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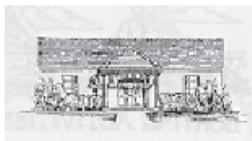
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**MEETINGS**

**Executive Committee -1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 1830**

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**From the Commander  
Cdr Janice Kromer, AP**



October 12 marks the date of The Charleston Power Squadron's Annual Meeting, and I urge all members to attend this important affair. The Bridge for the upcoming year along with your Executive Committee will be voted upon at the meeting, and it's vital that your voice be heard. We'll also be adopting our budget for the upcoming year, and we'd like you to be aware of where and how the squadron's funds will be allocated.

USPS's Governing Board will be meeting a week after this article was written. Several issues will be addressed by the Governing Board, but perhaps the most controversial will be a vote on whether to allow a three-year suspension of the examination requirement for USPS membership. Most members that I've spoken with have a strong opinion, one way or the other, as to whether we should allow membership for boaters who have not passed a proctored exam. At our June meeting, your Excom voted to support the elimination of the examination requirement. However, at it's the June Summer Council, District 26, of which we are part, strongly opposed this issue. I'll report on the Governing Board's decision in the October Issue of the log, but if anyone wants information on the outcome before that time, please feel free to contact me.

*Janice Kromer*  
Commander



**Executive Officer  
Lt/C David E. Walsh, AP**



This month's report from the Executive Department concentrates on Cooperative Charting and marine radios.

**Cooperative Charting**

By way of history, the Cooperating Charting Agreement between the United States Power Squadrons® and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) was first signed in 1963. Those familiar with navigation in our area know that the navigation charts in Charleston are in constant need of revision. Some changes are due to development surrounding our waterways. Other changes are due to the weather and even accidents, such as boating damage to navigational markers. Many of these changes go unnoticed unless reported by volunteers. Changes occur so frequently that NOAA relies on the efforts of groups such as USPS® to help keep this information both up-to-date and accurate. The Charleston Power Squadron's Cooperative Charting volunteers have been on-the-water this summer observing these changes and submitting corrections. We are looking for additional volunteers to serve as crew members on our Squadron's Cooperative Charting Boats. To join our Cooperative Charting effort, there is no requirement to complete any advanced grade or elective course. To get involved, just contact me and I will place you on one of our on-the-water Cooperative Charting training cruises.

One of the efforts for next month is to report on small-craft facilities in the Charleston, SC area. In this effort, marinas that serve recreational boaters are contacted by a Cooperative Charting volunteer who collects information regarding the marina and submits it to NOAA. Any changes in marina status is then included in the next revision of harbor and Intracoastal Waterway charts. Accurate marina data is important to boaters, particularly visiting boaters looking for a safe harbor, dock space, fuel or boat repairs. Recently, sev-

eral marinas in our area have changed ownership, expanded, closed or gone private or “dockominium.” So, we need volunteers who can visit each marina and collect current data. If you are available to help out with this effort, contact me for an assignment. My contact information is: David Walsh at 556-3258 or e-mail: wals6563@bellsouth.net

### New Marine Radio

Our Squadron Radio Officer John Sikes recently sent the following e-mail message alerting squadron members about the new DSC radios. Those of us looking to purchase a VHF radio for our boat might want to consider an update and not a used radio. The US Coast Guard is in the process of installing a new communications system nationwide termed Rescue 21, replacing 30 year old technology. While current technology marine VHF radios will work with the new system, boaters are encouraged to upgrade to DSC equipped radios and tie them into their GPS units. In case of an emergency, they may then, with the press of a single button, transmit the fact that they have an emergency as well as their location. If registered with a Mobile Maritime Service Identity (MMSI) number, the call will enable the Coast Guard to retrieve not only your home address but a description of your boat as well. MMSI numbers may be obtained through Boat/US or SeaTow. For more information, go to: <http://www.uscg.mil/rescue21/dsc/index.htm> or contact John Sikes at 864-6624 or e-mail: [jsikes@netrockets.com](mailto:jsikes@netrockets.com).

*-Dave*



### Administrative Officer Lt/C Art Clark, P



Another great event at the Toucan reef. Just the right amount of boating and the Maritime Center Marina waived our fees to boot. Lunch was excellent and it sounded like we all had a great time. Thanks to Le Anne Meyer for putting this cruise together for us. And a special thanks to Ray and Alice Harp for bringing their Grandchildren. I am hopeful that we will pick up attendance at our family cruises. Any suggestions are welcomed. As you can see below in upcoming events, we will finish out the year with a terrific presentation by Elise Jorgens at the College of Charleston faculty dining room, the annual oyster roast at Toad Hall, our annual Change of Watch function, The Parade of Boats and our annual Christmas party. Whew! Lots of good times coming up.



Attending members at Toucan Reef. Note that they all look happy and well fed. Our cruise captain Le Anne Meyer is behind Jack on the left (you can see her hat).



Ray and Alice Harp with the “Grands”. Thanks guys!

## New Members

No new members this month, but we have about 15 folks taking the boat smart course. The really good news is that we have 156 members all together. This surpasses our goal of 141 members for this year. Thanks to all who helped us achieve this mile stone.

## Upcoming Member Events – Check ‘em out!

### 14 September

Member meeting at the College of Charleston. Dinner will be in the Faculty dining room with a presentation about the College by our own Elise Jorgens, Provost. This will be an exciting evening for all who attend. Dinner options are Salmon with Leeks (\$22.00), Chicken with Shitake Mushroom Sauce (\$17) and Apple-Rose Stuffed Pork Chop (\$20). Prices include tax and gratuity. Dinner includes tossed green salad, iced tea, rolls and double chocolate cake. There will be a cash bar as well. Although the cash bar is pay as you go, we will have to pay for dinner with one check and we will need to know menu choices one week ahead of time. So make your checks out to the Charleston Power Squadron. Regrettably, we cannot accommodate drop-ins.

### 12 October

This is the annual meeting when we vote on the new Bridge, approve the upcoming budget and organize the Charleston Parade of Boats coming up in December. This will be a potluck event. This is an extremely crowded yet important meet-

ing, so please plan on attending. For our new members, we co-sponsor the parade on boats with the City of Charleston. Participation can be in a support role centered on boating and event safety or as a participant, as you desire. Merle and I will participate again this year and, like others, will be looking for some “crew”. We had fantastic time last year. After the parade, there will be a brunch paid for by the city that Sunday, cash bar available...party on!!

### 14 October

Toad Hall Oyster Roast sponsored by Fred and Joyce Wichmann. This is always a great affair and our one and only fund raiser. Steve Rustin and Terry Marinko are planning to man the cooking pots and grill (for those who are not enamored by oysters). Plan to attend and have a great time.

### 3 November

Change of Watch where we welcome the new Bridge. This will be a coat and tie affair. The venue for the affair this year will be the Fireside Room at the Storm Pointe Conference Center on the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek.

### 17-19 November

Bohicket Marina Cruise at Seabrook Island. Friday potluck on the Kromer’s boat, No Sense 3, on Friday and dinner at a local restaurant on Saturday. This is always a fun event where you can come by car or boat. If by boat, it’s a short run to Bohicket from Charleston.

### 2 December

The Charleston Parade of Boats. This is a great event. You can either be in the parade or provide parade support. Please plan on attending the coordination meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had a great time at the parade and the Sunday event (food provided by the City of Charleston). Needless to say, we would like a very big turnout for this event. So mark it on your calendars now.

### 14 December

Squadron Christmas Party at headquarters, a catered dinner and Chinese auction. Come prepared for a good time. Also, bring a gift valued at \$10 or less for the auction. Merle and I already have our gift and it’s a gas! Let the games begin!

-Art

**Educational Officer**  
**Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer, AP**



If you are thinking about taking a class this fall, now is the time to sign up.

Classes will start on 18 September and we will have a "Meet The Instructors" night on 11 September. Both the classes and the teachers meeting will start at 18:30.

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	<b>FEE</b>
NAVIGATION MONDAYS	ED KRIDLER	\$90
ENGINE MAINTENANCE WEDNESDAY	DAVID WALSH KEN BEEBER ART CLARK	\$65
PILOTING MONDAYS	JOHN VAN WAY JIM BASS STEVE KROMER	\$70
WEATHER	PAUL YURA	\$82
SAIL	HARL PORTER	\$60
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT NO CHARGE FOR MEMBERS	CHET ROGERS	\$0

If you are a new member, I recommend that you take Piloting or Engine Maintenance or both.

Piloting teaches you how to navigate a boat within sight of land. The course concentrates on using GPS with marine charts and how to navigate using Dead Reckoning and fixed landmarks as a back up.

Engine Maintenance is one of our most popular courses, taught by folks who really know their stuff. The best recommendation I can make is that before I took this course I couldn't even find the dipstick. After completing I can usually figure out what is going on when something goes wrong. It doesn't mean I can fix it, but at least I have a clue.

Navigation is being taught by Ed Kridler again. This is our most advanced navigation course. So far we have 2 people signed up but the more the merrier.

The Weather course is fabulous. Paul Yura is a squadron member and a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The course is taught at the NWS office at Charleston Airport. I don't know anyone who has ever taken this course and not come away raving about it.

Harl Porter, who is an avid sailor, is going to teach Sail. Harl is new to Charleston but has been a Power Squadron member for many years. I know Harl is going to be great since he is a past national Chapman Award recipient. For those who never heard of this award, the national award is for the best instructor in the Power Squadron.

Instructor Development is the only free course we offer. It is really a lot more than just teaching you about how to teach Power Squadron courses. It is really a course on how to prepare for a presentation and chair meetings. So even if you never use it to teach a squadron course, the techniques you will learn will help in virtually any other business or civic situation.

We need to order the course materials by Friday 18 August. As we have done in past years, we will ask you to pay before we order the materials. However, you can now pay by credit card. Of course, we still accept checks and cash.

This year Chet Rogers will be co-ordinating the classes, so if you plan to take a course send him an email at: [RogersCB@cofc.edu](mailto:RogersCB@cofc.edu)

*-Steve*

Secretary  
Lt/C Robert A. Gulbrandsen, S

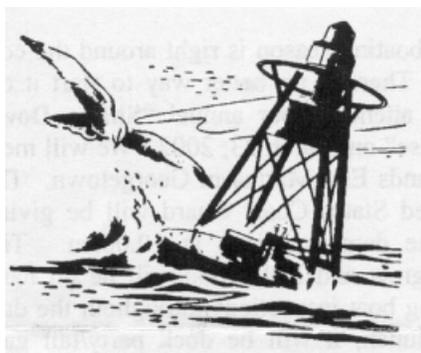


Well the dog days of summer are upon us, and as I see it boating is the only relief in site. But what ever you do watch that old sun and drink plenty of water. Wear a hat when in the sun and don't over do activities in the heat of the day. Your squadron wants you safe this summer.

We are getting close to the election of a next years Bridge and Executive Committee. Along with that event will come the publishing of the 2007 Members Directory. Take last years directory out and take a look at it, do we have all the latest information about you? If you see something missing or a change from last year, please let me know so as to have your up to date information in the new publication. You can email correction and updates to me at [Morningstar804@msn.com](mailto:Morningstar804@msn.com) or via US mail to 804 Law Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. While you are at it this is a great time to get involved in your squadron. We are always looking for volunteers to help out and become more active in the squadron.

How about your Palmetto Log, is there something you would like reported on in the Log? Do you have an idea that would make it more interesting to you and other readers? Did you know as a member you can sell boats and related gear for FREE in the Palmetto Log? We want this to be your news letter, so send ideas suggestions or even you boat classified to Jerry Kemerer [JKemerer@comcast.net](mailto:JKemerer@comcast.net) or me Bob Gulbrandsen [Morningstar804@msn.com](mailto:Morningstar804@msn.com).

-Bob



Safety Officer

P/C John Sikes, AP

**Make Children Wear Their Life Jackets**

The U. S. Coast Guard reminds parents that their children should always wear a life jacket while boating.

“National SAFE KIDS Week is a perfect time to remember the importance of life jackets,” said the Coast Guard’s Director of Operations Policy, Rear Admiral J.W. Underwood. “It is the parent’s responsibility to keep their children safe when on the water and insisting on wearing life jackets is one of the best ways to do that.

“Just like you make your kids wear bike helmets, make them wear life jackets.”

Many adults believe themselves capable of diving into the water to rescue a child who falls overboard. This is a dangerous misconception. Adults may not notice a child falling overboard right away. Children who fall in may not surface immediately. It can be difficult to locate a child in the water—especially when the vessel is in motion.

Life jackets could prevent approximately two-thirds of all boating-related drownings of children ages 14 and under. In fact, in most states, children under 13 must wear life jackets. It’s the law.

According to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, drowning remains second only to motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1 to 14. Furthermore, children are much more likely to practice safe habits when they experience similar behavior by parents and caregivers. “We have done research that indicates children whose parents wear life jackets around water are more likely to wear one themselves,” says Jen Medearis Costello, program manager at the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. “Therefore we recom-

mend that parents not only actively supervise their children around water, but also demonstrate safe behavior—including wearing life jackets.”

The Coast Guard and National SAFE KIDS Campaign strongly recommend adults always wear life jackets as well – not only to keep themselves safe, but to demonstrate safe behavior for their children.

National SAFE KIDS Week this year ran from April 30 through May 7, but .

The U.S. Coast Guard is asking all boat owners and operators to help reduce fatalities, injuries, property damage, and healthcare costs related to recreational boating accidents by taking personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their passengers. Essential steps include always wearing a life jacket and requiring passengers to do the same; never boating under the influence; completing a boating safety course; and getting a free vessel safety check annually from local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or United States Power Squadrons® vessel examiners. The U.S. Coast Guard reminds all boaters, “You’re in Command. Boat Responsibly!”

For more information on boating responsibly, go to [www.USCGboating.org](http://www.USCGboating.org) or the U.S. Coast Guard Infoline – 1-800-368-5647.

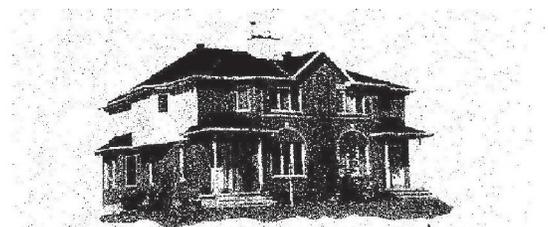
*-John*



## New Members

### *Dick and Anne Howells*

Those of us who frequent the bar at headquarters have already met the Howells. Anne and Dick graciously volunteered to act as bar tenders at our last two member meetings. Married for 24 years, these new members have a grown son and daughter, and three dogs and three cats are also a part of their extended family. The Howells are residents of Mt Pleasant and originally came from Centerville, OH. Anne graduated from Ohio State and Dick's degree is from Transylvania University in KY. Formerly a chemical process engineer, Dick is now retired and spends time as a USA Swimming Meet Referee and Starter. Anne works for Motley Rice in Mt Pleasant. The Howells boat is a 28ft SeaRay but Dick's previous experience was sailing on Lake Erie. We're thrilled that these new members have gotten involved with our squadron so quickly, and we hope to get to know them better in future months.



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## Change of Watch

**Y**ou are all cordially invited to attend the Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch on Friday, 3 November 2006. The venue for the affair this year will be the Fireside Room at the Storm Pointe Conference Center on the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek. The entrée choices will be Roasted Turkey or Baked Red Snapper, served either as plated dinners or buffet style, dependent on the number of guests. The cost per person will be \$25. Please reserve your space as early as possible by calling me at 768-1861 or email to [jkromer@telecomdb.com](mailto:jkromer@telecomdb.com). The Weapons Station does not allow payment at the affair, so you will need to give me your credit card number, or send a check before 3 November. I'll provide more details in the October Palmetto Log along with directions to the club, but please let me know your plans to attend as soon as possible.

*Janice Kromer*  
Commander

## Candidate for Office Nominations

**M**embers are reminded that additional candidates for office to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election. Also if vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

*P/C Billy Lynes*  
Chairman of the Nominating Committee

## Nominating Committee Selections

Nominating Committee selections iaw para. 6.8 of CPS bylaws.

Executive Committee:

Commander  
David Walsh, AP

Executive Officer  
Art Clark, P

Educational Officer  
Chet Rogers, P

Asst. Educational Officer  
Kirk Williams, JN

Administrative Officer  
Jack Meyer, AP

Secretary  
Vacant

Treasurer  
Chuck Altschul, P

Members at Large  
Mike King, AP  
Gene Gilfillin, SN  
James Davis, AP  
Steve Poe

Rules Committee:  
Boo Ward, JN

Auditing Committee:  
Ernie Godshall, SN

Housing Committee:  
Ray Harp, P

*P/C Billy Lynes*  
Chairman of the Nominating Committee

# Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, 3 August 2006

The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Janice Kromer at 1830 at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were: Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen, Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Mike King, P/C Billy Lynes, Lt/C Art Clark, Wendy Walsh, Lt/C David Walsh, P/R/C Ed Kridler, Lt Gene Gilfillin, John VanWay, Lt Chester Rogers, Lt Joan King, P/C Mike Page and Cdr Janice Kromer. A quorum was established. The minute from the June Executive Committee meeting were accepted as published in the Palmetto Log.

**Executive:** Per Lt/C David Walsh: The cooperative charting efforts continue, to be finished soon. David Walsh and Steve Kromer will be doing some on the water training classes on cooperative charting for interested members. Depth surveys on the Edisto River and Stono River will be next on the agenda.

**Educational:** Per Lt/C Stephen Kromer: We will be emailing members with lists of classes that they are eligible to take. A GPS course will be offered at West Ashley high school adult courses, to be taught by Hal Porter.

**Administrative:** Per Lt/C Art Clark: The next members meeting will be at the Headquarters building on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August with Elise Jorgens as guest speaker. The September meeting will be at the College of Charleston with Alicia Jorgen as guest speaker. October meeting will be focus on the Parade of Boats. Art asked for and got permission from the Executive Committee to look into a joint membership policy for folks completing the USCG Auxiliaries boating course.

**Secretary:** Per Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen: Nothing new to report from the Secretaries department. Bob asked that the Nominating Committee present their list of nominees for the 2007 Bridge and Executive Committee as that August 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get it into the Palmetto Log on time for publication.

**Treasurer:** Lt/C Charles Altschul was absent: A written report from Chuck was submitted by Cdr. Janice Kromer.

**Commander:** Per Cdr. Janice Kromer: At the National Meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> the National officers will be seeking Squadron input on the proposed two level membership systems. The Executive Committee analyzed the proposal and decided to back the two level memberships. At Commanders request David Walsh will look into the prospect of designing squadron tee shirts and hats to be carried by the squadron store.

**District Report:** No new business to report on District level.

**National Report:** No new business to report on the National level.

**Old Business:** The Rules Committee has received no response from the National office on the proposed bylaw changes.

**New Business:** John VanWay has located our latest problem with the air conditioning system and had it repaired. Janice Kromer has obtained two estimates on the replacement of the old A/C system. Due to the cost of the A/C system and the pending roof replacement the squadron is in dire need of fund raising to replace these problem areas. P/R/C Ed Kridler motioned that we create a building fund to earmark money for capital expenditures. Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen seconded the motion and the committee voted to carry that motion. P/R/C Ed Kridler also motioned that we transfer funds in the amount of \$3,544.16 into that building fund to replace monies lost in past financial problems. Lt Joan King seconded the motion and the committee voted to approve that motion also. In the past year we have had resignations of all three of our Housing Committee members due to personal reasons, faced with that fact Wendy Walsh volunteered to act on the Housing Committee till the end of this year. The executive Committee voted to accept her offer. P/R/C Ed Kridler motioned that we be allowed to have electronic voting take place for future replacement committee members should the volunteers be found. Lt/C Steve Kromer seconded the motion and the Committee voted to accept the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1945.

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### Upcoming Events For September and October

- 7 September – EXCOM Meeting – Headquarters – 1830
- 14 September – Member Meeting – College of Charleston – 1830
- 5 October – EXCOM Meeting – Headquarters – 1830
- 12 October – Annual Meeting – Headquarters – 1830
- 14 October – Oyster Roast – Toad Hall – 1600

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