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MEETINGS

Executive Committee -1st Thursday @ 1830

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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

**From the Commander
Cdr David Walsh, AP**



Many members recently received annual dues renewal notices from the United States Power Squadrons. Please put a check in the mail or pay online with a credit card as soon as possible. Remember, your annual dues enable the Charleston Power Squadron to continue operations and offer boating educational courses, cruises and social programs.

Last year, most of our members renewed. However, we lost some members. Those losses were made up by recruiting new members and transfers from other squadrons. So, the Charleston Power Squadron held about even in membership. As a member driven organization, The Charleston Power Squadron needs new members. New members are the lifeblood of the organization and the future leaders of our squadron.

In the past, most of our new members were recruited from those completing our Public Boating Course and passing the BoatSmart exam. This year, for the first time, the exam is no longer a membership requirement, making it easier to recruit new members. So, anyone interested in membership may be invited to join the squadron.

At the national level, the “Power of One” campaign is the focus for new member recruiting. This campaign encourages all members to recruit at least one new member a year. All of us have many of acquaintances, in our neighborhoods, churches, schools, yacht clubs, marinas, families and friends who are potential new members.

If you know of a potential new member, contact a bridge officer or our Membership Chairman, Wendy Walsh, for an application form and dues schedule. More importantly, use the “Power of One” and invite them to attend a squadron meeting or go on one of our

cruises. Once they meet our members and learn about the Charleston Power Squadron, they will join us.

On another note, Steve Poe has done an excellent job of updating our squadron’s web site. You will find up-to-the-minute information on the latest news of squadron activities. I especially enjoy the extensive photo album showing scenes from recent squadron activities and cruises. The web site has extensive squadron information including schedules for educational courses, social events, meetings, cruises and boat shows and an electronic version of the *Palmetto Log*. It also has links to District 26 and National USPS as well as local boating-related web pages. Please check it out at: www.usps.org/localusps/cps/.

-Dave



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**Executive Officer
Lt/C Art Clark, P**



Since our last issue we have had a successful in-water boat show. Many thanks to Jim Easley and his team for their hard work with our booth. I want to say a special thanks to Boo and Tony Ward for opening their boat to our membership during the boat show and for providing refreshments as well.

At this time, I am encouraging all Charleston Power Squadron members to have their boats inspected for the year. As you know, this service is at no cost to you. All you really need to do is to call me (849-9467), Harl Porter (843-832-9423) or one of our inspectors. As you know, our organization promotes boating safety and is the largest boating safety organization in the country. So let's get those boats inspected!!

Our Cooperative charting program will get up to speed soon. This is always a lot of fun and provides a needed service to NOAA and other boaters. If you are not familiar with the program, it is one wherein we check the location of day-markers and ranges. We also conduct depth surveys. Generally we take 3-5 folks out at a time. We are responsible for two charts. Our area runs from McClellanville to Beaufort including tributaries as appropriate, the Charleston Harbor and part of the Cooper River. When we go out it's always a fun day.

-Art Clark

**Educational Officer
Lt/C Chet Rogers, P**

On June 30 this summer, the Charleston Power Squadron will be offering the following two hour seminars at our headquarters, 1376 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC.

9:30 AM How to Use a Chart, taught by Steve Kromer, assisted by Harl Porter.

1:00 PM Using GPS, taught by Harl Porter, assisted by Steve Kromer.

These seminars will be open to the public at a charge of \$50 per seminar or both for \$80. Power Squadron members can take them for \$30 per course. Each seminar will be limited to the first 15 people to apply. Applications should be made to Chet Rogers by email at rogerscb@cofc.edu or by phone at 843 577-3022 or 843 324-5077.

How to Use a Chart

Charts provide information essential to your safety afloat. Even with GPS and electronic navigation, the chart is needed to tell you what is around you and between you and your intended destination. A system of symbols is used by cartographers to tell you what lies below the surface of the water and the depths of water. There is key information about visible landmarks and navigation aids to help you navigate your course. The chart also is your link with the GPS via its grid scale, compass rose, and distance scales. A brief introduction to latitude and longitude provides insight to the operation of GPS receivers.

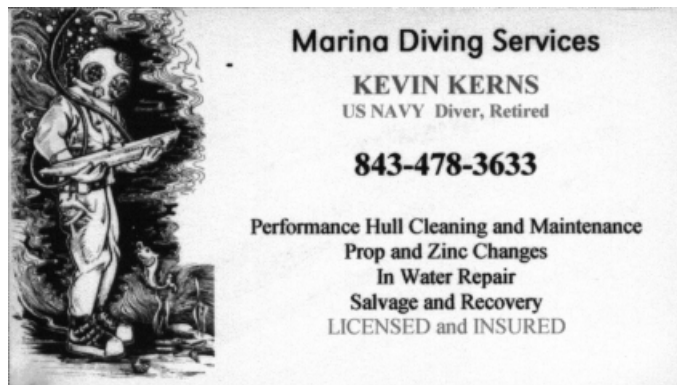
This seminar walks you through what you really need to know in an entertaining and interesting fashion, and provides you with a Maptech Waterproof flip-fold, Chart Symbols and On-the-Water Guide, to take along on the boat with you. In addition to showing you all about your chart, this seminar walks you through the essentials of laying out a safe course, steps to measure a course with the USPS plotter, and even a quick guide to the rules of the road.

Using GPS

GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However using GPS on the water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation which you will use. It then shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts which provide essential information about what is around you.

The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. A handheld GPS is used as the demonstration model, but all GPS receivers function similarly. By the time you have completed the seminar, you will be able to store waypoints into your GPS, activate them for navigation, and use GPS to keep you on a safe, pre-qualified course of your choosing. You'll also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you don't currently own one. You will get a waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide Using GPS to take aboard to remind you of the steps, or to show another of your crew how to use your GPS.

-Chester B. (Chet) Rogers



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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Dick Howells, P

My father was a modestly successful TV writer and novelist in the late 1950s and early 60's. He always maintained the hardest part of writing was to put his bottom into the chair and start. Well...I have the same problem doing my monthly article for "The Log".

Anyway let's talk about membership in the Charleston Power Squadron. Please do all you can to think up ways to bring up your involvement in and support of the Squadron when you talk to anyone. You never know when you will find a potential member. We are probably the primary source of good solid boating knowledge in the Charleston area. C-Map Charting refers to the United States Power Squadron as the 'GOTO Source' for boating information and education. Plus we do everything possible to promote safe boating in a friendly and social way. We are "America's Boating Club"!

If you develop a contact, invite them to a meeting as our guest. Tell them about our cruises and invite them. If they do not have a boat we will arrange a ride. On the last cruise to Morris Island, we had several guests without boats. BJ Smith as Cruise Director and Steve Ireland as Cruise Captain took names of potential guests and arranged for them to ride on various boats. It was great! Not only could we showoff our Squadron but we demonstrated what it really means to 'go to the beach' in Charleston.

The Morris Island Cruise was truly a great success. Through out the year, our cruises are drawing more people and new faces. The credit for this has to go to Commander Dave Walsh and Executive Officer Art Clark for suggesting more one day cruises that would be easier on families. Also; BJ Smith has worked harder than anyone to see that the Cruise Captains have everything they need and that all is well coordinated and organized.

Our Programs have been great. We have had knowledgeable, well-informed speakers and fun programs. Stan Whitman and his team have been spectacular and there is more to come. Past Commander Janice Kromer has Membership Involvement well organized and the work John VanWay and the telephone committed do is highly praised and credited for meeting and cruise turnout. Wendy Walsh has the process of getting new members properly into the system down to a science.

Do you get the message? We are a well-organized and managed operation that knows what we are doing. That should give us all the incentive we need to brag about the Charleston Power Squadron and look for new members.

Enough for now...hope to see you on the water soon.

-Dick

Secretary
Lt/C Jim Bass, AP

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and summer is on the way. Its time for cruising, fishing, swimming, Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Checks, boat shows and all the things you love to do in warm weather. I hope everyone is healthy and ready to enjoy the summer. As we begin the summer we have a couple of opportunities for you to support your Charleston Power Squadron. We have two committee positions to be filled in the secretarial department. The positions are Manager of the Ship's Store and Editor of the Palmetto Log. There is a need to fill the positions as quickly as possible so if you think you will be interested in filling either of them please call me at 843-278-0687 or send me an email at jamesbass1@comcast.net.

Thanks for your support,

-Jim

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 22-May | Reading Charts | Steve Kromer | West Ashley |
| 23-May | Exam | Dave Wlash | Mt Pleasant |
| 29-May | What's Required | David Walsh | West Ashley |
| 05-June | Rules Of The Road | Steve Kromer | West Ashley |
| 12-June | Getting Started | David Walsh | West Ashley |
| 19-June | Reading Charts | Steve Kromer | West Ashley |
| 26-June | What's Required | David Walsh | West Ashley |
| 03-July | Rules Of The Road | Steve Kromer | West Ashley |
| 10-July | Getting Started | David Walsh | West Ashley |
| 17-July | Reading Charts | Steve Kromer | West Ashley |
| 24-July | What's Required | David Walsh | West Ashley |
| 31-July | Rules Of The Road | Steve Kromer | West Ashley |

**P/C John Sikes, AP
Squadron Safety Officer**

Fuel Prices

Interested in finding out where the best fuel prices on the water are? Sea Tow has instituted a web site called Fuel Finder™ – the public database of fuel prices at various docks throughout the country.

Want to know which fuel docks have the best price for gasoline and diesel fuel these days? This is where you can come to compare.

Need to know where the nearest fuel station is? Check the link provided below! If you don't see a listing for your favorite fuel station, go ahead and add it in. Your fellow boaters will be glad you did!

<http://seatow.com/fuefinder/getmarinas.aspx>

Fuel Finder™ is a web application provided by Sea Tow, free of charge, to the boating public, for the display and posting of local marine fuel prices. Sea Tow accepts no responsibility for, nor can we guarantee the accuracy or timeliness of, the information presented herein. If you know the current cost of fuel at your local dock, please feel free to update the prices.

John

Women's Boating Survey Sheds Light on Boating Skills, Education

A recent online survey of over 400 women by BoatU.S. shows that parents play an important role in teaching their daughters recreational boating skills. But when girls grow up, many women believe there aren't enough boating educational opportunities, especially those that are tailored for women.

The newly released results of the BoatU.S. "Boating Learning and Education Survey for Women" showed that nearly half of all women respondents (47

percent) said it was a parent who they first remember teaching them boating skills, and 47 percent also said they had first gone boating before age 10.

"What the survey essentially tells us is that families play an important part in introducing boating to young girls, but as adults they want to learn more in relaxed settings, perhaps away from a well-meaning spouse," said Elaine Dickinson, Executive Editor of DIY Boat Owner magazine (a BoatU.S. publication for do-it-yourself boaters) and the leader of the BoatU.S. Women in Boating initiative.

Over two-thirds (67 percent) of women said they had taken some type of formal classroom boating training and 73 percent had some hands-on instruction, but there was clear support for more all-women courses (59 percent). Forty-two percent said that there aren't enough opportunities for girls and women to learn how to operate a boat, and when asked what kind of learning opportunities are needed, 80 percent said more hands-on events for women.

Also of interest was that three times as many women found a women-only course, seminar, or training "effective" as those who didn't (33 percent to 11 percent, respectively). "While there is much debate on whether women-only instruction is better, there is no doubt that women boaters prefer to learn in an environment that doesn't have the pressure associated with co-ed instruction," said Dickinson.

The topics that female respondents said they want instruction on include boat systems such as engines or electrical (71 percent), navigation (62 percent), and upgrading boat-handling skills (52 percent).

The respondents to the survey were not just first mates. Over three-quarters (78 percent) currently own either a powerboat (55 percent) or sailboat (53 percent). To see full survey results, go to BoatUS.com/women.

From Waypoints, US Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety, February 2007

UPCOMING MEMBER MEETINGS

June

Our 14 June meeting will feature Clairborne Young, who will speak on "Cruising the Intracoastal Waterways".

This meeting will be held at the SUNFIRE GRILL AND BISTRO, located at 1090 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.

The evening will begin at 1830 with cocktails & appetizers, & the dinner meeting will commence at 1900. The dinner includes an appetizer course, Sunfire Specialty Spring Rolls, a salad course, a house salad with a side of Balsamic Vinaigrette, & a choice of one of these 4 entrees:

- (1) A 12 oz. ribeye served over mashed potatoes topped with a red wine demi.
- (2) Lemon herb glazed chicken served over mashed potatoes.
- (3) Grilled salmon served over mashed potatoes topped with a lemon dill compound butter.
- (4) Grilled, balsamic marinated portabella mushroom layered with roasted red peppers and summer squash over jasmine rice.

This will be followed by a dessert course of cheesecake topped with berry puree. Tea, coffee & soda are included.

The cost of this dinner will be \$24.00 per person, plus 8% tax & 18% gratuity.

July

Our 12 July meeting will feature Dan Burns, Director of Applications Engineering, Cummins Marine. He will speak about current & future innovations in marine propulsion engineering. This meeting will be held at Headquarters, with cocktails at 1830 & the dinner meeting commencing at 1900.

NEW MEMBERS

Bill & Judy Moran

Due to UPSP's changing requirements, Bill Moran and his wife, Judy, have the distinction of being our first new members who did not have to pass a proctored test to join our squadron. Bill is an experienced sailor who starting his interest in boating back in his teens. Though he sailed for several years, other commitments "got in the way", and Bill didn't sail for many years. He took the sport up again in 2002, and now owns a 30 year old sailboat. Miss Ruby Lee still has her original sails, and Bill and his son sail as often as they can. Their next upcoming trip will be eight-day sail in Pamlico Sound. This is a special trip in that Bill's brother and nephew will act as crew. Bill's transfer to Charleston was job related, and he now acts as the Director for the General Internal Medicine Division at MUSC. Bill and Judy live on James Island, and we hope they'll be come very active members of our squadron.

Lance McLeroy

The Charleston Power Squadron is getting very popular at MUSC! Lance McLeroy earned his Doctorate degree in Pharmacy at the University in 2004. He returned to Georgia where he grew up, but now he's back working at MUSC along with several other squadron members. Lance is the owner of a 40' Carver and gets out on the water every few weeks – work schedule permitting. Jacksonville, FL, was a recent "port of call" and Lance plans a trip to Beaufort, North Carolina in the near future. As he's interested in our Educational Program, you may be seeing Lance at the squadron when our Fall Class schedule begins.

Patrick Keegan

Recent Boat Smart graduate Patrick Keegan came to Charleston via Washington, DC. Patrick grew up in DC, but actually earned his degree from the University of South Carolina, so he's no stranger to our beautiful state. Patrick's transfer to our area was job related. A member of the United States Secret Service, his last posting was with Vice President Cheney's detail. Patrick will replace that excitement with adventures on his 21' power boat, Sea Hunt. Training for his job with the Coast Guard got Patrick interested in boating, and he's always been an avid swimmer. Please welcome Patrick to our squadron. Dick and Ann Howells will be Patrick's Shipmates, and I'm sure they'll take good care of him.

Executive Committee Meeting - Thursday, 05 April 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cdr David Walsh at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, P/C Janice Kromer, P/Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Jim Bass, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Steve Poe, Lt Eugene Gilfillin, Carol Gilfillin, B. J. Smith, and Jim Davis. A quorum was established.

P/Lt/C Steve Kromer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lt/C Dick Howells made a motion to approve the minutes of the February Excom Meeting and seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the February, Excom Meeting minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Art Clark the In Water Boat Show is scheduled for 26th through 29th of April, and we will have a booth at the show. P/C Merellene and P/C Tony Ward have offered to open their boat to Power Squadron members during the show. We are making plans for the National Boating Safety Week. The Maritime Festival is also coming in May and we will have a booth at the festival. Lt/C Art Clark has a check he is taking to the Red Bank Club to reserve a room at the Storm Pointe Center for our Change of Watch Meeting on the 10th of November, 2007. The June cruise is to Beaufort, SC and the district conference meeting.

Cooperative Charting – P/Lt/C Steve reported that the first Cooperative charting outing will be on Jim Easley's boat on April 14, 2007. P/Lt/C Steve Kromer reports that he should be able to publish a schedule of the Cooperative Charting outing in the near future showing who has agreed to participate in the outings on specific dates.

Public Relations – B. J. Smith reported that Gary Whitley is requesting that any that one that needs PR for an event we are doing during National Boating Safety Week to let him know ASAP.

Flea Market - was very successful. We took in \$666.50 from the sale of various donated items. Joan King donated most of the items for this event.

Educational: Lt/C Chet Rogers would like to raise the price we are charging for the Boat Smart Class by \$5.00 because the cost of the student manuals has increased by \$5.00. Lt/C Art Clark made a motion to raise the price for the Boat Smart Class from \$40.00 to \$45.00. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Dick Howells. During the discussion of this motion it was noted that we had ordered 60 manuals at the old price and that we would not be effected by the price increase until we ordered new manuals. Lt/C Steve Kromer reported that the \$40.00 we currently charge for the class is on the low side of what other clubs charge for a similar class. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Lt/C Art Clark made a motion that we charge \$100.00 for non-members to take the Piloting Class, but they would not be able to take the exam. If they decide to join the Charleston Power Squadron, after or during the class that they would be able to take the exam and be given a \$30.00 discount on their membership fees. Thirty dollars is the difference between what we charge members to take the Piloting Class and what we would charge non-members. The motion was seconded by P/Lt/C Steve Kromer. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

Administrative: Per Lt/C Dick Howells: B. J. Smith reported that the April cruise will consist of cruising up the Cooper River to Gillian's Restaurant and have lunch and return. We are to rendezvous at Bushy Park at 0900 hrs. It will take approximately 2.5 hours at 10 knots to make the trip. We will need to leave Gillian's not later than 1415 hrs to insure we get back to Strawberry Bridge before the bridge operator leaves for the day. Morris Island Cruise will be May 12, 2007. We are planning a picnic on Morris Island.

New members- A motion to accept Lance McLeroy for membership in the Charleston Power Squadron was made by Steve Poe and was seconded by P/Lt/C Steve Kromer. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Steve Poe reported that he had been requested to send a message to the Goggle Group when he posts the Palmetto Log on the Web Site and has agreed to do so. Dead line for the Palmetto Log articles is April 15, 2007. Lt/C Jim Bass contacted Carol Burgess to discuss the Ships Store. Carol said that she and Ross could not take on the Ships Store because they will be moving back to the Chesapeake as soon as they can sell their house. Carol said that would send me information on what they did at their last location to make the Ships Store successful. She said that they made a significant investment in the Ships Store initially and that it was a good money maker for their club. Lt/C Jim Bass agreed to make a report on the information Carol sends at the next Excom Meeting.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: We have \$6385.00 in our checking account and \$9087.00 in our money market account for a total of \$15472.00. A profit & Loss report from December 2006, through March 2007, was submitted. A copy of that report will be filed with these minutes.

Committee Reports:

Audit, Housing, Nominating, Rules and Planning Committees: No reports

Communications: Per Cdr David Walsh – We received a request from The Cruising Club of Charleston to provide them with a speaker for one of their meetings either on June 7th or July 5th. Their meetings are the first Thursday of each month. Cdr David Walsh prepared a Power Point Presentation to give an overview of the Charleston Power Squadron to present to The Cruising Club of Charleston and any other organization that might be interested in what we do.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 1925 hours.

Submitted by,
Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary

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Upcoming Events For June and July

- 1-3 June - Cruise to Beaufort
- 14 June - Member Meeting Sunfire Grill - 1830
- 12 July - Member Meeting HQ - 1830
- 21 July - Morgan Creek Restaurant Cruise

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