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Safe Boating Through
Education

**From The Commander
Cdr Dick Howells, JN**



A major change in emphasis within the United States Power Squadrons is occurring. We are becoming more of a marketing organization selling our educational and safety knowledge to the boating public. We are the 'go to place' for boating education! Yes, we are a fraternal organization, but more and more we are stressing our educational value to boaters, marine dealers and governmental agencies.

To date we have graduated 95 students from our public boating classes. Half of those who completed the basic "America's Boating Class" went on to attend our optional class on piloting, and about half of those participated in our "On the Water Training" I have attended every one of those classes. The thing that seemed to attract the students the most was information on further educational opportunities. I think education is the way to stabilize and grow squadrons in the future.

USPS is recognized by other boating organizations and educational institutions for having the best boating education materials. We need to expand on that and market our knowledge and the structure within which we share that. This is our future.

Dick



**Executive Officer
(Acting)
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Sorry to say that I missed thanking Bill Hayes for his efforts in support of our booth at the Maritime Festival. Bill was kind enough to donate four hours of his time manning our booth. Many thanks to Bill.

Right now, things seem to be moving along in this department. Many thanks to Harl Porter, David Walsh, John Sikes and Gary Whitley for keeping their committees running smoothly. I know it's a bit late, but anyone needing a vessel safety check can contact Harl Porter. Also, we continue to pursue our cooperative charting. It's always lots of fun. Generally we take more crew than really needed and make sure we stop for lunch somewhere along the way. Last outing we stopped at Morgan Point Restaurant. If you are interested in joining us, please call Dave Walsh. You can always call me as well.

Hope you have had a safe and eventful summer.

Art



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Our next Squadron Dinner Meeting will be at Squadron Headquarters on Thursday 10 September. The speaker for this meeting is Matthew Gunning, owner of Gunning Wooden Boats LLC. Recently, I visited the Gunning Boat shop in Summerville. The place was filled with a variety of wooden boats including kayaks, skiffs and one lobster boat. The lobster boat was squadron member Gary Whitley's boat *Miss Grace*. You may remember seeing a photo of *Miss Grace* on page 11 of the August 2009 Palmetto Log. Mr. Gunning will be speaking about boat design factors, materials of construction, cost and the environment of boating. He may also tell us about his experiences as a navy rescue swimmer, sculptor and member of the Fountain Racing Boat Team. For great food, interesting speaker and enjoyment with squadron friends, please plan to attend the September Dinner Meeting. Reservations should be made with Helen Kovach 864 430-7939 or email hdeitrick@aol.com by 08 September. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person.

Our next squadron cruise is 18 -20 September to Georgetown, SC. We will be docking at the Georgetown landing Marina. We are planning a dock party Friday evening at the Marina and dinner at the Marina Restaurant on Saturday. Come join us for a cruise to historic Georgetown, SC. We have a flotilla leaving at 1100 Friday from Charleston Harbor. For additional information about the cruise to Georgetown, call me at 556-3258 or email wals6563@bellsouth.net.

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron is hosting The District 26 Change of Watch on the 2nd and 3rd of October 2009. The Change of Watch ceremony and dinner will take place aboard the Yorktown on Saturday 3 Oc-

tober 2009. This is a formal occasion where members who have uniforms get to wear them. The rest of us will be there in suits or other appropriate attire. We are expecting representatives from the National USPS Bridge and a large number of visitors from District 26 and neighboring squadrons to come to Charleston for this event.

On Friday evening 2 October 2009, Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's chefs, Helen Kovach and James Rowe, are hosting a Wild Wild West Party at the James Island County Park (Edisto Hall). This is a western theme costume party complete with great food and live entertainment. There will be a premiere, first time ever, performance of the Squadron's "Not Ready for High Tide Players." They will be performing a Wild Wild West skit entitled "Three Desperados come to Charleston." Auditions are still open for parts in the skit. So, if you have a western outfit, ten gallon hat or an urge to get into the act, here's your chance. Call me and let me know of your availability. We need musicians, saloon ladies, cowboys and bank robbers.

Our annual Squadron Oyster Roast will be held on 24 October 2009. As in the past, the event is will be held at the Wichmann's home, Toad Hall, on James Island. This is your squadron's major fund-raising event. The cost is \$20 per person for all the oysters you can eat. So, please plan on attending and bring your friends.

David

Secretary
Lt/C Wendy Walsh, JN



The Nominating Committee has submitted their slate of nominees for the 2010 Bridge. We will have a combined Oyster Roast and Election of Officers. The election will be held on 24 October 2009 at the Oyster Roast. Please come and enjoy the Oyster Roast and vote. This is also our major fundraiser for the year.

Our squadron is hosting two major events in October: the D26 Change of Watch on 02-03 October as well as our Oyster Roast/Election of officers on 24 October.

We want as many members as possible to attend the Wild Wild West Costume Party and BBQ on Friday night. The *Not Ready for High Tide Players* will present a skit for your enjoyment. Don't miss it!

We encourage our members to attend the Conference Meetings at the **Sheraton North Charleston** on Saturday from 0900 to 1500. The meetings are informative, and one can learn a lot about how our USPS works.

The hospitality room will be open all day until 1750. Stop in and browse the items for the Silent Auction.

Wendy

Happy September Birthdays

01 September	Robert E. McMillan Jr.
03 September	Chateal N. Wright
04 September	Tera Melissa White
06 September	Eric W. Namowicz
10 September	Steven W. Brostoff
10 September	Walter F. McDonnell
11 September	Daniel R. Moore
12 September	Kirk R. Williams
14 September	Peggy Bass
15 September	Carol Ann Burgess
15 September	Claire Schady
16 September	Corrin Marinko
17 September	Lue Cheverie
17 September	Myron R. Tucker
22 September	Jean Clark
22 September	Edwin G. Kridler
23 September	Merle Clark
24 September	Joy Clarke

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
CHARLESTON SAIL
AND POWER SQUADRON**

In accordance with Article 11 of the Bylaws of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee places the names of the following members as nominees for the 2010 Bridge Year. All nominees have agreed to serve in the offices listed. The nominees for Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officer have been approved by the District 26 Educational Officer. The Squadron election will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron 24 October 2009.

Commander	Harl Porter, P/C, SN
Executive Officer	Joseph W. Schady, P
Educational Officer	John Meyenberg, P/C, AP
Administrative Officer	Bill Hayes, P
Secretary	Patricia Brown
Treasurer	Rick Cone, 1/Lt, P
Assist. Educational Officer	Joseph L. Schady, P/C, SN
Assistant Treasurer	Samuel Steinberg, Lt, S

Members at Large of the Executive Committee

Richard Howells, P/C, JN
 Gary Whitley, 1/Lt
 Ross Burgess, AP
 Elise Jorgens, S
 Arthur Clark, P/C, AP

Only those names in bold type face for the positions below are placed in nomination.

Auditing Committee

Ernest Godshall, P/C, AP – Chair, 1 Year
Kirk Williams, JN – 2 Year
Chuck Altschul, P/Lt/C – 3 Year

Nominating Committee

David Walsh, P/C, JN – Chair, 1 Year
 Arthur Clark, P/C, AP – 2 Year
To Be Nominated From the Floor - 3 year

Rules Committee

Janice Kromer, P/C, AP – Chair, 1 Year
 David Walsh, P/C, JN – 2 Year
Arthur Clark, P/C, AP - 3 year

Housing Committee

Dennis Olenwine, Chair – 1 Year
 Steven Ireland, Lt – 2 Year
David Walsh, P/C, SN - 3 year

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Art Clark, AP
 P/C David Walsh, JN
 P/C Janice Kromer, AP, Chair



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Upcoming Events:

10 September 09: Dinner Meeting at 1376 Orange Grove Road, 1800 for Social Hour and 1900 for dinner. The guest speaker will be Matthew Gunning, owner of Gunning Wooden Boats LLC.

18-20 September 09: Georgetown Landing Cruise

2-4 October 09: District 26 Change of Watch. Watch for further details and full schedule.

9 October 09: No meeting. See 24 October below.

17 October 09: Wooden Boat Show, 1100-1800, Georgetown, SC

24 October 09: Toad Hall Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting at 125 Riverland Drive, 1500

21 November 09: Squadron Change of Watch, USS Yorktown. Details to follow.

5 December 09: Parade of Boats



Third Annual Low Country Boil 10 September 2009

Come celebrate Fall with your fellow squadron members at our Third Annual Low Country Boil Thursday 10 September 2009 at Squadron Headquarters. Enjoy cool adult beverages on the lawn at 1800 followed by corn, potatoes, kilbasa and local shrimp fresh off the boat. And of course dessert – a surprise at the moment. **The cost of the meal is \$15.00**, which is different from the usual because of the cost of ingredients. . . but it will be well worth the price. Make your reservations by 8 September because we have to place our shrimp order. Call Helen Deitrick at 843-406-0115 (office) or email hdeitrick@aol.com with your reservations.

Captain Helen - Chef

**Remember to get a Vessel Safety Check
Call Harl Porter at 843-832-9423**



Charleston to Host D26 Conference 2 - 4 October 2009

Our squadron is hosting the District 26 Conference. All members are welcome to attend.

The Host Hotel is the Sheraton North Charleston conveniently located at exit 213 off I-26. Since those of us in Charleston will not have to stay in the hotel, it is an opportunity for us to attend the conference and not have hotel bills.

The Conference Registration desk will be available at 1300, and the Hospitality Room will be open at 1300 on the third floor for those early arrivals. Snacks and beverages will be available as well as the silent auction items.

Friday night's Soiree will be held at James Island County Park in Edisto Hall. Directions and a park pass are included in your registration packet. The theme of the evening is Wild Wild West. Don your best western garb and compete for prizes. Grub will be Charleston's best pulled pork and chicken with all the sides finished off with build your own Ice Cream Sundaes! The feast will cost \$20.00 per person and will feature a cash bar – full liquor selections.

Saturday's meetings will be held in the Ballroom at the Sheraton with lunch provided for those who make reservations (\$23.00/person total). For the spouses and guests, we have reserved the upper level of the Buccaneer Restaurant in downtown Charleston. Explore the golden age of pirates through a unique collection of items from the 1690's through 1730 (\$13.00 per person). Liquor and dessert, if you have room, are extra and payable at the restaurant.

The Hospitality suite will be open from 0800 – 1730 so that you can browse the unique collections our scavengers have put together. The bidding for Silent Auction items will close promptly at 1730 on Saturday.

Dinner will be aboard the Carrier Yorktown at Patriots Point. A map is included in your registration packet. The new Medal of Honor museum is housed on the Hanger deck and is open for your inspection. A cash bar of beer and wine will be available from 1830 thru dinner. The cost of dinner is \$35.00/person. A delicious meal and one of the most gorgeous sunsets with a view of the Ravenel Bridge will precede the Change of Watch Ceremonies.

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Educational Seminar at District 26 Change of Watch

Friday 2 October 2009 will be a busy day. There are two great opportunities to find out about the workings of the Power Squadron. The Leadership Development Seminar introduces officers and others to the operational aspects of the Squadron on the local level. There is lots of useful information to be gained by anyone coming into the Bridge or anyone who is interested in becoming more active in the Squadron. This session is at 1130 at Edisto Hall, James Island County Park.

Tom Kemp, Marketing Director for the National Headquarters will conduct a seminar starting at 1300 at Edisto Hall. He will provide information about marketing tools and ways local squadrons can promote America's Boating Club.

Ray Fedele will conduct a round table discussion concerning the Boat Operator Certification program that is taking shape. Several states have passed legislation requiring certification/licensing. This session will be held at our Headquarters building and will start at 1300.

Bag lunches are available for all of these sessions. Reservations for lunch need to be made on the conference registration form. Please indicate which location you are attending so lunch will be at the correct spot.

Local members are encouraged to attend these free sessions to get a better understanding of Squadron policies and challenges.

Captain Helen Deitrick-Kovach
District 26 Change of Watch Chairperson

Wild Wild West Gala at Edisto Hall, James Island County Park 2 October 2009

Friday night, 2 October 2009 is going to be a blast! Sheriff Yella Wood will be our Master of Ceremonies. The festivities begin at 1830 at Edisto Hall in James Island County Park. If you have never been there, you have missed out on one of the nicest venues in Charleston – laid back, air conditioned and beautiful. Our James Rowe will provide the meat, and I have arranged for sides – some traditional, some not – to compliment his chicken and ribs. Dessert will be build your own Ice Cream Sundaes with lots of topping options. Cash Bar service will be provided by professional Bartenders. We will have special entertainment provided by our own Squadron members.

Registration forms were included in last month's Log and are available at our Web site. Dinner for Friday Night is \$20.00 and includes a park pass for each individual making a reservation. If you want to participate in the Silent Auction bidding, the items will be on site at the Sheraton Hotel in the Hospitality Suite from 1200 – 1730 on Friday, and 0800 – 1730 Saturday. You will need to secure a bid number. These will be available in the Hospitality Suite at the hotel. Auction items must be picked up no later than Sunday morning before noon.

I hope that lots of our own members will come out Friday evening to support this endeavor. It will be a lot of fun. We need to show members of District 26 that we know how to throw a party!

Captain Helen Deitrick-Kovach
District 26 Change of Watch Chairperson

District 26 Change of Watch Silent Auction 2-4 October

An exciting part of this “Change of Watch” weekend is the Silent Auction. Helen, Larry, and I need your help! We’re working on several “theme baskets”:

- (1) South Carolina: Low Country food, cookbooks, & “stuff”
- (2) Death by Chocolate
- (3) Office Supplies
- (4) Boating: cleaning supplies & general boating items

You don’t have to fill a basket! Perhaps you/your employer can donate items to help fill a basket. Monetary donations are welcome, too! Remember, this is a tax deductible donation. CS&P is a 501c(3) organization.

Some of the items donated at press time: Irwin-House Vineyard wine, Vera Bradley handbag & accessories, set of steak knives, Panera Bread mugs & gift cards, Curves Gift certificates, and one night stay at the Vendue Inn, Charleston.

The 3rd floor hospitality room of the Sheraton CHS Airport, North Charleston will house all auction items. Obtain your bid number at the hospitality room.

Schedule for viewing baskets & placing your bid:
Friday, 2 October - 1200 until 1730pm
Saturday, 3 October - 0800 until 1730 pm

Announcement of the bid winners will take place at the Yorktown dinner on Saturday evening, 3 October. You don’t have to be present to win. We’ll contact you as soon as possible.

Kathy Rogers
843-614-2968

From the USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check Website

Raymarine Recall

Raymarine has initiated a voluntary recall of the Raymarine SPX5 Sport Drive Pilot, according to an alert from the company. Raymarine said it has identified a potential component problem with the device, which it has sold since February.

As a result of the problem, the device’s mechanical clutch assembly may fail, causing the steering of the vessel to lock in one direction.

Customers should stop using the products immediately and arrange de-installation and return to the retailer/dealer where it was purchased. The retailer/dealer will arrange for a replacement or, if preferred, a refund.

For more information visit their web site at:
<http://www.boating-industry.com/output.cfm?id=2232811>

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