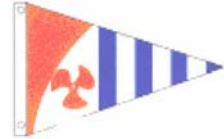


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December, a busy month for everyone, was also active within the squadron. At the meeting 06 December, the group assembled a **Schedule of Events** so that everyone is informed and can make plans ahead to take part in these activities. The **budget** was also finalized so that the financial base is understood by all members. Our **FORE 'n' AFT** requires the second largest amount of operating capital. The two major means of income are the **Advertisers** and **Transom Tag** donations. Please help support our publication with your \$10 (or more) per person patron donation. See *Gus* at the January Meeting if you wish to participate in 2006!

Our first **Flare Shoot/Fire Safety Demo** was held at the Osprey Marina, not only for squadron members, but also for the

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public. Thanks to all those who helped make it a success.

The **2006 Directory** is complete and was distributed at the 16 December meeting. You may get yours at the next meeting that you attend. If anyone has any additions, deletions or changes, please contact Jeanne (916-9881); and an addendum will be provided for your update and use.

The **16 December Christmas Party** was most enjoyable, with thanks going to Rosemarie for program management and Bob Roseman for the perfect music for both patriotic and holiday theme listening. The canned goods, given by our thoughtful members, have been taken to Helping Hands and were greatly appreciated.

There are so many avenues of opportunity—especially in January—to become involved...make your choice! Start the NewYear right by joining a committee or helping with any of the January activities. The squadron is what you make it – so let's all join in and make it a fun year for everyone! When your phone rings and one of the committee chairmen needs your expertise and asks you to participate, please say YES! Thanks to Bill and Marge Mullin for 'saying yes' by representing Long Bay at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando.

Happy New Year

See You 10 January

Kathryn

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Lt/C James P. Ditta, P

The **Boat Show** 13-15 January schedule is nearly complete. I want to thank all the members who have volunteered their time. However, I still have some time slots open *PLUS help is needed in setting up and dismantling* our booth. It would be great to see some new faces get involved with the squadron's activities. Please call 215-4828 or email me at jdittal@sc.rr.com to sign up. After the holidays, I will meet with the **Vessel Safety Committee** to discuss next year's plans.

Have a Happy New Year!

Jim

TREASURER: Lt/C Constantine Leftis, P

For those who would like to review the squadron's financial statements, they will be available at our regular monthly dinner meetings.

Gus

**"Roadside locations needed for Boat Smart Banners"
Please call Bob Epps 293-4569 if you can help.**

January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 Executive Com. Mtg. 1830 Webster U.	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Dinner Meeting 1830 Magnolia's	11	12	13 Grand Strand Boat Show MB Conv.Center	14 Grand Strand Boat Show MB Conv.Center
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Boatsmart 0800 HGTC Conf. Center
29	30	31	<u>Saturday 11 February:</u> Tentative Chart Smart & GPS at HGTC Conference Center <u>Mid January:</u> Piloting			



May the Lord Bless You and Always Keep You!
 May Heaven's Light Shine on All that You Do!
 May Health and Happiness Come Your Way!
 And Love Fill Your Heart Throughout Every Day!

On 16 December, we held our annual *Christmas Party* at the Beach Cove Resort in a festive party room complete with seasonal decorations, a dance platform, great food and lots of mingling space. We had a total of 36 members in attendance — but there sure was room for more! Thanks to Bob Roseman, a terrific DJ, we had music to dine and dance by. It was just great to see Bob and Gloria again following a stressful past few months for them. And we certainly extend heartfelt condolences to Gloria on the death of her Mom.

Our annual Chinese gift exchange turned out to be a fun time — as usual. This year we also held a special drawing for everyone there. A beautiful Poinsettia plant is now adorning the home of Frank and Tracy DeDomenick.

We are hopeful that more of our members will party with us at next year's Christmas celebration. To this end, we have scheduled it on our regular 2nd Tuesday dinner/meeting night, 11 December 2006. This change in venue may just minimize conflicts and accommodate those heading out of town as the holidays ensue.

On 9 January, it's back to *Magnolia's in Myrtle Beach* for our first dinner/meeting in the New Year. Join us in welcoming our very favorite area *Meteorologist Ed Piotrowski* as our *program speaker*. Check out the back cover for details.

Wishing all a very Happy & Healthy New Year!

Rosemarie

Huber Benitez
Tracy DeDomenick
Hilton Dickson
Blakeney Jackson
Frank Keiser
Gus Leftis



Ralph Meadows
Gail Palmer
Gloria Roseman
Paul Soucy
Jonathan Suter
James Wilson

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER:

Lt/C Larry Byrd, SN

Special “*THANKS*” this month goes to Dale Downey and Dick Clark for helping set-up the flare shoot and fire safety demo at Osprey Marina. We are fortunate to have the marina’s support in many of our events. Twenty-three members and about 40 other boaters participated, making this “first” for Long Bay a very successful event. Lots of fires were put out and many flares lit and fired skyward. Only two small fires and one really errant parachute flare shot into the woods. Thanks to planning, the Fire Department was on hand. A&A Fire & Safety also deserves our support for the material they furnished. Thanks to Paul Soucy for coming up with the suggestion and to Karen Crisalli who was able to get some very good PR of the event with two news blips on TV Channel 15. Check out photos on Page 9.

January and February are critical to our continued growth and public service. **Boat Smart** will be a 2-day class on *Saturday 21 and 28 January from 0800 until 1300*. If enough students are interested, we will also offer a morning class of **Chart Smart** and an afternoon class of **GPS** on *Saturday 11 February*. All three of these classes will take place at *HGTC Conference Center* on base. An email will go out before this is published but I do not have all members’ addresses. If you have not been contacted and can assist, please call 215-7147 and a job will be found for you. We all need to participate and get involved. ***Involvement is the main focus of our new Commander.***

Six students have committed to taking **Piloting**. This course deals extensively with chart work both electronically and with paper charts making the student much better qualified as a boater. Frank Keiser is heading this course up and if you are interested and have not signed up – “*Call Today.*” Class should get underway by mid January. Any other courses you as members wish to have offered? We are here to serve.

Weather has been completed and we wait for the results. The six members deserve an “A” for effort in completing this tough course in record time.

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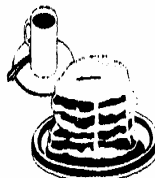
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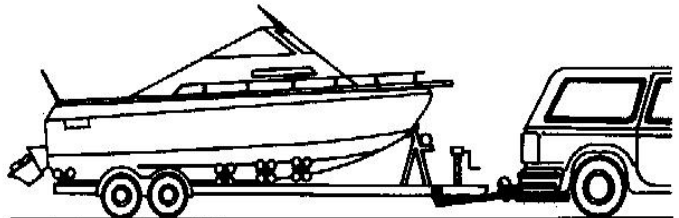
We've looked at a few safety issues related to trailer boating. Now let's look at a real life experience that taught me a lesson. The experience involves a nice little 21-foot Bayliner with an "L" drive. One of our senior Long Bay Power Squadron members (Dr. Lloyd Flint) offered to teach me the finer points of Predicted Log contests. We planned to do this on the south end and I planned to launch the boat at Wachesaw Landing. You know the place. There was a nice launching ramp, but no place to stand during the launching exercise. The folks at the marina get all bent out of shape if you trespass on their bulkhead. It's an awkward deal.

No matter, I would cope. So I whipped that Town & Country van around and backed down quite smartly into the water's edge and prepared to launch in style. I climbed over the bow of the boat and started the engine. Then I tried to back the beast off the trailer. No luck. Then I got off the boat and hauled on the stern lines. Still no luck. It seemed the boat was glued to the trailer. What could be wrong?

It suddenly dawned on me what was wrong. The stern tie-down straps were still tightly connected. The solution to this is to start the van's engine, pull the boat back out of the water, release the tie-downs, and re-position the boat in the water. The main problem I now had was dealing with the look on Lloyd Flint's face. Those of you who know Lloyd will recall that he is a stern, no-nonsense physician. To put it bluntly, Lloyd does not suffer fools lightly. If you'll glance at page 13 of the 2006 Long Bay PS Directory, you'll see that Lloyd won quite a string of Predicted Log Contests (1983-1986). I was eager to learn at the master's knee. Suffice it to note that the rest of the lesson went well. We even managed to return to the landing and get the Bayliner back on the trailer safely.

You may wonder what a Predicted log Contest is. Glad you asked. Think about it this way. A bunch of your fellow boaters dream up a course on the water stretching about 25 nautical miles with six varying-length "legs" or portions. The course is laid out on a NOAA Chart and is quite precise as to the "way points" you must pass during your six-legged voyage. Your task is to predict precisely how long it will take you to travel the six legs and precisely the times you will pass the "way points". There's a catch. You are not allowed to look at a watch during the trip. There's an observer on your boat who records exactly (to the second) when you passed each "way point". The idea is to pass at EXACTLY the second you predicted. Each second sooner or later is a mistake and you'll be penalized. You are competing against others and the skipper with the least error wins.

The whole point is to know your boat and precisely how fast it goes in varying tachometer settings and how wind and current affect it. It ain't easy. Ask Larry Byrd.



Boating Activities

P/C Paul Soucy, AP

Following are the 2006 Boating Activities for our squadron. As you can see Boat Trip Captains are needed as indicated. Lack of Boat Trip Captains could result in trip cancellation, so please volunteer.

2006 Long Bay Power Squadron Boating Schedule

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Scheduled Event</u>	<u>Boat Captain</u>
March	25-26	Raft up at Oxbow	Paul Soucy
April	7-9	Azalea Fest, Wilmington, NC	Ray/Jo Stull
May	19- 22	Cooper River, Santee Lakes	Paul Soucy
June	9-11	Beneventum Week-End	Ray/Jo Stull
July	1-5	Southport, NC & Fireworks Show	Need volunteer
August	12	Day Outing to Conway	Need volunteer
September	15-17	Charleston	Need volunteer
October	23-11/2	Long Trip to New Bern, NC	Larry Byrd
November	25	Christmas Boat Parade, N. Myrtle Beach	

Note: Dates established during December Executive Committee meeting and are subject to change to meet the needs of squadron members.

Note: Boat Trip Captains are needed as indicated above. Please contact Paul Soucy @ 903-4178 if you would like to help out as a Boat Trip Captain. The squadron needs Boat Trip Captains to finalize schedule. Below are the duties of a Boat Activity Captain; it may sound complicated, but it's not very difficult.

Boat Activity Captain duties for the preparation before squadron boating trips: Establish information relative to starting point, cruise route, dockage rate per foot, shore power requirements (30 or 50 Amps), call in to visiting marina boat names, length, lodging facilities (if required), fuel availability (gas/diesel) and obtain interesting information of the area being visited. Establish VHS radio channel for communications, marina address and phone numbers and ensure all members know phone number of assigned Boat Activity Captain. Trip Captain should also ensure each boat captain has the necessary charts for trip route.

Boat Trip Captain will be the focal point for and will lead during boat trips, unless the squadron commander elects to lead as outlined in the USPS Operations Manual. Boat Trip Captains and the Long Bay Power Squadron will not under any circumstances be responsible for any expenses incurred by any member of a boating trip (includes guests). Boat Trip Captain will set course, time of departure and estimated time of arrival.

USPS Port Captains Listings can be obtained from the USPS web site prior to departure should be contacted if help is needed along the route.

FLARE SHOOT/FIRE SAFETY DEMONSTRATION



2006 LBPS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January	03	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	04-08	USPS Annual Meeting – Orlando, Florida
	10	Membership Meeting – Speaker – Magnolias - 1830
	13-15	Boat Show - Convention Center – Jim Ditta
	21& 28	Boat Smart - Larry Byrd SEO
February	04	D/26 Winter Council - Columbia, SC
	07	Executive Meeting – Webster – 1830
	11	Chart Smart/GPS – Larry Byrd
	14	Membership Meeting – Valentine’s Day
	16-19	Miami Boat Show
March	07	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	10-13	D/26 Charleston Spring Conference
	14	Membership Meeting - 1830
	25-26	Raft Up at Oxbow— Trip Leader—Paul Soucy
April	04	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	07-09	Cruise - Azalea Fest - Wilmington , NC – Trip Leader
	11	Membership Meeting – Speaker
	28-30	Charleston Boat Show
May	02	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	09	Membership Meeting - Speaker
	19-22	Cruise - Santee Lakes– Trip Leader – Paul Soucy
	20-26	National Safe Boating Week
June	02-03	D26 Summer Council – Thurmond Lake
	03-11	National Fishing & Boating Week
	06	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	09-11	Cruise – Beneventum Plantation – Trip Leader – Ray Stull
	13	Membership Meeting – Speaker -1830
July	01-05	Cruise - Southport, NC – Trip Leader
August	01	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	12	Day Cruise to Conway – Trip Leader
	15-20	Governing Board – New York
September	05	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	12	Membership Meeting – Nominations for New Bridge
	15-17	Cruise – Charleston, SC—Trip Leader
October	03	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	10	Membership Meeting – Speaker – Voting of New Bridge - 1830
	20-22	D/26 Fall Conference/COW – Augusta
	23-11/2	Cruise to New Bern, NC—Trip Leader—Larry Byrd
November	07	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	11	LBPS COW - 1830
	25	NMB Christmas Regatta
December	05	Executive Meeting – Webster - 1830
	12	Membership Meeting – Christmas Party

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LBPS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE & TIME: **10 January 2006** 1830 Cocktails, 1900 Dinner

LOCATION: **Magnolia's**
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SPEAKER: **Meteorologist Ed Piotrowski**

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