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## Commanders Message - November 2008

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What a gorgeous month October was and with just a minimal amount of rain, Beaver Lake even began giving up some of the land it had claimed earlier this year. I suspect we are all looking forward to a great November, chili cook-off; election results; weekend leaf peeping in the Ozarks; and Thanksgiving with family.

Please make sure you mark your calendars and plan to attend the events still scheduled for 2008. Early in November, we intend to have a planning meeting to tentatively plan events and list all National and District events for 2009. This would be a great time for you to get involved and make your thoughts for a TGIF type event; an on the water event; or a topic and/or meeting place for a Squadron dinner meeting. We would like to have some variety in our events from year to year so if you have ideas let us know and better yet come to the planning meeting. You can call or email me after Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> to find out the time and place for the meeting.

Some of us have just returned from a very nice weekend in Oklahoma City where we attended the District 31 Fall conference and annual COW. Please join with me in welcoming Marilyn Rose, P of Tulsa Sail & Power Squadron as the 2009 Commander of District 31.

The first order of business D/C Rose called for was that each of the five Squadrons in District 31 selects a day in early February 2009 to support district 31 at the Tulsa Boat Show. Find out more about this in the *Bearings*. This is an opportunity for us to go as a group to Tulsa and spend the day together and support the efforts of USPS in the form of a District booth in this, the 5<sup>th</sup> largest boat show in inland country.

At the Fall Conference, it was my and Exec Officer Nancy Gibson's honor to accept District Awards

on behalf of our Squadron. This year Beaver Lake Sail & Power Squadron was awarded the prestigious Prince Henry Award for achieving the greater numbers of new JNs and Navigators among qualified members. P/C **Mike Musholt**, JN was selected as the District 31 recipient of The Chapman Excellence in Teaching Award which is based on teaching background, knowledge and teaching skills. Beaver Lake was awarded the Training Aid Award, constructed and presented by our own D/Lt/C Tom Unger. The Educational Achievement Award is awarded to the squadron whose members have passed the most advanced grades and elective educational courses. and the Membership Growth Award for the squadron having the largest percentage of membership growth during the period June 2007 through May 2008 were also captured by Beaver Lake.

John Will Blasé was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the District 9-11 year old Youth Poster Contest (*John Will is the son of John David and Meredith Lee Blasé of Colorado Springs, grandson of John Fairhead*). I applaud all the members of the Squadron for their hard work and effort put forth that allowed for Beaver Lake Sail & Power Squadron to achieve these honors. All your collective efforts have paid handsome dividends, let's all strive to retain these awards in the coming years.

If you have not already heard or read, USPS National has restructured its insurance for all USPS activities. At the District Conference, the National Representative was R/C Noel McKeown, SN who is the USPS Law Officer. We had the opportunity to hear in real terms what the new insurance changes do for the squadrons.

For more information about squadron, district or national activities or offerings go to our web site at:

[www.boatbeaverlake.com](http://www.boatbeaverlake.com)

## Up coming Beaver Lake activities

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***Please note:** Reservations which need to be cancelled can be made by calling Susan Unger 643-2282 in order not to incur the dinner charge.*

### **4 November - VOTE!**

**8 November, Chili Cook-Off** At the day use pavilion at Rocky Branch Park. (Formerly known as Area C where the P/C brunch is held) Members are asked to bring their favorite chili to be judged and shared. Prizes will be awarded for the hottest and the best all-round. Those not wanting to enter the chili contest can bring deserts, chips or other finger food. This will combine the on-the water activity and the normal business meeting. Bring your table service, drinks, and favorite toppings. A grill will be available if you want to bring fixings for chili dogs. Anyone needing a boat ride may contact Bob or Mary McAllister at 361-2192 or 601-5112. Mark your calendar now and come enjoy the fall weather at the lake. Our newest members are especially encouraged to join in this Saturday afternoon *on the lake* activity. Start to gather at 11:30. Put the pots on the grate and we'll eat about 1300 (one o'clock). *Boating safety demo.*

**9 December Christmas Buffet: Spring Street Grill, 101 N Spring Street, Springdale.** 1800 Social Hour. Cash bar(wine & beer). Dinner 1900. The menu will consist of prim rib, chicken Florentine, salads, cheddar potato bake, vegetable medley, orange rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost \$22. all inclusive. They have a nice web site and map : [www:springstreetgrill.com](http://www.springstreetgrill.com). The restaurant is located just North of Ryans Clothing store on Emma Ave. Parking is in the rear.

**6 January: Meeting** has been proposed as a Soup 'n Salad affair at the First United Methodist Church of Rogers on the corner of 3rd and Elm streets. Save the date.

**3 February:** Kip Powers will tell about his trip to New Zealand with slides and comments. Time and Place to be announced.

**TELL US: what, where and when ? Do YOU have a suggestion for our monthly dinner meetings or a lake activity. Now is the time for all BLSPS members to make suggestions so that the 2009 calendar can be set up. E-mail your suggestions to Susan Unger. *Thanks for your help.***

## **Education Department Report,**

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Congratulations to the following students for successfully completing Sailing 102: **Lilian Bern, David Chrystall, Mark Goldsmith, Vann Groseclos, Mark Hawkins, Byron Lake, April Olson, Rick Olson, Ike Owens, Timmie Owens, Anna Lee Taylor and Kas Taylor.**

There are currently 5 students enrolled in Advance Piloting, John Nelson, Nancy Gibson, Harold Bemis, David Chrystall and Mark Hawkins. The course is being taught by Bob Baureis and Mike Musholt.

For those members interested in enrolling in the course, the cost is \$40.

## **National Education Notes**

Provided by DEO Tom Unger,  
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By the end of 2009 USPS will have totally rewritten and modernized every USPS course over a five year period. Also available are over 18 USPS University Seminars and at least two levels of Boat Operator Certification. For those cruising in off shore waters the new *Navigation* course provides completion of celestial navigation and practical techniques with electronic equipment. The new *Marine Electrical Systems* devotes the entire course to just the boat's electrical equipment, design, installation and troubleshooting. The new *Weather* course provides a practical and solid weather background for all boaters.

The new USPS insurance program provides coverage for USPS instructors in both the classroom and on the water. It includes a borrowed boat program that become primary policy for borrowed boats.

*For more information go to the national web sites listed on the last page of The Ensign.*

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## Conference Distractions

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One of the optional tours offered at the D31 Fall conference was a tour of the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. On Saturday morning there was the opportunity to view the **Dale Chihuly** blown glass exhibit. Chihuly is a renowned blown glass artist. If you've visited Bellagio's in Las Vegas, you've seen his glass flowers completely covering the lights on the lobby ceiling. It is spectacular. His shapes are organic and flowing. All the works are lighted so the glass shines.

At the entrance was a display of many individual shapes laid out to invoke a sense of coral reef. The shapes were clear glass with black and white threads and streaks running thru. Sea anemones, seaweed, corals and sponges were hinted at but not delineated. The shapes simply evoked a recognition and feeling of ocean life.

Some of the blown glass bowls shapes were huge. A long and thorough video showed the processes of the glass works. Chihuly sketched each piece that he wanted his glass blowers to make. Many of his pieces are huge and put together piece by piece. His 55 foot tall glass tower in the atrium consists of 2,400 hand blown parts. When it arrived in pieces, it took the crew a very long time to fit it all together. It's best described as a multi colored organic tangle that rises three stories high. The parts seem frozen in their movement.

Those riding the trolley were all from Oklahoma City except for me. The other out-of-towners missed a powerful exhibit. It was a bargain at \$7.00

The museum Café had excellent food. Five other ladies from OKC joined us for lunch. The star of the menu was goat cheese kisses. We were told that they were to die for. A ball of goat cheese is wrapped in a piece of phyllo pastry. The top is twisted like a candy kiss. There are three to an order. After baking, each kiss is served on a slice of cherry tomato. A purple leafy garnish was sprinkled around the plate. The Final touch was a long spear of toasted plantain chip. It looked worth the \$10 price.

All this made for a great experience. This Chihuly exhibit is permanent, the largest anywhere. It was purchased over two years ago for \$3,000,000.

*Sounds like a perfect weekend,*

*and at a not too far away place.*

## This and That:

*from the Editors notes.*

**Roster Notation:** Please place a **P/C** in the listing for **Jasen, Frank S.** Frank is a Past Commander of the Twin Lakes Squadron and also served three terms as District Education Officer from 1991 to 1994. P/C Frank Jasen, JN became a Life Member in 2004.

The just completed Sail Course certainly got **Mark Hawkins** all fired up. He asked instructor P/C John Nelson to go to St. Louis with him to help check out a spiffy sail boat that was up for sail. They went on a Friday and Mark was the new owner the next day. Look for him and his family sailing in **Serenity** on Beaver Lake. Hopefully he will have his ensign flying high on the mast.



It has been suggested that more items about our members would be interesting to our readers. Anyone may submit an article about themselves. Permission to print is needed if writing about someone else or copy written material is used. Send to d31prolc@cox.net either as an attachment or straight line text.

If you would like to see a "**Congratulations**" column, a volunteer is needed to collect Birthday and Anniversary dates or any good news tid-bits to be submitted for the appropriate months. Any Volunteers? The Editor is already up to her eye balls with USPS and BLSPS obligations. Call me for details.

## Tulsa Boat and Sports Show.

**Feb 2-8, 2009**



Yes, the Tulsa Boat Show will be at the usual place and it has been suggested that Beaver Lake stand watch at the District Booth on Friday, February 6th, from noon to 10 PM. The district has a generic flyer that describes the advantages of USPS membership with contact information for all D31 squadrons. A 3-4 hours watch with relief periods will get free admission to the show, which is the 5th largest inland boat show in the USA. Tom Unger is providing redesigned seminars to be presented through out the day. Please give the Commander a call if you and your mate would like to see the show and promote Beaver Lake Squadron at the same time.



### *Welcome Home, Prince Henry*

Prince Henry of Portugal had established a school of Navigation in the early 15th century to teach sailors how to find their position in uncharted waters by using celestial navigation. Groups from USPS made the trip to Portugal to visit the school in 1965 and in 1985. The statuette trophy, a replica of the famed statue in Portugal of Prince Henry the Navigator is a gift from the government of Portugal to the districts of USPS for the establishment of a celestial navigation award. Each district was given the authority to create its own criteria for the award with the trophy to be used to encourage their squadrons to actively stimulate members to strive for and to achieve the USPS celestial navigation grades of Junior Navigation (JN) and of Navigation (N). In 1990 District 31 received its trophy and

developed the initial criteria for this award. The two-piece Prince Henry trophy is an alabaster statuette seated in a recessed wooden base. A metal facing plate engraved with the name of this award is attached to the front of the base. Individual name plates of the winners are affixed to the base each award year. This award was first presented on 26 October 1991 in Little Rock, Arkansas to the Beaver Lake Squadron

The award is made annually to the squadron demonstrating the greatest progress, during the evaluation period, towards achieving greater numbers of new navigator and junior navigator qualified members. The evaluation period is from 1 July each year through the 30th of June the following year.

The District Educational Officer makes the award selection using the official education statistics and membership statistics provided by USPS Headquarters, with the computation of the award verified by the Assistant District Education Officer. The DEO makes the actual presentation of the Award to the selected squadron during the annual Fall Conference awards ceremony.

Beaver Lake was the first recipient of this award in 1991 and again in the years '97, 2001, '04, '05, '06 and now in 2008. That says a lot for our members wanting advanced nautical knowledge and the quality of our instructors.

*Thanks to all Beaver Lake Squadron members.*



## Youth Poster Contest

The National Youth Poster Contest theme for the 2008-09 year is BOATING IS FUN!

It would be fun to have some entries from Beaver Lake, but this program does not have a chairperson, male or female.

Beaver Lake has had a winner almost every year since this contest started.

Forms and material are provided by the squadron. This limited assignment requires an announcement at most dinner meetings and harassing your fellow members to get the kids and grandkids or any other kids involved in a fun project. Call Sally Bowen for more information.