And of course we want to be there to support our new Commander Jim Tyson and his lovely wife, Jo, as well as a fine new slate of officers. Mark your calendar now. And Super Bowl is two days later with Chili Cook Off sandwiched in between the two. What a weekend!

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Have you seen the whooping cranes lately? Mike and Katharina Upchurch were just in awe of these great birds on a tour out of Rockport. It was a wonderful opportunity to see our great variety of wildlife!

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Pam Sanders and Richard Ertl celebrated their 6-month anniversary 25 December with a swashbuckling pirate Christmas tree suspended over the dining table, caldrons of pirate fare and mass booty for all. Pam had her inaugural run as a grandmother to Richard's two granddaughters, Ali and Magi, and enjoyed being Wicked Step Mother to Richard's son Scott. AARRGH!

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Talked with Candy Capuano recently and learned that she is renting Jesse Comeaux's old house in Clear Lake City. Also, she has taken on the job of renewing one of the bathrooms -- a helpful guy at Home Depot is giving her some advice on the project. Many of you know Jesse left the Squadron and moved to Austin several years ago. Candy tells me he has retired and is in the process of renewing his home there. Candy and Jesse have

been in contact for the last five years. She takes care of Jesse's dogs, one Papillion and two terriers, whenever he and his wife travel. Yes, he drives all the way down to Clear Lake to bring the dogs so Candy can care for them! The dogs remember their old home and are content to be there!


Jinx & June




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## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK CLASS

*Do you enjoy meeting people and seeing boats?*

If you answered yes then I have the perfect venue for you, as a

**Vessel Safety Check Examiner.**

We will be holding a class for all members who would like to do Vessel Safety Checks on 18 February 2012. It will be at the squadron building and will begin at 0930.

Instructing the class will be Bill and Betty Carr. A test will be given at the end of the class. After you pass your test you will be given your starting supplies so that you can begin inspecting boats.

Please contact Betty Carr @ 832-265-6362 or 281-333-2511 if you plan on attending. We need more "Examiners" so I hope we will see you there.

## 2012 District 21 Annual Houston – Galveston Bay Chili Cookoff

**Hosted by Houston Sail & Power Squadron**

**Where: NASSAU BAY PARK PAVILION (directions below)**

**When: Saturday, February 4th, 2012 Time: Park reserved 0700-1800, Cooking starts ~ 0900 Judging at 1300 Cost: \$5.00 per person**

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|--|---------------------|
| 1) Grand Champion                        | 6) Best Team Spirit |
| 2) Reserve Grand Champion (Second Place) | 7) Chunkiest Chili  |
| 3) Most Authentic                        | 8) Best Munchies    |
| 4) Best Booth Decoration                 | 9) Hottest Chili    |
| 5) Most Ingredients                      | 10) Most Creative   |

**Trophies:**

**RULES: (similar to other cookoff events in the area)**

- 1) All chili must be cooked on the site.
- 2) No beans may be used in the chili (can be offered as a side dish).
- 3) Alcohol is permitted at this facility, but glass containers are prohibited.

**Contact Bob Leatherwood-281-879-6005 or [icemangems@att.net](mailto:icemangems@att.net) for additional details.**

**Directions:** Go south on Upper Bay Road off NASA Road 1 -(that's a right if you are coming from I-45, or a left if you are coming from Hwy 146). Upper Bay Road leads right into the park .

# HOW CRAZY BRIDGE CAME TO BE, WELL, CRAZY!

Once upon a time, two dear friends of the squadron, Lenora and Bill Tarnow, decided to help raise some money for the Squadron. At that time they had a sail boat—so what they did was take members out



for a sail on Galveston Bay. Appetizers and wine were served, as well as an evening dinner on the boat. A trip like this had been auctioned off at a meeting. About 1989, they sold their town



house and boat and bought a beautiful home in South Shore Harbor. They were puzzled for awhile about how to go on raising money for the Squadron. Bill questioned Lenora about a card game the Rotary girls enjoyed and Crazy Bridge was born.

Sadly, Bill Tarnow, a wonderful Southern Gentleman, has passed on. We will never forget



Lenora is carrying on being a happy person around, and she has a great husband, David, as well as wonderful sister helpers.

Crazy bridge is a fun game to play, nothing at all like real bridge! Many enjoy it so much that they come back year after year to keep the fun going! Over the years many nice gifts have been passed out to the winners — the 2011 winners were Bill Schaff, Marian Scott and Lana Sands. A lovely meal is served after Crazy Bridge is over, prepared by our wonderful hostess, Lenora Tarnow. We are all very grateful for all you do, Lenora!



A word on the side — just want to let you know that 2011 was the 18th year for Crazy Bridge!

*June Radney*



## HAVING FUN AT THE BUSINESS MEETING AT LAS HACIENDAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT



*Happy Birthday to all  
February 2012*

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Mary K.	Carter	9
Linton D.	Arbaugh	15
Lana G.	Sands	15
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