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Tribute to a renown Jester

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After more than three decades of dedicated service to the U.S. Sail and Power Squadron, Harry Hebb is retiring. A "Harry Hebb Appreciation Night" was held at the canal residence of current commander, Charles (Chuck) Fosha on March 14. Harry's contributions to the Pensacola Chapter, as well as the national organization were recapped, while chapter members toasted his accomplishments.



By special arrangement, a laptop was hooked up so that he could reminisce with members of the National Board who served when he was national secretary. Harry put on his Jester hat to chat virtually with those friends who were also wearing Jester hats! But what is the story about his jester hat? During the time that Mary Page was National Com-



mander she held weekly virtual meetings with her department heads. It was during those

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Larsons bring home the fourth Ol' Snipe

D/Lt/C Ron Swope, SN-IN

"A snipe, in Navy jargon, is someone who works in the engine room aboard ship. Since that was my career for better than 30 years, it just seemed appropriate that the name would carry through to my boat", explained P/C Todd Larson as we discussed his newest nautical acquisition. This "Ol Snipe" replaces his previous boat of the same name. The old one had a 5' draft and often he couldn't get



through the channel from his marina because it has silted in. It's especially bad since Hurricane Sally.

Although he has owned more boats, this is only the fourth one to carry the Ol Snipe name. She is a 32 foot, 1999 Island Packet with a 4' draft and 48' mast. His electronics include chartplotter, VHF/DSC radio and autopilot, but no radar. There is air conditioning, a refrigerator, freezer and a diesel fueled heater. He said the heater really comes in handy on cold morn-



ings and warms up quickly. There is no generator, but he plans to put in a solar panel DC battery recharging unit.

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The Lazy Log

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We hold regular business meeting and social events during the calendar year. Membership information may be obtained by visiting our website at ... www.psp.me ... or by contacting either the Commander or Secretary.



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Birthdays

Steve Nauman—April 8

James Mattern—April 23

Kathleen Savage—April 30



A renown jester (Continued from page 1)

meetings that Harry began wearing a jester hat. Next he began wearing it to annual meetings. According to Harry, "I was going to wear it as part of my swan song that I sang at the last annual meeting that I attended." Unbeknownst to Harry, the entire national bridge put on similar jester hats at that same meeting when he was presented with a certificate of service!
A brief review on the history of

the Jester may explain why the hat is so appropriate for Harry. A jester, court jester, or fool, was historically an entertainer during the medieval and Renaissance eras who was a member of the household of a nobleman or a monarch employed to entertain him and his guests. The brightly colored three cornered hat (representing donkey ears and tail) was also known as a "cap of bells" (the sounds bring-

ing attention to the presence of the Jester) or "fools hat." To be a Jester meant that by royal decree he could say whatever he wanted without fear of reprisal by the monarch. Jesters were known for their wicked sense of humor. The Jester was a court favorite--indeed, wherever he appeared. Sounds like Harry doesn't it? Harry, always a team player, gave a speech about the unselfish acts of love his younger (by 10 years almost to the day) brother, Mark. Mark and his wife Carmen, have opened up their home to Harry in Jacksonville where Harry now lives.



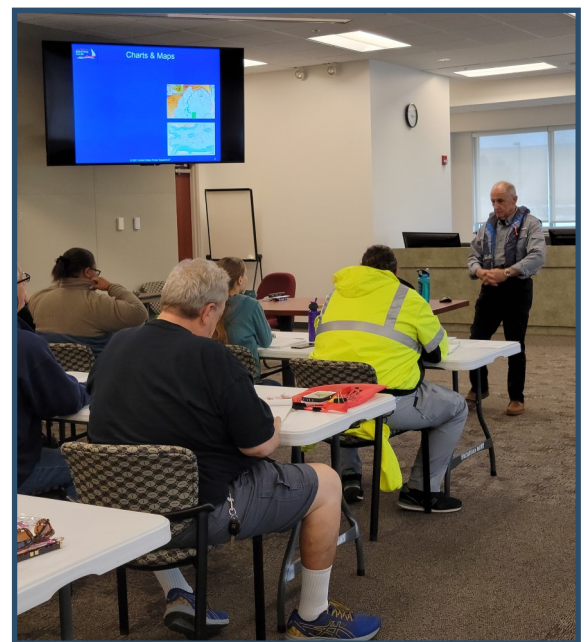
Date for Spring Conference changed

The date for the District 15 Spring Conference, previously announced for April, has been changed to the weekend of May 19-20. It will be hosted by the Lake Pontchartrain Sail and Power Squadron. As I write this, hotel location, agenda, cost and other details have not been released.

12 students attend recent ABC class

A total of 12 students completed the recent ABC3 course and qualified for their Florida Boating Safety ID cards. Our Squadron Educational Officer was contacted about conducting the class for the Environmental Protection Department employees in Escambia County. The class needed to be scheduled during the employees' working hours. It was held at the Escambia County Central Office Complex. The class was also available to the public and 3, non-county employees joined in.

P/C Todd Larson coordinated the event. The facility is used by many different entities in the county and the instructors had to work around last minute room scheduling conflicts and equipment incompatibilities. Dave Simon and Ron Swope assisted Todd with the instructor duties.



Dave Simon presents a lesson at the recent public boating class

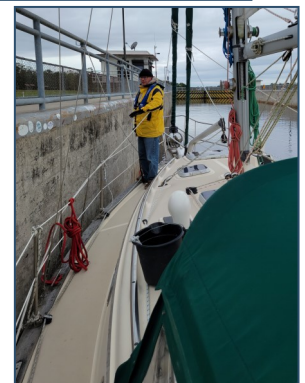
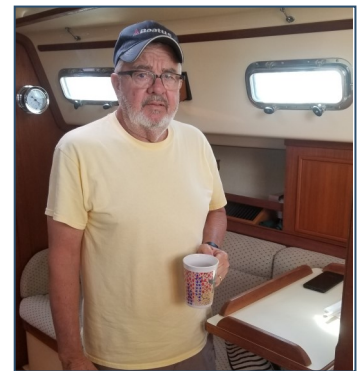
New Ol' Snipe comes to town — (continued from page 1)

Todd and his wife Jane went to North Carolina last November to see the boat they had found on the internet. They struck a deal and the day before Thanksgiving did the survey. Everything was good and they spent the next week preparing the boat for the trip home. They started out on November 28 and arrived at their Marina in Pensacola on January 3. There was a one-day weather delay at Morehead City, NC and a 6 day hold up in Clearwater, FL, also due to bad weather. Other than that they only had a few mornings of fog to delay their journey.

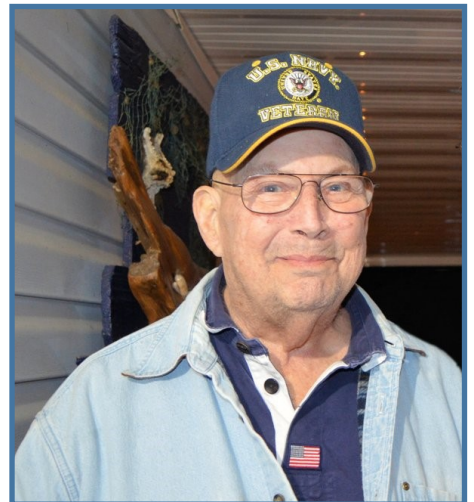
As a kid living in Florida, Todd's first boat was a homemade catamaran. Later, living in Minnesota, he boated on lakes in runabouts and loved to fish as well as water ski. Primarily a sailor, Todd is also at home with powerboats and is one of our Boat Operator Certification Certifiers. He has made 3 trips to the Bahamas and the run from Pensacola to Key West, twice. He also made the trip from Fort Lauderdale to Annapolis, Maryland. He qualified for the 100-ton Coast Guard Captain's license, but it is not current.

Joining the Navy at 19, Todd rose through the enlisted ranks reaching Master Chief Boiler Technician (E-9) the highest enlisted grade outside of the Chief Petty Officer of the Navy. At the same time he made Master Chief, he was commissioned an Ensign. From there, he moved up through the officer ranks, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander (O-4). Although Todd was commissioned as a Limited Duty Officer, which meant he would serve in specific jobs that related to his enlisted experience, he did qualify as an Underway Officer of the Deck. At sea, the OOD is responsible for the navigation and safety of the ship. That is a lot of responsibility.

Now that their "new" Ol' Snipe has a draft that can get out of the marina, Todd and Jane plan to begin exploring the Florida Panhandle.



Fair winds and following seas, Harry



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