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MEETINGS

Executive Committee - 1st Thursday @ 1830

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**Safe Boating Through
Education**

From The Commander Cdr Art Clark, P



Thanks to all who have stepped forward to fill all our critical positions! And thanks to Wendy Walsh and Steve Brostoff for taking on Palmetto Log improvements. You may not know, but Wendy is also our and D26 membership chairperson; she has a lot on her plate. As we continue to work our way through the year I can see many improvements in how we operate and what we offer to our members. Some of this is a direct result of our strategic plan we updated this year. For example, Dave Walsh has taken the lead in establishing our own Shrimping & Fishing Club.

A special thanks to BJ Smith, Helen Kovach, Dona Jean Dorminy and Marion Barnett for their great meals. Kudos for Stan and Karen Whitman for dinner meeting set ups, Jim Easley on the bar and Stan and Karen Whitman for the programs.

My next effort is to contact all new members to see if we can get them involved in some aspect of our Squadron. We have plenty of interesting things to do such as Cooperative Charting, member meetings, fishing & shrimping, Vessel Safety Checks, cruise planning, etc. So, if you're a new member, I'll be calling!

Let me take this opportunity to thank a most active Bridge and all others who work so diligently at making our Squadron a success. You're terrific!

Art



Executive Officer Lt/C Dick Howells, AP



May is a busy month for the Squadron with Harbor Fest, National Safe Week, the District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous and our own activities. With the great weather everyone with a boat or wishing to have a boat is thinking about being on the water. It is a good time to remind all that fun boating is safe boating and that we are the best source for safe boating education and fun. With all of the activity mentioned there will be plenty of opportunity to promote the Squadron. Please help out and sell the Squadron every chance you get. We need the members and, the boating public needs what we offer.

District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous Report

"We sailed away in the month of May..." up the ICW to North Myrtle Beach to the Barefoot Resorts Landing and Marina for a grand time. Ten Charleston Power Squadron members joined in the festivities: Chet Rogers, Ed Kridler, James Rowe, Pat Brown, Dick and Anne Howells, Dave and Wendy Walsh, BJ Smith and Gene Corbett all attended. Dave and Wendy went in "Reely Fun" followed by Dick Howells, James Rowe, Gene Corbett and BJ Smith on board the "Katie-Ell". Going by boat took us through some of the most beautiful scenery on the ICW north of Georgetown.

There was only one short meeting, and the rest of the time was spent eating, socializing, dancing and watching outrageous Kayak races. There was one discordant note; when we docked the "Katie-Ell" Friday evening *our good friends* from the Lake Hartwell Squadron were there to assist with the lines. I didn't think our efforts were all that bad considering the current and wind—but afterwards those *kind* Lake Hartwell folks dubbed the "Katie-Ell's" crew *The Four Amigos* from Charleston.

Just a reminder, we have a cruise planned in September to Georgetown. Plan to go by boat if you can. The schedule is to go up either on Friday or Saturday so it should fit most members' schedules, and any size or type of boat will do. There are good hotel accommodations right at Georgetown Landing Marina and plenty of fine places to eat.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

Dick

2008 USPS Membership Dues **Reminder**

June is the largest dues renewal cycle month of the year. Out of the 198 members in our squadron, 139 have dues pending the first of June and should have received their invoices in mid-April. A good number of those have already renewed by mail or on-line at www.usps.org/dues with a credit card.

For those who have not yet renewed, remember, dues are tax deductible. USPS members get membership discounts with Boat US, discounts on computer software and hardware, discounts with Maptech, Nobel Tec, and DELL Computers, and so on.

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Administrative Officer **Lt/C BJ Smith**



June is already upon us and the lowcountry weather is certainly predictable. During the day, we have lots of sun augmented by fast moving thunderstorms in the evening. Our squadron is also fast moving and gaining traction. The fun part of our cruising season is upon us, and we have several raft-ups planned for this year. I encourage you to attend these fun filled events. Bring the entire family and your extended family as well.

We had fifty-four people attend our May membership meeting. It was a gala event as we celebrated “Cinco de Mayo” with delightful Mexican cuisine and lots of margaritas. Our speaker, Jim Hackett, did a wonderful job describing his sailing experiences in the “95” Bermuda race. I just cannot say enough about our wonderful membership meeting events team. Anchored by the very talented Helen Kovach and her able assistants, they continue to surprise me each month with their creativity and unstoppable energy. Dona Jean Dorminy and Marion Barnett became professional onion choppers as they prepared for the May membership meeting. Jim Easley and Gary Whitley always do an outstanding job with the bar. Stan and Karen Whitman are always so dependable. Stan plans the programs, and they both help with the decorations. Unfortunately for us, Stan and Karen are off for the rest of the summer on sabbatical. I do wish them well during their vacation abroad. (I get to use their dock while they are gone). I also want to thank all the members who help us clean up after the meetings. As you know, it is a “big” job to plan and execute an event of this size, and I am so appreciative of your help and assistance.

Just as a reminder, membership renewal is right around the corner. Our membership chairman, Wendy Walsh, can address any questions or concerns you may have. Let’s get our membership renewals up to date and get out on the water!!

BJ

Educational Officer Lt/C Chet Rogers, P



In June, we will be offering the following three educational seminars open to our members and to the public:

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-ford, Chart Symbols and On-the-Water Guide to take along on the boat. 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 US{PS plotter, and even a quick guide to the rules of the road.

Using GPS

This seminar shows you how to operate your GPS – what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the function you need. A handheld GPS is used as the demonstration model, but all GPS receivers function similarly. By the time you have completed this 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. You will get a copy of the *USPS GPS Guide* and 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

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications. Digital Selective Calling is rapidly becoming a reality as more Coast Guard Rescue 21 operations go live. This seminar explains basic VHF operation. A CD is included with a DSC Simulator that allows you to practice on your computer at home. A handy waterproof *Captain's Quick Guide Using VHF* is included with essential information that you should have aboard, which will explain to anyone on your crew how to use the radio.

The seminars will be offered according to the following schedule at the Power Squadron Headquarters at 1376 Orange Grove Road in West Ashley according to the following schedule:

Saturday 7 June from 0930 to 1130
How to Use a Chart

Saturday 7 June from 1300 to 1500
Using GPS

Saturday 14 June from 0930 to 1130
Using GPS

Saturday 14 June 14 from 1300 to 1500
Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Individual seminars will be \$30 for USPS members and \$60 for the public. Two seminars will be \$50 for members and \$100 for non members. All three seminars can be taken by members for \$70 and by non members for \$130. For additional information and to register for seminars, contact Chet Rogers at rogerscb@cofc.edu or 377-3022

Chet



June Cruise Announcement

Dewees and Capers Islands Exploration

Explore the isolated waterways surrounding Dewees & Capers Islands starting at 1000 Sat 21 June adjacent to the Isle of Palms Marina near ICW marker 116. The SS Minnow will lead the CPS fleet on explorations of Dewees, Capers & Price Creek Inlets. Nature and Atlantic Ocean views abound. Best navigated on vessels 30ft or less, passages will be restricted to waters exceeding 8 ft depth. Several opportunities for intentional beachings and a short walk on Capers Island are possible. Our route was recently surveyed for navigability at any tide.

Vessels will raft or otherwise assemble for a potluck lunch around 1300 at a location convenient for all. Arrangements are being made for discounts at the IOP Marina for those wishing to launch near our destination. Parking and dockage is available for guest pick-up. As always, bring your beachwear, repellants, suntan lotions, dish to pass and refreshments of choice.

Cruise Co-Captains Jim & Nancy Hackett
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Cruise Chair Angie Wright
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e-mail: awright@gates.com



Minutes of EXCOM Meeting

03 April 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cdr Art Clark at 1830 at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr Art Clark, P/C David Walsh, D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C B. J. Smith, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Jim Bass, Lt Gene Gilfillin, Lt Steve Poe, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Angela Wright, Gary Whitley and Carole Gilfillin. A quorum was established.

Invocation: Lt/C Jim Bass

Pledge of Allegiance: Cdr Art Clark

Lt/C Dick Howells made a motion to approve the minutes of the March, 2008, Excom Meeting and Lt/C B. J. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes for the March Excom Meeting were approved.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Dick Howells:

The Charleston In-Water Boat Show will be held 17-20 April at Brittlebank Park and Bristol Marina. The Charleston Harbor Fest is coming up 16-18 May, 2008, and coincides with the National Boating Safety Week. Gary Whitley reported that public relations work is on going, and he is trying to maximize coverage for the harbor fest.

The vessel safety check cruise participation was very good. Thirty people participated in the picnic including some of the Coast Guard Auxiliary members. Charleston Power Squadron did 16 Vessel Safety Checks of boats in the water and the Coast Guard Auxiliary did 25 on those boats that came in on trailers

Educational: Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that the first meeting of the Charleston Power Squadron Educational Committee occurred tonight. The new Educational Committee is made up of Lt Steve Poe, Assistant Educational Officer, Co-chairman of the local board of the Public Education Committee, P/C David Walsh, and P/Lt/C Steve Kromer, Chairman of the local board of Advanced Grades, D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, Chairman of the local board of Elective Courses, Joe Schady, chairman of the local board of Seminars, Gary Whitley, and Chairman at large for special events, Stf/C Harl Porter.

Administrative: Per Lt/C B. J. Smith:

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for 10 April 2008 at the Sunfire Grill & Bristo.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Glen Workman has volunteered to take on the Ship's Store. The Ship's Store will have some new merchandise for the May general membership meeting.

Treasurer: Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported that for the first four months of this fiscal year we are doing very well in meeting our budget. We are showing a net income of \$634 for the first four months of this fiscal year. Our current bank accounts show a total of \$16,519.00.

Commander: Cdr Art Clark reported that the Squadron received an award for the Palmetto Log, journalism, an award for contributions to the USPS Educational Fund, and an award for our Website. Cdr Art Clark requests that all members of the shipmate program contact your shipmates and encourage them to attend the general membership meetings.

Committee Reports:

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

Planning: Work is on going and nearing completion.

Communications:

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May

Old Business: None

New Business: Cdr Art Clark reported that P/C Janice Kromer wanted to notify our membership of tickets available for special upcoming tours set up for America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association. P/C Janice Kromer wanted to know if she could use the Google Group to send this information to Charleston Power Squadron membership. After considerable discussion P/C David Walsh made a motion that Cdr Art Clark investigate the details of what information P/C Janice Kromer wanted to provide our membership and if he considers it to be a significant advantage to the membership and something they might want to know about, then he should approve sending the Google Group message. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Chuck Altschul. A vote was taken and the motion passed. A motion was made by Lt/C Dick

Howells to approve the Squadron Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Chuck Altschul. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The Church leasing our building will be departing in June or July of this year. We will be looking for some group to replace them if possible. Rent will be \$275.00 per month for use of the building on Sundays only. Lt Wendy Walsh discussed ways of making the Palmetto Log more current with its information. In reviewing what other squadrons are doing with their news letter she made some suggestions as to how we might improve our news letter. After considerable discussion it was decided that Lt/C Jim Bass would call a meeting to discuss the changes to be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 1940

Submitted by,
Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary



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Welcome New Members

Stewart and Anita Darby

Dr. C. Stewart Darby, III, is the Charleston Power Squadron's newest member. Stewart and his wife Anita are natives of Charleston, but when Dr. Darby decided to move his Family Medicine practice in 1995, they relocated to Columbia. Stewart is also a retired Air Force Captain. Anita is a registered nurse. The Darbys have been married for 22 years. They manage to get to their second home on Seabrook Island about twice a month, and their 26' Maxum cabin cruiser is kept at Dolphin Cove Marina. When I asked whether we might see them at our Members' Meetings, Stewart said the second Thursday of the month would work in well with his schedule. So if you see the Darbys, please welcome them warmly.

Basil and Mary Acock

Basil and Mary Acock joined the Squadron recently after completing the Boat Smart course. They have a 25' C-Dory cruiser, named for thier godchild "Caroline", in dry stack at RiversEdge Marina. Their primary home is in Six Mile, in the North-West corner of the state, but they have a vacation home in Charleston, shared with family and friends. "Caroline" was purchased for their 43rd wedding anniversary last year, and floated on Lake Hartwell, while they learned how to handle her. Trailered to the coast in March, "Caroline" is now exploring the ICW while Basil and Mary get used to the winds, tides and currents. The Acocks are both horticulturists, have traveled the world in pursuit of their work, and, though retired, still consult and travel abroad for the State Department.

Judy and Eddie Hiers

Born and bred in the Low country, new members Judy and Eddie Hiers are long time residents in the West Ashley area. While Eddie was a Monks Corner country boy and Judy was a native Charleston city girl, they've managed to stay married for close to 36 years. The Hiers are still busy with their careers. Eddie is a Constructions Program Manager for EEG, Inc. and Judy is a registered nurse now working at MUSC. Eddie has boated most of his life, but their 32' Chris-Craft 315 Commander, The Madison Grace, is the largest boat that he's ever owned. She currently is kept at Bristol Marina, and the Hiers plan to take her out at least twice a month. Many of your have already met Judy and Eddie as they were at the Squadron for our Cinco de Mayo party on 8 May.



Happy June Birthdays

02 June	June C. McRoy
03 June	Harry K. Gindhart Jr.
11 June	Martin G. Gipe
12 June	Dana Coble
14 June	David E. O'Hanian
14 June	Bill Roettger
18 June	Stephen C. Kemp
20 June	Wendell D. Ford
25 June	Renee Wright
29 June	Shirley Melloy
29 June	Terry L. Melloy

June Members' Meeting

Thursday, 12 June 2008. Social Hour at 1800. Dinner at 1900.
Tommy Condon's Restaurant, 66 State Street.
One block from The Market

SPEAKER: Jimmy Hadden of the Corps of Engineers

TOPIC: *"Future of the Intracoastal Waterway"*

COST AND MENU CHOICES: You will receive an announcement of the cost and the menu choices by email.

If you don't receive an e-mail, ask for information when you make your reservation.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! We will need your menu choice in advance. No later than Monday, the 9th of June.

Call BJ Smith at 843-514-9638 or email smithbj@sc.rr.com.

Squadron Boating Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chapters New Book</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
20-May-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailing, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
27-May-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
03-Jun-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
10-Jun-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
17-Jun-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailing, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
24-Jun-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
01-Jul-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer

Time: 1830 - 2030
Course Taught at Squadron Headquarters
1376 Orange Grove Road
Charleston, SC 29449
Contact: David Walsh, 556-3258

For Sale

2003 Triton 1650SC with 50 hp Yamaha 2-stroke oil injection. The motor is also a 2003 model. The boat is mossy oak shadow grass with a galvanized drive on trailer. Some options are: 43 lb motor guide trolling motor foot control, Lowrance depthfinder/fishfinder, livewell, dry storage, 12 gal gas tank, 2 batteries, 4 seats, in-line fuel filter, stainless steel prop. This is a great boat at a great price. Asking \$6000.00

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21 June - Dewees and Capers Island Exploration Cruise

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