

VULCAN POWER SQUADRON

NIMBUS



Spring 2006

Number 3



Please join
Vulcan Power Squadron
...on the water...

Saturday, June 10, 2006
1000 - 1500

Milton Berryhill's
Rabbit Branch Marina
79 Rabbit Branch Circle
Cropwell, AL
(205) 525-5562
Logan Martin Lake
Cropwell, Alabama

Picnic Barbecue Lunch a la Big Bob Gibson

\$10 per person
Soft drinks provided by VPS

Boat Rides

courtesy of
Power Squadron members...
(bring your trailer boat to share,
if available)

Fellowship

Vulcan Power Squadron
cordially welcomes members of the
Montgomery Power Squadron
to join in this activity... a favorite
annual event of VPS.

RSVP

Please let us know if you are coming
by June 5, 2006
by calling Joy Godsey, AO
205 436-7779 (leave message) or
Email: jgodsey@mac.com

Activity Chairs

Jim & Jimmie Pruett

Directions to Rabbit Branch Marina

From I-20 take the US 231
Pell City Exit. Go to
Richey's Store (app. 6
miles on left). Turn left
onto Rabbit Branch Road.
Marina is on the right (app.
1.5 miles).

From U.S. 280 go to
Harpersville (don't blink).
Turn left onto U.S. 231.
Go to Richey's Store (app.
9 miles on right). Turn
right onto Rabbit Branch
Road. See above.

**Reservations for the 25
May meeting must be
made by Monday, 22 May.
Contact Allen Folts at 205-
912-5961, 205-933-6669 or
e-mail allen@mdb.org.
See details of the meeting
on page 3**

You should have received your 2006 dues invoice by now. The total amount for USPS, District and Squadron is \$69.80. If you have not received your notice, please contact Joe Katz at jmkatzjr@hiwaay.net or call him at 256-505-3374. Checks should be made out to Vulcan Power Squadron and mailed to Joe at 202 Spindle Top Drive, Guntersville, Alabama 35976

April Meeting Featured NOAA and the 2005 Hurricane Season, Plus Frank Kennedy's Superb Chili

About 36 members and 4 guests attended the April meeting of VPS. Our guest speaker was Tim Osborn, Navigation Manager, Eastern Gulf of Mexico Region for NOAA and Regional Coordinator for NOAA's Coastal Programs. He is also the Regional Manager for Coastal Charting and Tide and Water Level and Geodetic Programs for Louisiana and along the Northern Gulf Coast. Tim traveled from his base in Lafayette, Louisiana to Birmingham to present his program to our squadron.

Tim provided the audience with a lively presentation on the important work NOAA supplied along the northern Gulf coast during the 2005 hurricane season. He explained that NOAA is just beginning to provide mariners with information on waterways currently being surveyed after the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. He also spoke to the group about marine navigation and the various chart products that NOAA is supporting - paper and electronic raster and vector charts. Following the talk, Tim gave away a number of NOAA's official Gulf coast paper charts and answered questions from the audience.

Prior to the program, everyone enjoyed a special meal prepared by VPS members Frank and Diane Kennedy. The menu featured Frank's home made chili with all the toppings, authentic hot tamales and Diane's delicious cole slaw. Lemonade and sweet sopapillas, a Mexican desert pastry, rounded out the meal. Many thanks to Frank and Diane for their generous and tasty contribution.

Joy Godsey, Administrative Officer



Popeye the Sailor Promo Posters Distributed to Area Marinas

Posters promoting Vulcan's Boat Smart Course, which will begin on 24 May at 500 Beacon parkway West, were distributed to area marinas and West Marine. If you know of a place that would be willing to display it (quickly) please let Lee Harrison know at lharrison@naphcare.com or call him at 458-8496.

The posters were created by USPS HQ and the rights to the Popeye and Olive Oyl were granted by King Features Limited.

Incidentally, Popeye was originally based on a river boat pilot on the Coosa Rive. More on that story in a later edition of the *Nimbus*.

Take America's finest Boating Course
during National Safe Boating Week
20 - 26 May 2006

Put Muscle In Your Boating
Take A Power Squadron Course
Sign up for the Boat Smart Course, call 205-912-5961 or email allen@mdb.org today

United States Power Squadrons
Vulcan Power Squadron
Boat Smart Course
starts May 24, 2006, 7:00 pm at
500 Beacon Parkway West
(4th building on left behind Valley Avenue Arby's)

May Meeting all About Not Losing your Boat...

Piracy on the High Seas

or

Knowing the Admiralty Law of Salvage

The speaker for the 25 May meeting will be F. Inge Johnstone, Esq. Johnstone is an attorney with Balch & Bingham, LLP in Birmingham. Born in Mobile, Alabama, he earned his B.A. from the University of Alabama School of Law.

He received his J.D with honors from the University of Alabama where one of his Best Papers, published in the *Alabama Law Review*, concerned Admiralty Law. After being admitted to the Bar, and prior to his association in Birmingham with Balch & Bingham, he practiced in Mobile, focusing on Admiralty Law.

Mr. Johnstone will speak about the Law of Salvage and other maritime legal issues important to boaters. He'll share, in general, some of the cases he handled in Mobile.

Following his talk, Johnstone will answer questions. This should be a very interesting meeting. For reservations, please call Allen Folts at 912-5961 or 933-6669 or email allen@mdb.org. Please RSVP by Monday, 22 May.



Hey, This chili ain't got no beans in it.



I tried to tell Folts he wasn't up to being SEO



How come she got a menu?

Calendar of Events

25 May, 2006

Thursday

VPS Monthly Dinner Meeting

Entertainment by Voices of the South - barbershop chorus

Speaker: Inge Johnstone, Esq. on Maritime Law

500 Beacon Parkway West

1830 – BYOB bar opens/fellowship

1900 – dinner and program

RSVP to Allen Folts 912-5961933-6669/allen@mdb.org

10 June, 2006

Saturday

Picnic & Boat Rides

Special guests – Montgomery Power Squadron

Milton Berryhill's Rabbit Branch Marina

Logan Martin Lake

1000 – gather at the picnic area

1130 – barbecue picnic

1230 – boat rides and fellowship

RSVP to Joy Godsey (205)436-7779/jgodsey@mac.com

24 June, 2006

Saturday

POKER RUN!!!

Hosted by Huntsville Power Squadron

Joe Wheeler State Park Marina & Lodge

Wheeler Lake on the Tennessee River

Times & Details to follow

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ACCOMODATIONS and/or
BOAT SLIP ASAP
SPACE IS LIMITED!**

Contact the Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge at: (800) 544-

5639, or (256) 247-5461. The internet address is:

<http://www.joewheelerstatepark.com>.

Make your reservations NOW!

For more info contact Joy Godsey (205)436-7779/

jgodsey@mac.com

28 September, 2006

Thursday

VPS Monthly Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Butch Goldblatt on Sailing & Diving the Virgin Islands

500 Beacon Parkway West

1830 – bar opens/fellowship

1900 – dinner and program

RSVP to Allen Folts 942-7284/933-6669/allen@mdb.org

30 September, 2006

Saturday

USPS Operations Training

Led by Herb Rossmeisl, Jr.

500 Beacon Parkway West (pending approval)

0900 – 1400, with break for lunch

RSVP to Joy Godsey (205) 436-7779/jgodsey@mac.com

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