



## 2011 PILOT Writing Contest

The editors of the PILOT, in conjunction with the Bridge, are continuing the article writing contest for PRSPS Members in 2011. The winner will receive dinner for two at one squadron meeting, excluding the Change of Watch. Whip up your best writing skills and join the fun.

### Eligibility:

- You must be a member or associate member of the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron.
- Editors of the Pilot are not eligible. All other members may compete as long as the article is not part of a regularly published column.

### Rules:

- Your submission must be made by the deadline published in the Pilot (the 10th of each month). Late entries will be held for the next available issue.
- We are limited to the first two articles submitted each month. If we receive more than two, we will hold others for later publication.
- Your articles **MUST** be spell checked and grammatically correct. Please do not format it in any way.
- **DO NOT MAKE IT "PRETTY"** (Large type, colors, etc.), we are only judging the writing.
- Your article must be between 250 and 1,000 words and may include a high quality photograph or graphic.
- Your article must be boating related.
- Your article **MUST** be submitted electronically to the Pilots Editors in Word or text format: [rastein@embarqmail.com](mailto:rastein@embarqmail.com) and/or [sailgreen@embarqmail.com](mailto:sailgreen@embarqmail.com).
- Handwritten or typed articles **WILL NOT** be considered.
- The winner will be decided by the Editorial Staff of the pilot. There will be no protests allowed, and **OUR DECISION IS FINAL**.
- The contest ends with the December 2010 issue and the winner will be announced at a 2011 PRSPS meeting. If we like the results and with Bridge approval, we will continue the contest each year.

### Grading Criteria:

- Originality
- Interest to the boating community and/or USPS
- Technical accuracy (statements of fact must be researched and verified)
- Ability to "capture" the reader
- Skill at getting your ideas across
- Brevity
- Non-repetitiveness

So, Peace River Sail and Power Squadron members, are you up to the task?  
If so, the contest begins **NOW!**