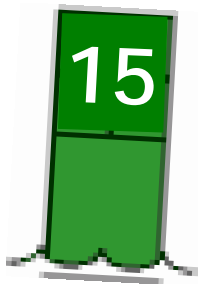


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Final Thoughts

D/C J. Glenn Roy, AP



What a fast and fun year it has been being your District Commander. Throughout our travels in D/15, Peggy and I have attended many fun events and made long-lasting friendships with many of the members. Let me take this moment to pay special recognition to the individual squadron commanders— Pat Brewer [Predido Bay], Doug Brooks [Lake Pontchartrain], Chuck Keck [Jackson], Al Weston [Ft. Walton], Mac McDaris [Gulf Breeze], Jim Pappas [St. Andrew Bay], Kathleen Johnson [Mobile], Robert Baldridge [Baton Rouge], Barbara Merrick [Pensacola], Chris Lawler [New Orleans] and Craig Edwards [Singing River] —they all scheduled and presided over multiple meetings, raft-ups, barbecues, fishing tournaments and the many other activities enjoyed by our active members. Many have racked-up hundreds of hours of service to the community and will be recognized by the Civic Service Award. Thanks to each of you for all your hard work. What a pleasure and honor it was to serve with you. You all have gained the respect and cooperation of your bridge and members. **What an outstanding job each of you have done.**

Remarkably, our district won one of the 6 Bowsprit awards, among all 33 USPS districts, in the National 2008 Bowsprit competition. I accepted the award at the 2008 Detroit Fall Governing Board meeting. Later, V/C David Hinders at the D/15 Fall Conference hosted

by Lake Pontchartrain Sail and Power Squadron, presented it to the D/15 members. The real credit goes to those of you who lead-the-way in Vessel Safety Exams and Cooperative Charting. Even more so, credit goes to the Squadron Educational Departments that carried-the-day in offering boating and advanced classes to our potential and established members. **Hats off to all of you.**

With the 2009 Squadron Change of Watch events behind us, we welcome new leadership to our squadrons. I must express my personal thanks to each of the squadrons who extended such an enormous amount of hospitality to Peggy and me at these affairs. The warmth, respect and fellowship we received reassures me that USPS is doing well in the vast territory covered by District 15. I cannot express enough what an honor it is to serve such a fine group of members. Please continue the work that you have the past year and support our incoming District Bridge as much as you have me.

Help us end our year successfully by attending the D/15 Spring Conference hosted by Singing River Sail and Power Squadron. Details of this event can be found on the D15 Web site

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d15/>
(and on the last page of this issue.)

Mark your calendars and make it a point to attend. Join in and welcome our incoming District Bridge as they embark upon Watch Year 2009-10. I am confident they will out-perform everyone's expectations. Also, make it a point to honor them by volunteering to serve on a District Committee. Perhaps volunteer for a distinct function or event. There is so much to get done. You will be surprised at the joy it will bring you. We wish our incoming leadership smooth sailing and a "Bon Voyage"!

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MUSINGS AFTER ANAHEIM

John B. Wilkes, AP

District 15 Executive Officer



Having just returned from the Governing Board Meeting in Anaheim, I thought it might be appropriate to share some of my thoughts with the membership about the present state of the organization. I would have to say that I think the present National leadership is on the best track available to them, and I was in full agreement with almost everything I heard from them at this meeting. The paranoia over declining membership has dissipated, and there is a general willingness to let squadrons determine their own destiny. This makes a world of sense to me because all squadrons are not created equal. Some are more social oriented and some are more education oriented, and of course, there are probably as many opinions on fixative strategies as there are squadrons. As a practical matter, the only real required participation insisted upon at the national level is that which is needed to maintain and not jeopardize our tax exempt status. Our core purpose of promoting boating safety is what allows us this cherished status. This is also the impetus behind the requirement to teach at least one boating course per year, because up until recently, an entry level boating course is all that we offered to the public.

There are many issues and differences between squadrons and locales regarding the public boating courses. Many of our squadrons are faced with a great deal of competition from other agencies, and then again, many are not so heavily burdened. I refuse to worry about this. If the State government or the Coast Guard, etc. want to promulgate cheaper, shorter boating classes, fine. We now have the ability to offer all our advanced classes as well as those great new seminars to the general public. In my view, this is a fantastic marketing opportunity which has a much greater potential of producing quality new members than the boating courses ever had. In today's atmosphere, direct recruiting attempts to get people to join an organization are just not successful. They push people away and demean the value of membership to present members. Advertising our courses is a different matter. They are straightforward with no mystery as to what a prospective member might be getting himself involved. Once a newcomer has experienced our instructors and proctors in the classroom, discussions regarding what we do and how we members love to do it, will naturally follow, and folks will cultivate a desire to join on their own – sort of.

One of the main problems with declining membership is the resulting falling revenues and the havoc it plays with budgets. The National Bridge is working hard to make cuts to keep up with the shortfall. Offering all our courses and seminars to the public will be a very good and welcome source of revenue. The idea would be to charge the public a higher price than a member, which in itself will be an effective incentive to join. Each squadron can set its own prices as long as they cover the costs of materials. We have the ability to offer these courses in local yacht clubs, community colleges, universities. Often they will let us use a top notch classroom and advertise our course to their members or students for us. One of the reasons we have not taught more advanced classes to our members is because it is often

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difficult to muster enough students to justify the instructor's efforts. Adding students from the public sector should increase the frequency of our courses and thus, the upward education of our members.

Another experience that curtails the initiation of an advanced course is the specter of *sign ups* that turn up to be *no shows* causing squadrons to have to eat the cost of their materials. If I have my way, this is a problem the district is well able to take off the squadrons' shoulders by acting as a clearing house. The district will buy all unused materials and the squadron will check the district's inventories before ordering. If a squadron has ten people sign up and the district holds three sets of books, the squadron will get the three from district and order seven. If not all ten show up the leftovers will be sold back to the district.

There is another change that is now with us that will enhance our recruiting of good new long term members through the VSE program. Accomplishing a VSC has always been a great opportunity to talk one on one (or even two on one) to the kind of folks we really want in the organization – people who enjoy boating and who already know how. In the past, there have been numerous times that, after conducting a VSC, I had a boat captain with many years experience very interested

in joining USPS but lost him when I had to tell him he had to take Public Boating Course before he could join. No more! Now they don't have to take the entry level course.

Another thought I had has to do with information technology. I think every squadron should have at least one computer guru and the position of Information Technology Officer should be prominently placed in the squadron wire diagram. If a squadron doesn't have such a person, recruiting precisely for this position might actually be attractive to younger computer geeks. I would think it would even be worth an ad in the "helped wanted" section of the local newspaper. His or her duties would be to conduct all the squadron business connected with DB2000 including Merit Mark inputs on behalf of the commander, manage the squadron web site, and at least assist the newsletter editor with publication of the squadron newsletter. It would be a piece of cake for most young computer savvy folks and a few old folks who haven't lost their patience to learn.

After a rewarding experience at Anaheim, I am very glad to say I am reinvigorated in my pride and love for our organization. It is still manned by tens of thousands of the best people in the world, and I still feel honored to be one of you.

R/C William Neef, SN to serve as C/C's Rep at D/15 Spring Conference

R/C Neef of Tarpon Springs FL joined the Bellevue (WA) squadron in 1980. After serving as newsletter editor and boating course chairmen, he went on to serve as Secretary, Treasurer, Administrative Officer, and Executive Officer, before he became Commander in 1993. He then served the same offices in District 16, becoming Commander in 1998.

His first national job was as a member of the Advanced Piloting Committee, on which he served more than 10 years. During that time, he rewrote the learning guide, *Predicted Log Contests*. He has been on the Committee on Rules for 6 years

where he currently serves as Chairman.

Since moving to Florida in 2000, Bill has served as Commander of Anclote Key squadron and on the District 22 Planning Committee. He is currently Executive Officer of Boca Ciega.

His wife Lois was a member of the Sea Belles, Bellevue's auxiliary, serving as Commanderette in 1992. She has been Chair of the National Auxiliary Advisory Committee.

Between boats at present, Bill and Lois previously enjoyed boating in the Puget Sound and Canadian waters in their trawler, *Being Easy*.



Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Bylaws of District 15, the following members are nominated for the specified positions for the 2009-2010 year.

Commander	John Wilkes, AP (Singing River)
Executive Officer	Harold Brewer, AP (Perdido Bay)
Educational Officer	Richard Carson, JN (Perdido Bay)
Administrative Officer	Richard Gercak, AP (Ft Walton)
Secretary	Peggy Larkins, P (Jackson)
Treasurer	Larry Rathbun, AP (Mobile)
Asst Educational	To Be Decided
Asst Secretary	Debi Gould, S (Mobile)
Asst Treasurer	Al Hoffman, AP (Pensacola)

Nominating Committee

- 1 year ... Cheryl Jarrell, AP (New Orleans)
- 1 year ... Sylvia White, AP (Mobile)
- 2 year ... Ronald Everett, AP (Lake Pontchartrain)
- 2 year ... Peggy Roy (Lake Pontchartrain)
- 3 year ... J. Glenn Roy, AP (Lake Pontchartrain)
- 3 year ... Wil Hugli, JN (Ft Walton)

Rules Committee

- 1 year ... Barbara Merrick, P (Pensacola)
- 2 year ... Robbie Jarrell, AP (New Orleans)
- 3 year ... William Dietrich, JN (Lake Pontchartrain)

Auditing Committee

- 1 year ... Iris Reddy, SN * (Perdido Bay)
- 2 year ... Carl Hutto, AP (Ft Walton)
- 3 year ... Debi Gould, S (Mobile)

Planning Committee

- 1 year ... Bob Burton, AP (Pensacola)
- 1 year ... Dean Hoffman, P (Pensacola)
- 2 year ... John Bell, AP (Lake Pontchartrain)
- 2 year ... Pat Brewer, P * ((Perdido Bay)
- 3 year ... Kathleen Johnson, P (Mobile)
- 3 year ... Brian Gautreaux, JN (New Orleans)

Submitted by
 Karen Gercak, AP, Chair
 Blanche White, AP
 Cheryl Jarrell, AP
 Sylvia White, AP
 Ronald Everett, AP
 Peggy Roy

(Note: All 3 year committee members are new; most 1 and 2 year members are continuing in their previously elected positions; * replacement, to complete unfinished term)

CALL TO CONFERENCE



In accordance with District 15 bylaws, Article 5, Section 5.5, this constitutes official notice to the membership of District 15 of call to meeting, containing the agenda and other pertinent details for the 2009 Spring Conference.

The meeting will convene at 0900 on 25 April 2009 at the LaFont Inn, Pascagoula, MS.

All members of D/15 are encouraged to attend the Conference and may request the privilege of the floor, in accordance with bylaws Article 5, Section 5.8.

Each squadron commander is entitled to vote. Delegates shall be selected by each squadron on the basis of one delegate for each 25 active members in good standing, or major fraction thereof, as of the preceding 1 March, with a minimum of two delegates per squadron.

Voting members of the Conference are: District Com-mander, District Lieutenant Commanders, Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders, Past District Commanders who are active members of District 15 squadrons, and the delegates.

Uniform at the Conference meeting for the District Bridge will be USPS uniform G. The uniform for other members and guests will be uniform G or appropriate attire.



National Safe Boating Week 16-22 May 2009

Materials for this year's Safe Boating campaign can be ordered on the following website

<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>

And after Safe Boating Week is over, don't forget to send in your safety report to D/Lt/C Larry Rathbun, AP. The deadline is 1 October 2009. The form can be found on

<http://www.usps.org/national/safety/>

If you need some USPS handouts for your Safe Boating Week display, many can be ordered free. Check out the **online PR catalog**.

<http://www.usps.org/national/pr/catalog3.html>

Spring Conference Agenda

25 April 2009

Uniform 'G' (Black trousers and short sleeve shirt)

0800 - Commanders, Executive Officers

0800 - Educational Officers

0900 Conference Meeting

Coffee and Lunch Break at suitable times

Call to Order.....	D/C Glenn Roy, AP
Presentation of Colors.....	P/Stf/C Stan Warner, SN
Pledge of Allegiance.....	D/Lt/C John Wilkes, AP
USPS Pledge.....	D/Lt/C Hal Brewer, AP
Invocation and Necrology.....	R/C E. J. Sacks, SN
Roll Call and Introductions.....	P/D/C William Dietrich, JN
Establishment of a Quorum.....	D/Lt/C Peggy Larkins, P
Change Order of Business.....	D/C Glenn Roy, AP
Clarification of Voting Delegates.....	P/D/C William Dietrich, JN
2008 Fall Conference Minutes Approval.....	D/Lt/C Peggy Larkins, P
Host Squadron's Welcome.....	Cdr Gerry Sorrell, P
Chief Commander's Message.....	R/C William Neef, SN
Treasurer's Report.....	Stf/C Larry Rathbun, AP
Secretary's Report.....	D/Lt/C Peggy Larkins, P
Administrative Officer's Report.....	D/Lt/C Hal Brewer, AP
Educational Officer's Report.....	Stf/C Dick Gercak, AP
Executive Officer's Report.....	D/Lt/C John Wilkes, AP
Commander's Report.....	D/C Glenn Roy, AP

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Planning Committee Report.....	P/D/C William Dietrich, JN
Nominating Committee Report.....	P/D/C Karen Gercak, AP
Rules Committee	P/C Keith Dellsperger, AP
Audit Report.....	P/C Joahan McDole, S
Educational Fund Report.....	P/D/C Luther O'Brien, SN
Conference Planning Committee.....	D/Lt Dorothy Warner, P

Unfinished Business..... Presentation of Awards
New Business

Benediction.....	R/C E. J. Sacks, SN
Retire the Colors.....	P/Stf/C Stan Warner, SN

1400 Hurricane Hunters

Conference is Recessed until CoW

From the District 15 Admin Officer

This year has been a real learning experience for me. I've become more aware of the many functions that are the responsibility of those who serve on the D/15 Bridge and various district committees. The squadrons are the cutting edge of the sword and the primary purpose of those of us serving at the district level is to assist the squadrons achieve their goals.



The district is the conduit between National and the squadrons. I believe in the past everyone has tended to try to make clones of squadrons, setting identical goals and standards of success for all squadrons. I believe most have come to the conclusion that this is neither feasible or a good idea. Although certain minimum standards of operation must be maintained, each squadron, by virtue of location, size, age of membership, will have a different personality. Also due to these same conditions the capabilities of the squadron will vary. Smaller squadrons will probably have difficulty filling all the possible committee positions and will be forced to either combine certain committees or choose not to staff certain committees.

Facilitating the flow of information both to and from the squadrons requires constant attention. Useful information must flow readily to those who must utilize it. Squadron feedback is of great importance. Squadrons are often the first ones to discover problems in a program and are often the first to offer a solution. Early recognition of a problem must be combined with communication to help provide solutions and prevent small problems from growing. Please share information.

You may or may not be aware of tradition of having special breakout meetings for the Squadron Commanders and Squadron Educational Officers at D/15 Council Meetings and Conferences. These meetings are both approximately 45 minutes to an hour long and are conducted just preceding the formal council or conference meetings. Items of special interest to the Commanders and the SEOs are presented during these two meetings and provide an excellent opportunity for discussion.

Squadron Admin Officers are responsible for scheduling and arranging many squadron activities and in my opinion should be kept in the informational loop. Having served as Administrative Officer in my squadron I have always felt that Squadron Admin Officers should have their own breakout meetings. This would provide them with a chance to discuss any problems they have encountered with their squadron administrative duties

and any solutions they may have developed. This would be a great opportunity to exchange ideas for general meeting programs and guest speakers. This opportunity to exchange ideas with their fellow Admin Officers would be another reason to attend the district council meetings and conferences.

This past year has gone by in a flash. As the end of my time as D/15 Administrative Officer approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Administrative Department's committee chairs for their time and effort in handling the duties of their respective committees. Membership Chair Joahan McDole from Singing River Sail and Power Squadron, Boating Activities Robbie Jarrell, from New Orleans Power Squadron, Port Captain Charlie Chapman, from New Orleans Power Squadron, OPS Training Robert A. Baldrige, from Baton Rouge Sail and Power Squadron, and District Conference Chair Dot Warner, from Singing River Sail and Power Squadron. Thank you all for stepping up and assisting in the operations of D/15.

The District 15 Spring Conference, 24-26 April, in Pascagoula, MS, is rapidly approaching. The District Change of Watch will be a part of the Conference. This means that those who will serve on the upcoming District Bridge will be looking for volunteers to fill the committees which make up their departments. Please consider assisting in the operation of District 15 and ultimately your squadron by volunteering to serve on one of these committees.

D/Lt/C Harold Lee Brewer, AP
Administrative Officer

Bowsprit Award

The Bowsprit is a national program, which addresses the needs of USPS as they relate to increasing total membership and education completions and to recognize those Districts based on goal attainment, as outlined by the program rules. It's a "Goals" based program and each district only competes with itself, measuring performance from one program year to the next. The award was presented to D/15 Cdr Glenn Roy at the Governing Board meeting in Detroit last fall. Congratulations squadrons of District 15.



District 15 is a proud winner of this prestigious award for the year **2007-2008**. It is a true testament to the vitality of its squadrons and the enthusiasm of its members

From the desk of the District 15 DEO

It is hard to believe that my third year as DEO comes to an end at the District 15 Change of Watch in April.



The educational program has gone through major changes with the rewrite of courses, introduction of seminars and how we present the programs. The educational program is a major financial supporter of the whole USPS organization and most importantly has been a major movement in reducing the loss of lives.

I would like to thank ADEO Dick Carson who has been a great help; Chairman of Public Boating Courses Paul Lumpkin; and another good friend that will be missed, the Chairman of Instructor of Development of Certification Bruce Peters; and finally, every SEO and ASEO of every squadron for the support that you provided to me and the program. It gave me the opportunity to meet and help members to become safe boaters.

In closing, I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve.

See you at the COW,
Captain Dick

Stf/C Richard E. Gercak, AP



Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season*

District 15
New Orleans Power Squadron
Rendezvous at Moonraker
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*With apologies to Jimmy Buffett


If you are on the eastern side of D/15
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Moonraker Lake...

22-25 May 2009
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Raft Up and Potluck Rendezvous
Ft Walton Sail and Power Squadron

For details
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CaptainDick1@aol.com
 or 850-217-6303



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What's Happening

District 15 has money available to squadrons for Cooperative Advertisement Reimbursement. To reclaim 50% of expenses for activities that advertise public boating courses, send description of activity, sample/photo of advertisement and invoice/receipt to P/D/C Karen Gercak, AP. All documentation must be received by district by 1 October and forwarded to national by 15 October. (After Spring Conference, Peggy Roy will be taking over this responsibility.)

Congratulations to P/C Joe Harvey, AP of Singing River Sail and Power Squadron on receiving his 25 year membership pin in USPS. Joe and his wife Marilyn drove in from Texas for him to receive this honor in person. Congratulations also to Bernard Wachter, SN of Pensacola, who is now a Life Member.

The Fall Conference will be hosted by Mobile Sail and Power Squadron at the Best Western Inn Battleship on 23-24-25 October 2009. Details will be distributed as they become available.

Eight squadron newsletters and the district newsletter earned Distinction in Journalism awards for 2008.

District 15 - *Can 15*

Cheryl Jarrell, Editor

Baton Rouge - *The Windscoop*

Robert Baldrige, Editor

Ft Walton - *Porpoise*

Eileen Blair, Editor

Jackson - *The Bow Line*

Tony Lee, Editor

Mobile - *Four Blasts*

Debi Gould, Editor

New Orleans - *Topside Talk*

Cheryl Jarrell, Editor

Pensacola - *Lazy Log*

Barbara Mixon, Editor

Perdido Bay - *Lost Bay Treasures*

Jerome Knaebel, Editor

Singing River - *The Bilge*

John Wilkes, Editor

Presentation of certificates for the winning

newsletters will be made at the upcoming Spring Conference.

If you want your squadron's newsletter to be considered for this award, the D/15 advisor listed below, must receive four different issues - either print or electronic - during the year.

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Did You Know...

All subscribers to *The Ensign* magazine also have access to the same print edition in a new electronic format. *The Ensign* iMag contains searchable articles with hotlinks that connect you to USPS members, staff, vendors,

and other important information. Each issue will be archived online, and will be searchable. The most recent issue can be found at:

http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/imag/Ens_JanFeb09/start.htm

Pro Log, the USPS PR andMarketing Log, is also available online. This new online edition contains virtually everything you will need to produce a successful public relations and marketing campaign for your squadron.

http://zegapi.com/view/index.php?book_name=CYprologAug08

D/C Glenn Roy, gave an extensive report at the recent council meeting on changes made or under consideration by USPS. Here are some of the changes:

No internal audit committee

All squadrons will participate in HQAB

Ensign and Publications committees will combine

Review district alignments

Eliminate Fall GB; one National meeting/year

Eliminate C/C Rep at Fall Conference

Name recognition, name change

"Sell" member courses

No more Bow Sprit award

Online membership - squadron contact

Squadron commander to approve squadron MMs



P/C Joe Harvey, AP receiving his 25 year pin from D/C Glenn Roy. Joe's wife Marilyn Harvey, AP joins him.

Pictures From Anaheim



R/C Neef and his wife Lois at the D/15 Hospitality in Anaheim



P/V/C Robert Baldrige, SN, D/Lt/C John Wilkes, AP, Peggy Roy, and D/C Glenn Roy, AP

P/D/Lt/C
Dick
Reddy, SN



USPS Youth Poster Contest Fall 2008 - Fall 2009

The 2009 Boarman National USPS Youth Poster Contest runs from fall 2008 to fall 2009 and is open to all children ages 6 to 14. Entries will be divided into three age groups: 6–8, 9–11 and 12–14. The theme of this year's contest is

Boating is Fun

The national winners in each age group will receive \$150, and the first and second runners-up in each group will receive \$100 and \$75 respectively.

Posters will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic

ability. One entry per person. All entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons®, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission and modify any poster for future reproduction.

Posters must be judged at the squadron level prior to judging at the district level. First- second- and third-place winners in each age category at the Squadron level can be entered at the District level.

Squadron winning posters should be submitted to Joahan McDole, District Membership Chair, Singing River Sail and Power Squadron. If you have any questions, please contact her at cell: 228.990-4173.

Complete rules and an entry form for the upcoming contest can be found at:

<http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/pictures/12thYPCcontest.pdf>



2007 Winner, 12-14 category



District 15 Spring Conference

24-26 April 2009

LaFont Inn
2703 Denny Avenue
Pascagoula, MS 39567
PH 1-228-762-7111



Hosted by the Singing River Sail and Power Squadron

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Spouse/Guest _____

Street _____ City, State, Zip _____

Squadron _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Conference Event	Time	Fee	Count	Total Cost
Friday Golf Scramble- St Andrews Golf Club	See details listed below - Tee Time is 0930			
Friday Hospitality	1800 - 2100	\$ 20.00		
Saturday Lunch - Members and Guests	1200 - 1330	\$ 20.00		
Saturday Hurricane Hunters - Kessler AFB, Biloxi, MS	1400 - 1530	N/C		
Saturday Dinner - Change of Watch - Uniform A with Bow Tie	1800 - 2100	\$ 40.00		
Sunday Morning Breakfast	0800 - 1100	N/C		
		TOTAL		

For Room Reservations: contact LaFont Inn at the address or phone listed above. Rooms are \$76.00/night + tax. Ask for the **D15 Power Squadron rate**. Uniform G or business casual for Conference Meeting.

Please make checks for conference activities payable to **Singing River Sail and Power Squadron**.

Mail to:

P/C Joahan McDole, S
2201 Callie Rd Gautier, MS 39553
Phone 228-497-7422 or cell 228-990-4173

Golf attendees: Tee times begin at 0930 sharp and cost is \$55/player. If you have questions concerning the Friday Golf event, please call Dick Reddy 251-961-3386 home or 850-712-1678 cell.

Send check payable to "**District 15 Golf**" to:

Dick Reddy
1164 Santa Anna Lane
Lillian, AL 36549

Questions or problems, please contact

P/C Dorothy Warner, P 228-497-2551 or e-mail dorothywarner@bellsouth.net

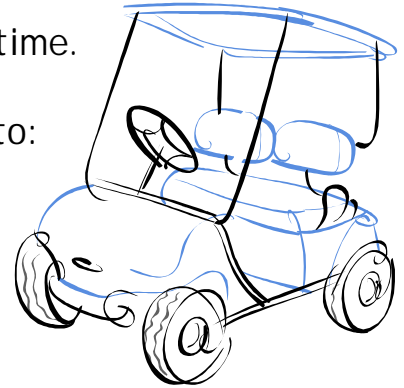
D/15 2009 Spring Golf Classic

Arrangements have been made for our Spring 2009 Golf Classic. We will play at St. Andrews Golf Club in Ocean Springs, MS on Friday 24 April 09. Entry Fee is \$55.00 and tee times begin at 0930 (sharp). The course is located at 2 Golfing Green Drive, Ocean Springs, MS. (228.875.7730)

Looking forward to seeing all you eager players at this time.

Please make your check out to District D/15 and send to:

Dick Reddy
 1164 Santa Anna Lane
 Lillian, AL 36549
 251-961-3386 - home
 850-712-1678 - cell



Name	Address	Handicap	Fee

Looking for something to do on 4 April?
 Pay a visit to another D/15 squadron and join the fun

Singing River Sail and Power Squadron Annual Fish Fry

Saturday, 4 April
Social Hour 1630, Dinner ~1730

Home of John and Jo Ann Wilkes

Farm Raised Mississippi Delta Catfish
 Cost \$10.00 per person

Reservation to
Fred Pardoe 228-875-3986
or John Wilkes, 228 623-4516



Directions: From traffic light at the bottom of the east side of the big Pascagoula River Bridge, go NE on Pascagoula Street approximately five blocks to Lake Avenue (fire station on corner). Turn left (west) on Lake Avenue and go one block to Vincent Street (one lane street off north side). Turn right (north) and go approximately 100 yards. Watch for two rail brown fences on left and follow them up the driveway (4701). You will see a Four Winns cruiser on its trailer parked off to the left. Find a parking place in the yard.

Bring a chair of some sort (folding, lawn, stack, etc) for each person if you have them.