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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



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Greetings,

I would like to first THANK each of you for the honor of serving you and the United States Power Squadron District 23. We have had a busy year so far and we have much more to do! I would like to ask each of you reach really deep and pull out something more you can do to keep the "Flags Flying". D/Cdr. Mark Adams has made it clear to the bridge we need to be available to you as much as possible if you need us.

The Spring Conference was a great success story from my perspective. The Squadrons came together and shared the responsibilities as a District. I plan to move some responsibilities around at the request of the Squadrons but the basic system will continue. I will cover that more later. Although the Holiday Inn Express has done a great job for us since we are going back in the fall we will stay in Daytona but move to the beach side.

I want to thank the Titusville Sail and Power Squadron for coordinating and successfully working through the Spring Picnic! The food was fantastic and the Cardboard Boat Races were successfully completed and it was good to see good healthy competition. It was a proven fact slow and consistent is a much better strategy! I salute those who participated. The new game, "TUG OF WAR" was a different story. We need to work on the rules to equalize the competition or get ALL Squadrons to field a 4-person team. We will find a spot that one team is not advantaged by having concrete to get their footing. Everyone were great sports. The line toss was the most educational to me. I plan to set up a line toss to keep on my boat as a dock party game! I highly recommend you get this event on your squadron schedule and make it a priority to attend. Titusville is working on the 2017 dates now.



Safe Boating Week was May 21 – 27, 2016. I hope everyone participated in some type of event. If your squadron held an event or participated in some way, please forward the information to the District Executive Officer Ron Gagen. Some in the U S Power Squadron have more time to give than others, but in the end we are all working for safety on the water.

In my position as District 23 administrative Officer my biggest responsibility is coordinating the conferences. The Fall Conference is rapidly approaching and Bobby Bray and the Daytona Squadron is working hard to put it all together. They should be sending an announcement and registration information soon. They are working towards a really fun and productive conference.

The 2017 Spring Conference is also well underway in the planning stage. We have appointed Vicky Anderson, Jacksonville Sail and Power Squadron as the Conference Chair Person. I have had help from Bobby Bray and Ron Gagen

finding the Hotel. We have chosen the Oceanside Daytona Hotel and Resort (go to OceansideDaytona.com). We have some of the committee assignments made. Daytona is going to remain handling Registration. Jacksonville is going to cover the Friday night event, Banana River is going to handle the Hospitality Room and Central Florida, Tony Gibbs has agreed to cover the publication and promotions for the Conference. We need a volunteer squadron for the Raffle, 50/50, Coordinating the Saturday morning field trip, to name a few. If you and your squadron wishes to volunteer for one of the open assignments, please contact me or Vicky. We will again ask the squadrons to help supply to needs of the hospitality room. If you have a contact or feel the desire to supply spirits, food or beer please advise Valerie Dietrich of Banana River.

Finally, I want to remind you all the Governing Board meeting in Pittsburg, PA. August 21-28 is fast approaching.

Go the National Web site to get all the details on schedules and reservations



Again THANK YOU for all you do and KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Be Safe,

Jim