

GALAXY Newsletter for March, 2017 from D/C Mark Adams, SN

Greetings D23 Members and Friends

Wow. This has been a fast bridge year. As I write my last report as Commander I can't help but remember all the exciting things that went on this year. It was year full of events and meetings. It all began in March 2016 with the Change of Watch in Daytona. In fact Daytona was so great we will do it again there this March. Yes, the 2017 spring conference and Change of Watch will be held March 31 through April 2 at the Oceanside Inn in Daytona Beach. I want to see all of you there. Reservation forms are in your email, squadron newsletters, D23 website or see your squadron commander. Aside from the fact you can spend the weekend in a fabulous oceanfront hotel, D/Lt /C Jim Suber, Lucy Hixenbaugh and her committees have put together an outstanding weekend.

<u>Council members</u> are reminded it is important you attend the conference and Change of Watch.

Another event that is well attended and provides a day of fun, food and entertainment is the D23 picnic which will be May 13, 2017. Watch your email, D23 website, Facebook and squadron newsletter for details.

The National Annual meeting was late February so I am not able to report on the meeting in this newsletter. Attend our District Conference for updates on what is happening at National.

Congratulations to all squadrons who received awards at the Spring and Fall Conferences and congratulations to Harris Chain Sail and Power Squadron for receiving the Excellence in Recreational Boating Education from National. The Distinctive Communication award for publications was awarded to Banana River, Central Florida, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach, Harris Chain and Jacksonville Squadrons. The Distinctive Communication award for website was awarded to Banana River, Central Florida, Cocoa Beach, Daytona Beach, Harris Chain, Gainesville, Titusville and Jacksonville Squadrons and D23.

In closing I want to thank each and every member of D23 for the success of D23 and your squadron and for the opportunity to serve as your District Commander. There is more work to be done. I ask you to support your

District and Squadron Bridge. Times are challenging trying to grow and retain our membership. I wish incoming D23 Commander and the D23 bridge success and all the best. SEE YOU IN DAYTONA.

Yours in Safe Boating D/C Mark Adams, SN