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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**



My message this month is all about volunteers and participation. First I would like to thank all our members who volunteer their time and talents. We depend on you for so many things, many of which are never seen by other members. I can't say enough about how much your efforts are appreciated.

As you know, we are an all volunteer organization. We depend upon our members to contribute toward our ultimate success, namely, boating safety. Make no mistake about it, we have a great time to boot!! So what's the catch? Well we need more members to be involved in our many programs; some internal, some external (community).

At the moment, we have some critical openings that need to be filled. Granted, some are new. Those critical openings are:

- Assistant Treasurer
- Greeters
- Education Committee Chairs
 - Elective Courses
 - Required Courses
- Ship Store Operator
- Instructors
- Visitors

We can always use more members to help out with programs, events, co-operative charting, vessel safety checks, and housing. Please feel free to call me at any time (849-9467) or contact me at our various meetings.

Art

**Executive Officer
Lt/C Dick Howells, AP**



In the interest of saving space I'll keep this short. (I know it's a blessing!) We had a great Boat Show at the Coliseum. Daisy Proctor is our Chair for Boat Shows and had everything well organized and staffed. BJ Smith and Gary Whitley redesigned the booth, and that made a big difference with a new stand and a modified design for our banner.

Glenn Workman put together a great Flea Market booth for us at West Marine, and we made money thanks to the generous donations of our members and friends.

Of utmost importance to the Squadron is promoting ourselves to the boating public. If we do this successfully, we can do a lot to increase boating safety through our boating classes and Vessel Safety Checks. This takes volunteers. We are not a wealthy organization. We can't afford to buy ads in the papers or on the broadcast media. Gary Whitley has done a remarkable job of spreading the word through public service announcements, but he needs help. We need to put up posters, etc. everywhere boaters go. We need to contact boating clubs, fishing clubs and the marine trades. If you have a little time to donate to the Squadron, please call Gary at 843-469-4782 cell or 843-557-0844 home. If you have any contacts that you think would be of use, call him.

Have a great month and get on the water!

Dick



Administrative Officer
Lt/C BJ Smith



We are continuing to work hard on improving our membership meetings, programs and cruises. On 1 March 2008, we will meet at McClellanville Marina and cruise to the Cape Romain lighthouse to visit the birthplace of our own Fred Wichmann. We will finish off the day by having a great dinner at one of the local restaurants. So come join the fun and participate in what promises to be a very enjoyable cruise. Contact Joyce Wichmann for reservations at 843-795-9172 or email—joyce.wichmann@gmail.com.

Later in the month, Helen Kovach will have another surprise at the 13 March 2008 membership meeting. We will have a St Patrick day “theme” for our meal and the guest speaker will be John Evans, general manager of Hiller Systems, Inc. Mr. Evans will address the appropriate use of the various types of fire extinguishers to include fire suppression in larger pleasure boats as well. This meeting will be at headquarters. See the upcoming events section for more detail

On 28 March 2008, I will travel to Golden Corner Lakes Sail and Power Squadron for the D/26 Spring Conference in Anderson, SC. This will be my first conference at a meeting representing the Administrative Department and I am looking forward to meeting my counterparts at other squadrons.

Last but not least, we will have the annual Hornick Cruise on 29 March 2008 at RiversEdge Marina. Harl Porter is the cruise captain and will coordinate the Vessel Safety Check activity that is conducted during this cruise event. We will have hamburgers and hotdogs available. So please take advantage of the opportunity to get your boats inspected for free and have some refreshments for a nominal fee.

Just a hearty “head’s up”, our April cruise is going to be a **BIG** event. We are partnering with the Lake Hartwell Squadron for a run up the Cooper River through the locks at Lake Moultrie and over to Short Stay for a weekend of fun. Mark your calendars for 13-14 April 2008. More to follow on this great event!

That is all for now. See you on the water soon!

BJ

Squadron Boating Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chapters New Book</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
04-Mar-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
11-Mar-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
18-Mar-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
25-Mar-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailing, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
01-Apr-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
08-Apr-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
15-Apr-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
22-Apr-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailing, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
29-Apr-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
06-May-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
13-May-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
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

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

March 2008 Charleston Squadron

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 AP HQ 1830	4 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	5 ME CP HQ 1830	6 EXCOM HQ 1830	7	8
9 DST Begins	10 AP HQ 1830	11 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	12 ME CP HQ 1830	13 Dinner Meeting HQ 1830	14	15
16 Palm Sunday	17 AP HQ 1830 St Pat'sDay	18 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	19 ME CP HQ 1830	20	21 Good Friday	22
23 Easter	24 AP HQ 1830	25 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	26 ME CP HQ 1830	27	28 D26 Conf.	29 Hornick Cruise & D26 Conf.
30 D26 Conf.	31 AP HQ 1830					

HQ (Headquarters), AP (Advanced Piloting), ME (Marine Electronics), CP (Cruise Planning)

April 2008 Charleston Squadron

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	2 HQ 1830 ME CP	3 EXCOM HQ 1830	4	5
6	7 HQ 1830 AP	8 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	9 HQ 1830 ME CP	10 Dinner Mtg 1830 Sunfire Grill	11 Cruise to Short Stay	12 Cruise to Short Stay Picnic 1200
13 Cruise to Short Stay	14 HQ 1830 AP	15 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	16 HQ 1830 ME CP	17	18	19
20	21 HQ 1830 AP	22 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	23 HQ 1830 ME CP	24	25	26
27	28 HQ 1830 AP	29 Boat Smart Seamanship HQ 1830	30 HQ 1830 ME CP			

HQ (Headquarters), AP (Advanced Piloting), ME (Marine Electronics), CP (Cruise Planning)

Upcoming Program Events

13 March 2008: John Evans, General Manager of Hiller Systems, Inc., will address the appropriate use of the various types of fire extinguishers as a first line of defense against the various types of boating fires. He will also show us how to ensure that they remain fully serviceable while mounted aboard the boat. This meeting will be at headquarters. Helen is holding the menu close to vest. So get ready for a special menu in March.

10 April 2008: United States Coast Guard Representative Greg Johnson will speak a bout Emergency position indicating radio beacons EPIRB Radio Communications. This meeting will be held at the Sunfire Grill & Bistro, 1090 Sam Rittenberg.

8 May 2008: Dr. Malcolm Meaburn (from NOAA) will address the subject of mercury contamination in sea life & in man, its source and effects. An article in the Post and Courier has reported that SC has some of the worst mercury hotspots of any place in the nation. This meeting will be at headquarters.



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Cape Romain Cruise

29 Feb 2008 - 2 Mar 2008



All vessels are requested to rendezvous at the Leland Marine in Jeremy Creek at McClellanville Friday afternoon or evening on 29 February 2008. Otherwise, you may arrive Saturday morning before Noon. Departure for the Cape will occur at 1100 am, Saturday, 1 March, 2008 with the high tide at 1:28 pm. Any vessel needing assistance shall be promptly given high priority, and all passengers should be safely removed before any vessel sinks.

Adequate libations must be provided all crews and passengers, especially upon return to Jeremy Creek. Additionally, dinner will be held at “TW Grahams Store” at 1800. Cars must be provided for adequate transportation to the local cookery shop where all will enjoy dinner and sundry fun.

Remember, waters around the Cape are very shallow, so larger boats will anchor as waters become thin. Shallow-draft boats will ferry passengers to shore. Caution: There is no dock! So make sure you bring high boots to wade ashore. We have about one hour to explore, and then return to our boats before the falling tide catches us.

Also, please contact Joyce Wichmann (795-9172 or cell 843-296-9129 or joyce.wichmann@gmail.com) to confirm your dinner reservation by 24 February 2008.

After a quiet sleep Saturday night, Sunday morning will provide an enjoyable and safe voyage to our respective homeports always REMEMBERING TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO ANYONE IN DISTRESS.

P/C Fred Wichmann, AP.vessel-DISTANT ISLE

Morgan Creek Grill Cruise Report

Our Morgan Creek Grill cruise on Saturday 19 January was well attended despite the cold weather. We had over 30 people sign up in advance and 22 attend, which was pretty good considering the frigid temperatures and light drizzle. We had hoped to sit up on the heated rooftop deck, but the weather dictated that we sit in the main dining room. Fortunately the dining room had a wall of windows that gave us a great view of the Intercoastal waterway, Morgan Creek and the IOP marina. The fireplace was burning to keep everyone warm, and we had the place almost all to ourselves. While the weather prompted everyone to arrive via car instead of by boat we had a good lunch and were there for almost 3 hours.

Dick Howells reminded everyone that Harl Porter will be teaching the vessel safety examiner class on 15 March at squadron headquarters and encouraged everyone to attend. We also discussed next month's cruise to the Cape Romain lighthouse on Saturday 1 March. Fred Wichmann was born at the lighthouse and will serve as cruise captain and tour guide. Full details for all events are available on the squadron website <http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/BoatingActivities.html>.

District 26 Summer Council, Cruise & Rendezvous

Let's have a large Charleston Power Squadron presence at the District 26 Summer Council Cruise and Rendezvous. It is being held at the House of Blues, Barefoot Landing, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and is being sponsored by the North Strand Sail and Power Squadron on 2-4 May 2008. This will be a great conference, so make your reservations early and sign up now. We plan to cruise up the ICW.

If you have any questions, contact one of your Bridge members or go to the link below to find more information and to complete your reservation.

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/northstrand/CR.html>

Rivers Edge Marina Hornick Cruise

This year the Hornick Cruise will be on Saturday 29 March 2008 at Rivers Edge Marina. Come by either boat or car for a good lunch and a free Vessel Safety Check.

If coming by boat, Rivers Edge Marina is on the Ashley River, just before the Interstate 526 Bridge. Daylight courtesy slips will be provided by Rivers Edge Marina for those coming by boat.

If coming by car, address for Rivers Edge Marina (formerly Duncan's) is 4354 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston. Take exit 14 off Interstate 526 (Mark Clark expressway) just North East of the Ashley River on to Leeds Ave. Go South East on Leeds Ave, go around curve to left and at stop light turn right onto Bridge View Drive. Rivers Edge Marina is at the end of the road as is County Farm Landing (a Charleston County Boat Ramp).

Vessel Safety Checks will be done by both Charleston Power Squadron and USCG Auxiliary Vessel Examiner from 0900 to 1500 for boats either on their trailer or in the water. For list of items checked during the Vessel Safety Check visit: <http://safetyseal.net>, then click on "Virtual VSC".

Lunch - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, fixings and drinks will be provided by Charleston Power Squadron. Cost is \$5 per person. Please bring a side dish to share. RSVP (for lunch) to Angela Wright at either 843.729.3311 or awright@gates.com.

Harl and Betsy Porter are the Cruise Captains. For additional information contact them at either 843.832.9423 or 107Harl@sc.rr.com. Saturday morning Harl can be reached on his cell phone 843.408.8596.

CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 03 January 2008

The meeting was called to order by Cdr Art Clark at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C B. J. Smith, Lt/C Jim Bass, D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, Stf/C Harl Porter, Lt Gene Gilfillin, Carole Gilfillin and Angela Wright. 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 December Excom Meeting, and Lt/C Chuck Altschul seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes for the December 2007, Excom Meeting were approved.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Dick Howells: Plans are on target for the upcoming boat show at the coliseum. Lt/C Dick Howells suggested that we have a drawing for a free Boat Smart Class to those who sign up for it. The Carolina in Water Boat Show plans are not final at this time; however, we do plan to participate. The Vessel Safety Check forms and stickers for 2008 have been received. In 2007 we completed 71 Vessel Safety Checks. We have 7 VSC qualified examiners for 2008.

Educational: Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Administrative: Per Lt/C B. J. Smith: Lt/C B. J. Smith reported that our planned speaker for the January Membership Meeting will not be able to attend and that Lt/C Chuck Altschul will be presenting information on Hurricane Protection. Lt/C B. J. Smith also reported

that he had received several calls inquiring about the Boat Smart Class.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Lt/C Jim Bass reported that he had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: Lt/C Chuck Altschul presented the budget for 2007 and the planned budget for 2008. Lt/C Dick Howells made a motion that we put \$10,000.00 into a 4 month Certificate of Deposit. The motion was seconded by Lt/C B. J. Smith. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Commander: Cdr Art Clark ask that we consider mailing hard copies of the Palmetto Log to those members who request them and to those members who do not have access to the web site or email. Everyone else would receive the Palmetto Log by email or access it on the web site. After considerable discussion, Angela Wright agreed to head a committee to look into the issue of electronic distribution of the Palmetto Log.

Housing Committee: Lt/C B.J. Smith reported that they are looking into wiring issues in Headquarters Building that need to be corrected. Angela Wright agreed to ask Steve Ireland to look into the fire extinguishers issue so that we would know how many and of what capacities are needed in our facility.

Committee Reports:

Audit, Nominating, Rules: No reports

Planning Committees: Cdr Art Clark reported that the Planning Committee is scheduling a meeting for sometime in January.

Communications:

USPS Annual Meeting is in Dallas TX, 19-24 February. D/Lt/C Ed Kridler is planning to attend and will represent the squadron, and Stf/C Harl Porter and Lt/C Chet Rogers said they are considering attending the meeting.

District 26 Spring Conference 29-31 March
District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous 2-4 May

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 1930.

Submitted by,
Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary



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



New Member

Rawlins Lowndes

Rawlins Lowndes is one of our newest Charleston Power Squadron members. A native of Spartanburg, Rawlins came to Charleston to attend The Citadel. Rawlins keeps his 27' Grady White in Beaufort where he likes to go fishing. When he's not on the water, he works as an estimator for a site contractor. Rawlins joined the squadron to learn more about safety and to brush up on his boating skills. He's thinking of taking Piloting and maybe our Marine Electronics course. We hope he becomes a very active member.

Happy March Birthdays

- 01 March David B. Marvel
- 05 March Nancy Altschul
- 05 March Julia Breeden-Moore
- 06 March Clifford N. Byrnes
- 11 March Munford S. Jeter
- 12 March Charles E. Altschul
- 14 March Rick Cone
- 16 March Kathie O'Hanian
- 17 March Judy K. Fauss
- 19 March Alice A. Harp
- 25 March Karen A. Hickman
- 28 March Samuel Steinberg
- 29 March Lance McLeroy
- 30 March Carol A. Viering

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14 February 2008 Meeting

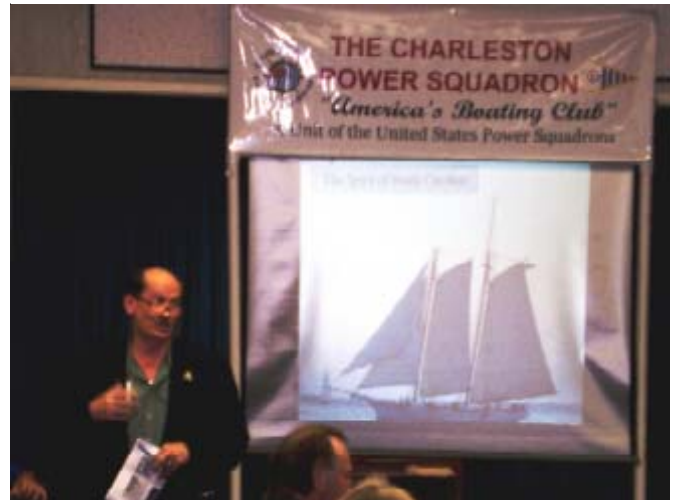
Our 14 February 2008 membership meeting was a great event. Our speaker Dewey Teske provided insight into the Spirit of South Carolina and her first year of service. The Spirit had participated in many events this past year including hosting our Judges for the Holiday Parade of Boats. She will have a busy year next year as well, hosting many education classes for young students.

There were 59 people at our February membership meeting. Helen and her staff did a masterful job with the Valentine theme and dinner. Everyone received a little valentine gift and the ladies were presented with a lovely red carnation. Thanks also to Stan and Karen Whitman for setting up the facility and assisting with the decorations and subsequent clean up. Once again, Jim Easley and Gary Whitley had the refreshments flowing. Thanks to all who stayed and helped to clean up afterwards. Harl looked comfortable behind the vacuum cleaner. Also thanks to Rob Turkewitz for donating the Whirlybird Repeller. I am sure that Fred Wichman, the high bidder for it, will enjoy using it. All in all, a great crowd, super food and a lot of fun had by all.

BJ



Chow Line



Speaker Dewey Teske Shows the Spirit of South Carolina Under Sail



BJ Smith Auctions Off Bob Turkewitz's Whirlybird

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14 March 2008**

**BJ Smith
Cruising Activities
Phone: 843-767-1491**

Upcoming Events

- 29 February - Cape Romain Cruise
- 13 March - Member Meeting HQ 1830
- 29 March - Hornick Cruise and Vessel Safety Checks 1000 - 1500
- 03 April - EXCOM Meeting HQ 1830
- 10 April - Member Meeting at Sunfire Grill & Bistro 1830
- 11 - 13 April - Cruise to Short Stay on Lake Moultrie

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