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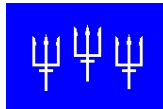
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*Cdr Ronald Chitwood, AP*



Well here it is, this year is coming close to an end. By the time you read this issue Fall Conference has come to an end. I hope that all that went had a good time and were able to learn new things and bring those ideas back to the Squadron. This month is a busy one for everyone. We have the holiday season starting with Thanksgiving on the 28th. But first we have our membership meeting on the 21st of this month on Harsens Island at the Lion's Club. This is also our annual square Dance. Cindy and I are looking forward to this night. I still hope to learn how to line dance. So far I haven't had much luck. But I can't hope for to much with two left feet.



The Nominating Committee is busy looking for people to fill some positions that will be opening up this year. So, if you want to do something within the Squadron, please talk to P/C Alice Whittemore, P/C Judy James, or P/C Ed Ross. The Squadron is always looking for some good people.

Please remember that for any group or Squadron to be successful they need all the member's input and participation. So if there is a member that you haven't seen one of our member's in awhile call and invite them to a meeting.

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## Calendar

### Nov 2008

5	1900	E-Board meeting, Americana Estates Clubhouse
21	1830	Square Dance, Harsens Island Lion's Club

### Dec 2008

2	1900	E-Board meeting, Radjewski's home
17	1800	Christmas Party/election, Club Capri

### Jan 2009

6	1900	E-Board meeting, Americana Estates Clubhouse
21	1830	Change of Watch

For all of our general membership meetings, please call Tom Browne or Ron Chitwood to let us know if you are going to attend.

**Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.**

## *Cdr RONALD CHITWOOD*



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt/C Danny Woody, AP



# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



Hello friends,

This is a very busy time of the year for all of us, kids back in school, trying to get the boats ready for winter and deciding which class I will take this year, I try to take at least one class ever year as there is no such thing as too much knowledge. I think we should all do this, or help those like me who need more training. Not only do I learn new things, but I have a lot of fun doing it. It helps keep my mind working and helps me from making unwise decisions.



If you have an interesting story or picture that might be of interest too the members, send them to Mike Rachuk. He may put them in the Anchorage. If you have a ideal that may make the Anchorage more interesting, send them to. Like always working together we will make the Anchorage more interesting, and fun to read. Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.

The Frost Bite was a great success. We had a lot of help from the members, and I would like to thank them all!

In working together, we had a lot of fun. These events are a lot of work, but working together we made it an easier task for everyone. Events like this bring us all together, and we just never know when we might not see one of us again.

We lost a good friend. Henrietta was one of the first to help me when I joined the squadron, and I miss her dearly. There were many times when I could have told her how I felt. Now its to late, but it's not to late to tell all of you how I feel. I love you all, and greatly appreciate ever thing you have done for me. On at least one occasion, the training I received may have saved my life or at least my boat.

THANK YOU for this!

Thanks,

*Woody*

America's Boating Course 3rd edition will be available mid November 2008. This will be the new course material to be used for all boating courses. The following is the layout for the new course material.

## America's Boating Course 3rd Edition

### Course Layout

The NASBLA, (8 Hour Course), has four chapters, each requiring about 2 hours.

The chapters are laid out as follows:

- Chapter 1 Section 1: Getting Started
- Section 2: Required Safety Equipment
- Section 3: Going Boating
- Chapter 2 Section 4: Navigation Rules
- Section 5: Navigation Aids
- Section 6: Lights and Sound Signals
- Section 7: Government Regulations
- Section 8: State and Local Regulations
- Chapter 3 Section 9: Finding Your Way
- Section 10: Anchoring
- Section 11: Adverse Conditions and Emergencies
- Section 12: Communications Afloat
- Chapter 4 Section 13: Water Sports Safety
- Section 14: Trailering
- Section 15: Personal Watercraft Operation
- Section 16: Knots and Lines

Part II, Chapter 5 will take 4 hours and have 2 sections;

- Section 17: Introduction to Navigation
- Section 18: Charts

This new book will be used for classroom courses and internet courses. The book is of high professional quality. The color graphic, printing, and layout are the best there are. Nobody offers course material this good.

This is your squadron. Let us make it the best that it can be.

*Mike Rachuk*

