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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

From the Commander Cdr David Walsh, AP



As I write this article for the Palmetto Log, I am looking forward to cruising to the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. Two boats from the Charleston Squadron are making the trip. Art and Merle Clark are taking their cruiser “Sunday Drive.” Wendy and I are going in our boat “Reely Fun.” We planned our cruise using MapTech’s Chart Navigator program. Those who have recently taken the Squadron’s Piloting course will recognize this program. Chart Navigator is available to Squadron members as a free download from MapTech. The program uses NOAA’s Electronic Navigation Charts (also free downloads) to plot courses. We plotted our course in three segments. The first segment goes from Charleston, SC to Thunderbolt, GA. Thunderbolt Marina is familiar to some of our members, because The Charleston Power Squadron went there last year for a weekend cruise. Our next segment takes us to Jekyll Island, GA. Jekyll Island was a summer retreat for the rich and famous in the early 1900’s. Now it is a state park where the public can stay and tour lavish mansions and restored facilities. Our last leg of our journey takes us to the River City Marina in Jacksonville, FL. According to Chart Navigator our cruise will total of 295 miles. The longest portion of the trip is 119 miles from Charleston to Thunderbolt, GA. We plan to leave Charleston on Tuesday 20 February and arrive in Jacksonville on Thursday the 22nd. During the cruise we will overnight aboard. Once in Jacksonville, we will stay at the conference hotel.

The USPS Annual Meeting has a full agenda including the Governing Board, and sessions on education, membership and a variety of topics. Of particular interest is the new USPS University. This program consists of short seminars that cover specific topics and boater’s needs. They are in a two-hour format, and include valuable take-away guides. Each seminar provides credits toward the soon-to-be-re-

leased USPS Boat Operator Certification program, and credit toward elective courses. The first four of these seminars, available now, are:

1. Using VHF Radio and VHF with DSC Radio
2. Using GPS
3. How to Use a Chart
4. On Board Weather Forecasting

The Charleston Squadron has not offered USPS University seminars. However, they are of great interest to the boating public and may be a good way of expanding our public educational offerings. See next month’s Palmetto Log for a full report on the Annual Meeting and the USPS University.

David Walsh
Commander



BOATSMART SCHEDULE

For Updated Information See
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

Date	Subject	Instructor
20-Feb-2007	Getting Started	David Walsh
27-Feb-2007	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer
06-Mar-2007	What's Required	David Walsh
13-Mar-2007	Rules Of The Road	Steve Kromer
20-Mar-2007	Getting Started	David Walsh
27-Mar-2007	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer
03-Apr-2007	What's Required	David Walsh
10-Apr-2007	Rules Of The Road	Steve Kromer
17-Apr-2007	Getting Started	David Walsh
24-Apr-2007	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer

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



As mentioned last month, one of our biggest challenges this year is a bigger and better organized Vessel Safety Check Program. Harl Porter is doing a great job with this starting with Vessel Safety Examiner training Saturday Feb 17th starting at 10AM at Headquarters where we expect about 6-7 members to participate. However, we can still use more vessel examiners. If you are interested, please call me (849-9467) or Harl Porter (843-832-9423). We would also like to have a volunteer or two to help Gary Whitley with our PR efforts where we are beginning our build-up for National Safe Boating Week in May. Although these are some specific needs, we welcome all volunteers for the PR committee.

The next big event is our VSC kick-off event on 10 March at the Cooper River Marina (at the south end of the old Navy Base). Look for Harl's article in this issue for particulars.

Our boat show booth was a major success. Many thanks to Jim Easley who coordinated and all who participated. We had about 100 folks indicate an interest in Boat Smart, membership or a vessel safety check. We are following up.

Art Clark
Executive Officer

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

Congratulations are in order for the people who passed exams for the courses that the squadron offered during the fall. I think that it is particularly impressive that everyone who took the exam in each course passed.

People who passed Engine Maintenance 101 and 102:

- Nelson Hicks
- David Hueske
- Helen Kovach
- Amy Langville
- Steve Poe
- B.J. Smith
- Joyce Wichman

People who passed Piloting:

- Jerry Reeves
- Jenny Reeves
- Denise Byrnes
- Dick Howells
- Helen Kovach
- Amy Langville
- Steve Poe

Chester B. (Chet) Rogers
Education Officer



Administrative Officer Lt/C Dick Howells, P

If you had not noticed, we have a lot going on for the Squadron. We have interesting meetings and great cruises planned. Our membership program is in high gear and so is the membership involvement operation. I'm new to the Power Squadron but I am impressed with the aggressiveness with which we approach our mission. This is a vibrant and growing Power Squadron that is becoming a real asset to the boating community of Charleston.

Our booth at the Boat Show in February was a great success. I was there just as a volunteer but talked myself horse with all of the people who stopped by asking about boating safety and the Power Squadron. They were really impressed by our classes and how often we offer them. I would strongly encourage everyone to volunteer to work the upcoming boat shows and festivals. This is Executive Officer Art Clark's department run by Jim Easley and I am sure they would appreciate your help.

Our first two meetings were held at the Squadron HQ and all had a great time. As I said in my article on the Holiday Party last month, we really know how to feed our members. Now it is time for a little variety.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our committee chair for meetings, Stan Whitman, felt that it would be good to mix up our meetings with some at the Headquarters and some out at restaurants. So...the March meeting will be at Gilligan's on March 8. The address is 1475 Long Grove Drive in Mt Pleasant. This is in the SeaSide Farms Shopping Center at the intersection of 517 (IOP Connector) and Rifle Range Road. Phone number is 849-2244. Our speaker will be Capt. Cameron, USCG Sector Commander talking about the SeaHawk Security System. We have a choice of 4 entrees: Rib eye Steak, Grilled Crab cakes, Grilled Chicken Breasts or a Fried

Seafood Platter. Please RSVP with your selections and attendance to me either by phone or email.

The April 12th meeting promises to be very special. This will be "Cooking on the High Seas" put on by the chefs at Charleston Cooks. This is part of the Maverick Kitchens Company (High Cotton, S.N.O.P. Old Village Post House) with food provided by Whole Foods. The location is the corner of East Bay and Cumberland (next to S.N.O.B. and across the street from High Cotton). This will be a cooking demonstration where we get to eat. The price will be \$37.28 per person and seating is limited to the first 32 people...so call fast. The price is all inclusive, food and wine etc. Members must pay in advance to the Power Squadron so that we can pay the restaurant with one check. Suggested arrival time is 1815hrs. Again, call or email me.

One last note. As part of our membership involvement and in connection with Executive Officer Art Clark, we are offering to go out with new boat owning members or those new to the area to help them get orientated to the local waters. Even for members who don't own a boat but are 'thinking about it' we will arrange to take them out in other members' boats. You know...any excuse to be on the water!

-Dick





Safety Officer

P/C John Sikes, AP

EIGHT TIPS FOR BOATING SAFETY

1. Learn to swim. The American Red Cross offers swimming courses for everyone. If you're not comfortable taking a class, arrange for private instruction.

2. Take a boating safety course. While our members and their families have probably already done this, we need to encourage friends who go out with us to do so as well. Topics typically include what to do in an emergency, navigation basics, and the effects of wind, water conditions and weather.

3. Wear a life jacket. Make sure the boat is stocked with enough Coast Guard-approved life jackets for everyone on board. More than 80 percent of people who drown in boating accidents aren't wearing life jackets.

4. Protect your passengers from carbon monoxide. Boat engines emit carbon monoxide, an odorless – but deadly – gas. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, keep passengers away from the engine, both in the boat and in the water. If your boat has a generator to provide electricity while on the water, make sure there's proper ventilation, and install carbon monoxide detectors in sleeping and living quarters.

5. Share your plans. Make sure someone on land knows where you plan to go and when you plan to return. A float plan is an important tool in case the Coast Guard needs to be called to locate you.

6. Avoid alcohol. Water sports and alcohol don't mix. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance, and coordination – all essential for safe boating.

7. Watch the weather. Head back to shore if the skies look threatening. The marine weather channel on your VHF radio can help you keep aware of approaching fronts.

8. While water skiing, there's safety in numbers. The driver needs to focus on what's ahead. Make sure there's someone else in the boat to watch you ski.

LORAN-C GENERAL INFORMATION

LORAN-C was originally developed to provide radionavigation service for U.S. coastal waters and was later expanded to include complete coverage of the continental U.S. as well as most of Alaska. Twenty-four U.S. LORAN-C stations work in partnership with Canadian and Russian stations to provide coverage in Canadian waters and in the Bering Sea. LORAN-C provides better than 0.25 nautical mile absolute accuracy for suitably equipped users within the published areas.

Overview: Enhanced Loran is an internationally standardized positioning, navigation, and timing (PNT) service for use by many modes of transport and other applications. It is the latest in the long-standing and proven series of low-frequency, Long-RANGE Navigation (LORAN) systems and takes full advantage of 21st century technology.

eLORAN meets the accuracy, availability, integrity and continuity performance requirements for aviation non-precision instrument approaches, maritime harbor entrance and approach maneuvers, land-mobile vehicle navigation and location-based services, and is a precise source of time and frequency for applications such as telecommunications.

eLORAN is an independent, dissimilar, complement to Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS). It allows GNSS users to retain the safety, security and economic benefits of GNSS, even when their satellite services are disrupted.

Background: The predecessor of eLORAN, Loran-C, delivered a positioning accuracy of 460m, principally to mariners sailing in coastal and oceanic waters. When the Global Positioning System (GPS) appeared in the 1980s, with its positioning accuracy of tens of meters, many began to regard Loran-C as irrelevant. But others saw it as an essential source of position and time that could still be relied upon if GPS failed.

The US modernization program resulted in this new

version of Loran with significantly improved performance. It has much better accuracy, integrity and continuity while continuing to meet Loran-C's traditional availability requirements. This improvement is realized through the addition of a data channel. This data channel allows eLORAN to meet the very demanding requirements of landing aircraft using so-called non-precision instrument approaches, and bringing ships safely into harbor in low-visibility conditions. eLORAN was also shown to be capable of providing the exceedingly precise time and frequency references needed by the telecommunications systems that carry voice and internet communications.

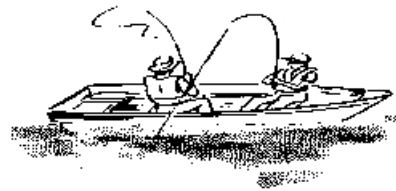
As eLORAN uses high-powered transmitters and low-frequency signals (not microwatts and microwaves like GNSS), it is very unlikely to be disrupted or jammed by the same causes that would disrupt GNSS signals. This means that small, low-cost, eLORAN receivers, even built into GNSS units, can mitigate the impact of disruptions to GNSS. Moreover, eLORAN can do things GNSS cannot, such as acting as a static compass. At sea, a new concept of navigation – enhanced navigation (e Navigation) – is being developed which requires an exceptionally reliable input of position, navigation and time data. Uniquely, the combination of GNSS and eLORAN has the potential to meet its needs.

While the Administration continues to evaluate the long-term need for continuation of the LORAN-C radionavigation system, the Government will operate the LORAN-C system in the short term. The U.S. Government will give users reasonable notice if it concludes that LORAN-C is not needed or is not cost effective, so that users will have the opportunity to transition to alternative navigation aids. With this continued sustainment of the LORAN-C service, users will be able to realize additional benefits. Improvement of GPS time synchronization of the LORAN-C chains and the use of digital receivers may support improved accuracy and coverage of the service. LORAN-C will continue to provide a supplemental means of navigation. Current LORAN-C receivers do not support nonprecision instrument approach operations.

Unfortunately, there is a move afoot to abandon the LORAN-C system. The deadline for comments to be received was January 8, 2007. While there was not much said locally, there were a great number of comments registered saying primarily that, “relying on ONE electronic navigation system is fraught with inherent danger. Separate, redundant systems are the only practical answer to navigation at night, in fog, inclement weather or any combination thereof.”

Let's hope this valuable tool remains in service regardless of the cost.

-Dick



Four New Vessel Examiners Qualified

On Saturday 17 February four members of Charleston Power Squadron became qualified as Vessel Examiners. The new VEs are: Art Clark, Dick Howells, Terry Melloy and Angela Wright.

To become qualified as a VE they attended a briefing on the Vessel Safety Check program and manual at the club house taught by P/C Harl Porter, passed a written examination on the Vessel Safety Check Program and completed five supervised Vessel Examinations.

These members provided vessels for the VE class to inspect: Jim Bass, Art Clark, Bob Kovach, Harl Porter, and B.J. Smith. They also got to inspect a special vessel belonging to the Charleston City Marina.

Congratulations new VEs.

IN THE WATER BOAT SHOW MARITIME FESTIVAL AND TALL SHIPS

We will have two boat shows coming up in the next few months. The In The Water Boat Show will be at Ripley's Light Marina beginning Thursday, April 26 and will run through Sunday, April 29. The Squadron will have a booth and we will need volunteers to man the booth. Since this event will be soon, we will need you to check your calendars be prepared to sign up at the next CPS meeting.

Although we have been obtaining volunteers to work during the Tall Ships visit at the Maritime Festival, we will also have a booth at this event. We will need volunteers to man this booth. The Maritime Festival will Start on Thursday, May 17 and will run through Sunday, May 20. Those who are not planning on working on the various Tall Ships events, we will need you at our booth.

Please consider both events and remember to sign up for the In The Water Boat Show at our next meeting.

-Jim Easley

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New Member **Gene Corbett**

I had the pleasure of meeting one of our newest members at our social meeting on Thursday, February 8. Gene Corbett recently renewed his membership in UPSP and is now part of the Charleston Power Squadron. A native of Bronx, NY, Gene made his way to Brandywine, MD, where he was a Professional Criminal Agent as part of the United States District Court. Besides keeping busy with his Sailfish 218 walkaround, Gene plans to spend time visiting his many cousins in Aiken.

-Janice Kromer



<u>Date</u>	<u>Cruise</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Dining</u>	<u>Cruise Captain</u>	<u>Coord</u>
20-Jan	Shem Creek	1200	Water's Edge	Ray Harp	BJ
23-25 Feb	Cape Romain Lighthouse	TBD	TBD	Fred Wichmann	BJ
10-Mar	Cooper River Marina & VSC	1200	Pot Luck	Harl Porter	Gary
21-Apr	Tail Race Park/Museum		Gilligan's	BJ Smith	BJ
12-May	Morris Island	1200	Pot Luck	Steve Ireland	Gary
1-3 June	Beaufort-District Conference		TBD	Art Clark	Wendy
21-Jul	Charleston Aquarium	1200	Acquarium	TBD	Gary
11-Aug	Sandy Point Raft Up	1200	Pot Luck	TBD	Wendy
15-Sep	Georgetown Landing Marina		TBD	Gary Whitley	Gary
27-Oct	Toad Hall		Oyster Roast	Dick Howells	Dick
16-18 Nov	Bohicket Marina, Johns Is		TBD	Janice Kromer	BJ

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Cruise to Water's Edge on Shem Creek

The Squadron went to The Waters Edge Restaurant on Shem Creek for a lunch-cruise on Saturday 28 January 2007. Four boats made the trip. Tony and Boo Ward came in their Hatteras "Knotless II." Jerry and Jenny Reves the brought trawler "Sweet Grass." Art and Merle Clark came to Shem Creek event in the cruiser "Sunday Drive" with Stan and Karen Whitman aboard. Wendy and David Walsh arrived with Ross and Carol Burgess aboard "Reely Fun". In all 30 people attended the event, ate some good food and had a great time with squadron friends. The boating weather was exceptionally good for a Charleston January. Here are some photos taken at The Water's Edge Restaurant and Dock at Shem Creek.



Left to right, Elise Jorgens, Chet Rogers, the waitress, Steve Poe and Joan King in the Water's Edge Restaurant.



Left to right, Wendy Walsh, Joan King with Karen and Stan Whitman on the porch at the Water's Edge.



Left to right, Ken Beeber, Dick Howells, Wendy Walsh, Ray Harp, Steve Poe and Tony Ward on the Water's Edge Dock at Shem Creek.



Ross Burgess takes the Helm of "Reely Fun" in Charleston Harbor underway to Shem Creek.

27th Annual Charleston Boat Show

Special thanks to the members who manned the Charleston Power Squadron's booth at the Charleston Boat Show 26 - 28 January 2007. The Squadron's booth was special this year, due to a free drawing for three valuable prizes. The prizes included a donated hand-held marine VHF radio that Art Clark arranged to get from West Marine of Mount Pleasant. Another prize was a Marine Safety Kit that Gary Whitley got from Barrier Island Marine. The third item was free BoatSmart Course at The Charleston Power Squadron. Here are some photos from the Boat Show.



Steve Poe and Mike Page discuss the Squadron's BoatSmart Course with a Boat Show visitor.



Squadron members Daisy Proctor and Art Clark greet a visitor to the Squadron booth at the Charleston Boat Show.



Here, Daisy Proctor shows the VHF Radio raffle item to a visitor at the Squadron's Boat Show Booth.

Cruise To Beaufort

This could wind up being an all time whopper of a cruise!!!

Some things to do to get ready for the June 2-4 Cruise to Beaufort. There will be a BBQ buffet and Jazz Friday night. Saturday will be lunch at the Beaufort Waterfront Park, district meetings and a low country boil dinner at the Best Western. Sunday morning will be the Commanders breakfast.

1. If you have a slip reservation at Port Royal Landing (843-525-6664), please get on the waiting list for the Downtown Marina 843-524-4422). Apparently there have been a number of cancellations recently.
2. If you haven't made a slip reservation, either get one at Port Royal and then get on the Downtown Marina waiting list or just get on the Downtown waiting list directly (Harl) as you prefer.
3. If your going to stay at a motel (either from your boat or driving down), please get your reservations made at the Best Western Sea Island Inn 843-552-2090). District has reserved 45 rooms which is essentially the whole motel. It's right in the downtown district.

-Art

Cooper River Marina Cruise

The 10 March Charleston Power Squadron Cruise and Rendezvous will be to the Cooper River Marina. From 9 AM to Noon there will be Vessel Safety Checks; boats on trailers in the marina parking lot and boats in the water at the marina "Day Dock". Look for a CPS Vessel Examiner in their red VSC shirt or call Harl on his cell phone 843.408.8596. Lunch will be Pot Luck from Noon till 3 PM. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided; cost is \$5 per person. Please bring either a side dish or desert to share. Vessel Examinations can also be scheduled after lunch is eaten.

If coming by water, the Cooper River Marina is at the old Navy Ship Yard just North of Shipyard Creek. If you have a GPS, the marina is at 32 degrees 49.9 minutes North by 079 degrees 55.9 minutes West. For direction to and assistance at the complimentary day dock, call the marina on Channel 16 when you pass Red Buoy 48. Wind Elephant will be next to the day dock in slip E-1; visitors are welcome.

If coming by car, the Cooper River Marina is at the South end of Juneau Ave at 1010. Lunch will be at the picnic tables between the parking lot and the Cooper River. Marina's telephone is 843.554.0790.

For additional information call Harl and Betsy Porter; home phone 843.832.9423 or Saturday on their cell phone 843.408.8596.



Directions to Cooper River Marina 1010 Juneau Avenue, N. Charleston, SC 29405

Via Boat on the Cooper River

The Cooper River Marina is located approximately 2 miles north of the new Cooper River Bridge. When you reach marker # 48, hail the marina on VHF radio, Channel 16.

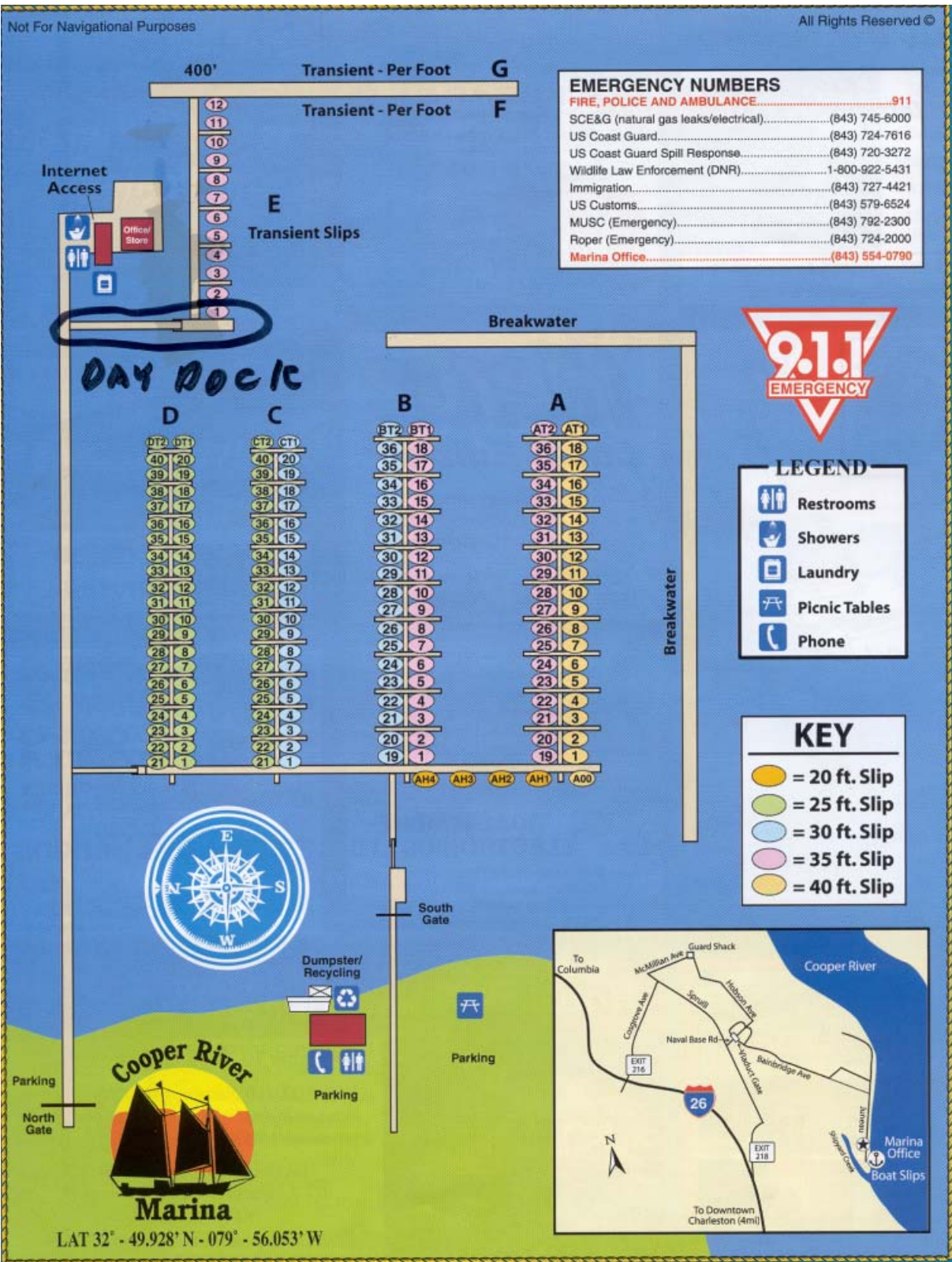
Via Cosgrove Avenue: Traveling East or West on I-26 (To Charleston or away from Charleston)

Take exit 216, Cosgrove Avenue North. Go to the third stoplight, which will be Spruill Avenue. Take a right onto Spruill and proceed to the third stoplight. Turn left at this light onto Viaduct Road. Proceed over the bridge to the unmanned guard booth and immediately bear right at the sign directing you to Bainbridge Avenue. Take this road to the stop sign where it intersects with Bainbridge. Turn left onto Bainbridge Avenue and continue on until the stop sign. Continue straight through on Bainbridge for approximately 1/10 mile. The road will take a small "S" turn to your right and then LEFT. Continue on this road until you reach the stop sign at Juneau Avenue. Turn right onto Juneau and proceed to the end of the road, which ends at the marina parking lot. The marina office is at the end of the pier immediately to your left as you enter the parking lot.

Via Spruill Avenue- West Bound I-26 Only

Take exit 218, Spruill Avenue off of I-26. Proceed to the stop light at Spruill Avenue. Turn left at the stop light and proceed approximately 2 miles to the next stop light. Turn right at the light onto Viaduct Road. Proceed over the bridge to the unmanned guard booth and immediately bear right at the sign directing you to Bainbridge Avenue. Take this road to the stop sign where it intersects with Bainbridge. Turn left onto Bainbridge Avenue and continue on until the stop sign. Continue straight through on Bainbridge for approximately 1/10 mile. The road will take a small "S" turn to your right and then LEFT. Continue on this road until you reach the stop sign at Juneau Avenue. Turn right onto Juneau and proceed to the end of the road, which ends at the marina parking lot. The marina office is at the end of the pier immediately to your left as you enter the parking lot. The Palmetto Log, Page 11

Cooper River Marina



Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 07 December 2006

The meeting was called to order By Cdr David Walsh at 1830 at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, Lt/C Jim Bass, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chet Rogers, P/D/Lt/C Mike Page, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt John VanWay, Lt Mike King, Gary Whitley, B. J. Smith, Stan Whitman, Steve Poe, and Jim Davis. A quorum was established.

Cdr David Walsh requested a motion for the approval of the September, October, November, Executive Committee meeting minutes as published in an Excom Google Group email message. A motion was made by Lt/C Art Clark and seconded by Lt Mike King to accept the minutes the Executive Committee meeting for September, 2006. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Lt/C Art Clark and seconded by Lt Mike King to accept the minutes the Executive Committee meeting for October, 2006. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were accepted. A motion was made by Lt/C Art Clark and seconded by Lt Mike King to accept the minutes the Executive Committee meeting for November, 2006. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were accepted.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Art Clark planning for the Boat Show at the Coliseum is under way. Gary Whitley reported that gotten articles in the Post & Currier promoting the Power Squadron and promoting the Boat Smart Classes.

Educational: Per Lt/C Chet Rogers Planning for 2007 Classes is underway. We are offering Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, and Cruise Planning

Administrative: Lt/C Dick Howells and B. J. Smith presented the proposal for the 2007 Cruise Scheduled. B. J. Smith passed copies of the Cruise Schedule. Two

scheduling conflicts were noted for the 23-25 February Cruise to Cape Romain Lighthouse (conflicts with the USPS Annual Meeting 20-25 February) and the 10 March, Cooper River Marina & VSC Cruise (conflicts with the D/26 Spring Conference 9-11 March). B. J. Smith said that they were looking into having some cruises during the week for those that may be available and are interested. Stan Whitman reported on the programs lined up for the first for months of next year. Cdr David Walsh reported that the Parade of Boats was a huge success. There we 27 boats in the parade of which 9 were USPS boats.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass the Form OD-2 is nearing completion. Chairman of the Ships store and Chairman of member benefits are currently open. Google Groups are currently up to date and functioning correctly. New members Steve Brostoff, Melissa White, James Williams, and Ted McCormack were approved for membership by email vote of the Executive Committee. Steve Poe our WEB Site manager, requests inputs or comments about our web site. Lt Wendy Walsh reported Palmetto Log deadline 8 December and should be out in a couple of weeks. The directory of members is nearing completion and should be ready for January mailing.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: We have \$15,114.01 in our bank accounts of which \$9084.52 is in Money Market accounts and \$6029.49 is in Checking. The profit and loss report shows a net income of \$1810.56 for 2006 which is an improvement over last year.

Commander: Cdr David Walsh reported we had received the officers calendar and passed out copies to the Bridge Officers.

Committee Reports:

Housing: Gary Whitley reported he would schedule a cleanup day for the building and grounds sometime after the Christmas and New Years Holidays. He is also investigating the costs associated with a termite inspection and requirements for obtaining a termite bond.

Audit, Nominating, Rules and Planning Committees: No reports

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 1942.

Submitted by,

Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 04 January 2007

The meeting was called to order by Lt/C Art Clark at 1830 at the Headquarters Building. Cmd David Walsh arrived at 1836. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, P/Cdr Janice Kromer, P/Lt/C Steve Kromer Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C Jim Bass, Lt Wendy Walsh, Steve Poe, and guest Brian Hill, Vice Commodore of the Cooper River Yacht Club. A quorum was established.

Lt/C Art Clark requested a motion for the approval of the December Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. P/Cdr Janice Kromer made a motion to approve the minutes and Lt/C Chuck Altschul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes for December Excom Meeting were approved.

Lt/C Art Clark introduced Brian Hill, Vice Commodore of the Cooper River Yacht Club. The Cooper River Yacht Club is looking for a place to hold their monthly meetings in the winter months. They would like to use the Headquarters Building on the 3rd Saturday of November, December, January, February, and

March. Their proposal is to meet at our Headquarters Building, from 1700 to 2100 hrs on the third Saturday of each month. They would cleanup after their meetings and leave the building setup as they found it. They also proposed to pay \$60.00 per night for the nights they use the building. The Cooper River Yacht Club is a small club with approximately 50 members.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Art Clark the Boat Show at the Coliseum is coming up January 26-28, and volunteers are need to man the Charleston Power Squadron Booth. A sign up sheet was passed around for anyone interesting in working the booth. P/Lt/C Steve Kromer is working on this years Cooperative Charting plan, part of which is going to do depth sounding. Gary Whitley working on our advertising and we are getting calls for information on Boat Smart Classes as results of the advertising. Lt/C Art Clark has also been in contact with the Cdr of the Coast Guard Aux. and they are interested in mutually supporting each other in boating classes by talking about each others organizations in the boating classes.

Educational: Per Lt/C Chet Rogers: Spring trainings offerings are Marine Electronics, Seaman Ship, Cruise Planning and Advanced Piloting. Classes will start the week of February 19th, with the meet the instructors and greet the students scheduled for the week of February 12th. No one is currently signed up for the classes.

Administrative: Per Lt/C Dick Howells: everything is in the Palmetto Log. Programs for the membership meetings have been set through April. No resolution at this time about the two cruise conflicts with the USPS Annual Meeting and the District 26 Spring Conference. Lt/C Howells requests that Committee Chairman keep track of what the people in your committees are doing so that at year end the information can be put together and so that merit marks can be awarded.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Lt Wendy Walsh reports that our roster currently contains 189 names. She has completed the update of the Members Directory and has had it printed. She passed out copies for the all at the executive committee meeting. She will hand out copies at the General Membership Meeting and the rest to be mailed to the remaining members.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: We have \$15,042 in our bank accounts. We received a \$203.00 refund from the Naval Weapons Station for over payment for the change of watch meeting. We had paid based on an estimate of the costs and the actual cost of the meeting was \$203 less than the estimate. All bills have been paid to this date.

Commander: Per Cdr David Walsh: District 26 Spring conference to be held March 9th, thru March 11th, 2007, at Myrtle Beach, SC. The event is hosted by the Long Bay Power Squadron of Myrtle Beach. Cdr Walsh encourages all Bridge members and Excom members and Committee Chairman to attend if possible. USPS Annual Meeting February 20th thru February 25th, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL. Additional information about the annual meeting can be found at the USPS Web Site. (www.usps.org)

Committee Reports:

Audit: Annual Audit needs to be complete by the end of January. Lt/C Chuck Altschul, will contact the Audit Committee Chairman to setup a time for the audit.

Housing, Nominating, Rules and Planning Committees: No reports

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: P/Cdr Janice Kromer as historian needs information about the events we do during the year. P/Cdr Kromer needs the number of people attending the events and the number of boats attending the events. If you do visitations she needs to know and if we do VSC's she needs to know how many

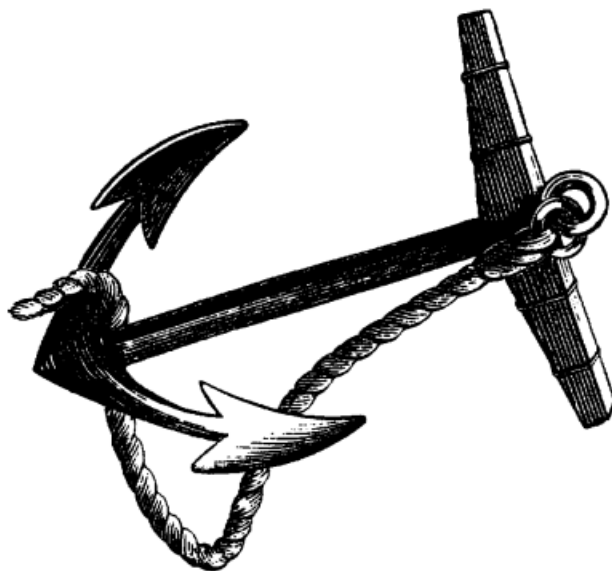
boats. Lt/C Dick Howells agreed to collect the information after each event and send email to P/Cdr Kromer and Cdr David Walsh.

After some discussion a motion was made by P/Cdr Janice Kromer to allow the Cooper River Yacht Club use the headquarters building the 3rd Saturday, of November, December, January, February, and March to hold their monthly meetings for a donation of \$60 per night. The Cooper River Yacht Club is responsible for bringing any supplies they need and to remove any leftovers at the end of their meetings. The Charleston Power Squadron will provide a key to the front door for them to use to access the building. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Art Clark. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. Lt Wendy Walsh is to contact the Church to let them know that the Cooper River Yacht Club will be using the building on the nights mention in the motion..

The meeting adjourned at 1922.

Submitted by,

Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary



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Upcoming Events For March and April

- 8 March - Member Meeting, Gilligans Mt P - 1830
- 10 March - Cooper River Marina Cruise - 0900
- 12 April - Member Meeting Downtown - 1830
- 21 April - Tail Race Park Cruise

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