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**Safe Boating Through
Education**

**From The Commander
Cdr Joe Schady, AP**



Greetings everyone. It has been a while since we last had a Palmetto Log, but there have been many activities nonetheless. I will recap briefly. In December the city had a very successful Parade of Boats and the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron performed our typical duties. We provided the judges, organized the judging and last but definitely not least provided the marker boats for the parade. All in all, we had 27 boats participate in the parade. I would like to thank the Maritime Foundation for hosting us on the Spirit of South Carolina, and I hope to have us participate in more joint events coming up this year.

Also, in December we had our annual Holiday Party, and I want to give a big Thank You to Elise and all the folks who helped to make the evening possible. As usual, Santa Claus did make an appearance and was as entertaining ever. I would like to thank Santa (a.k.a David Walsh) for making that appearance. Please stand by for a montage of pictures later on in the publication.

You will hear much more of the “goings-on” over the last two months in later articles from the rest of the Bridge, but for now, I would like to speak to you about upcoming events, especially education. SEO John will talk to you about the upcoming classes and the schedule. That being said, I would like to encourage you to get involved in the education program. I cannot stress enough how important our program is for the community especially now that we are offering the classes to the public. I would love to see our entire membership go out for some type of class over the course of the next year. Whether making that step from AP to JN or taking one of the elective classes like Marine Communications. The more you know about your boat and the water, the better you will

be, and we do offer the best courses to foster that knowledge. I know my request is impractical, even for myself. We all have other obligations and priorities, so if a class is not in your future, there are other things we can do. The one thing each of us can do is to simply talk about the education program. It could be to a family member/friend, your neighbor at the marina, or even your neighbor at home. One of the things I will be doing to help facilitate this conversation will be to put a packet of information together that will allow us to speak knowledgeably about the program. The packet will be in electronic form which would be easy to forward as well as print. It does not sound like much, but the more our membership knows about our programs the better we will be in attracting new members.

I thank you for all of your support as demonstrated in our January dinner meeting (Elise will give the recap on this a little later). And please keep up the great work. Let’s get out there and talk up our squadron.

Thanks!

Joe



**Executive Officer
Lt/C Carl Klele**



Hi everyone.

As we near the beginning of boating season, I would suggest that all boat owners start maintenance inspection on your boats.

Joe Schady and I met with all Charleston yacht commodores to discuss the possibility of forming a coalition to better publicize our organizations and coordinate our activities. The meeting was very successful, and all agreed to establish an organization which should benefit all of us. There will be follow-up meetings which will expand the meetings to include public relations, education and vessel safety check personnel. The coalition will potentially help us in getting our education message out to the public and expanding our membership.

Carl



**Administrative Officer
Lt/C Elise Jorgens, S**



Your Admin. Department has been busy. The January Dinner Meeting was overwhelmingly successful with more than 60 people registered and several more who came without reservations. The dinner was a Chili Cook-Off, with 10 contributions of chili ranging from turkey chili to Cincinnati Five-Way and lots in between, and that seems to have struck a chord in the wintry January weather. Barb Smith stepped up as Head Chef, and she will continue to be key in coordinating the food department in future meetings. Be sure you give her the kudos for the meals in coming months! And if you have great ideas for a dinner menu, contact Barb at barby183@comcast.net.

The January program was a departure too – a review of Squadron activities and opportunities for involvement featuring brief reports by Bridge members and area heads. For many this was review of something you know well, but we hope it helped remind everyone that there is a lot going on in the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron and a lot that *you* can do to be part of it all. Don't hesitate to contact me (jorgense@cofc.edu) or other appropriate person if you have ideas or just want to be involved.

We are trying to avoid “same old same old” in our dinner meetings, and the February meeting will be a catered event, featuring Jon Anderson of *La Cuisine Catering*. (See the announcement and menu elsewhere in this issue.) We will try different plans and different menus – some member contributed and some not – in future months. Let us hear from you! What would you like to see on the table?

Future speakers will be more in line with what we have usually enjoyed, although we are going to focus on expert knowledge that can be useful to boaters. Ken Lewis is heading up the Speaker Series for coming months, and he has put together a stellar list of informative speakers to pique your interest and expand your knowledge of Lowcountry Marine Culture. Be sure to check out each

month's speakers, and send any new ideas to Ken at ken@svrestless.us.

While you are enjoying the February dinner, please be sure to welcome our new Bar Master, Gene Corbett. Gene will be the new friendly face behind the counter when you order your favorite beverage. Let him know what you like, and at least for the first month or two, help him out with your patience as he learns this new task for the Squadron.

One activity that falls under the Admin. Department that still needs some help is retention of new members. Last year we had the start of a new program called Shipmates aimed at developing strategies to encourage new members to get involved in activities. I would like to see that program take off, but we need some fresh ideas and people to help out. Our Boating Activities chair, Chet Rogers, would like to see day cruises, with mentoring pairs of new members with seasoned boaters, as a key component of this program. Contact Chet at chet.rogers@comcast.net if this interests you (and see his report elsewhere in this issue). If you would be willing to shepherd new members at dinner meetings, introducing them around and making sure they are not seated alone, please let me know.

As always, thank you for your support and encouragement. Our Squadron is only as strong as our membership, and I count on you to help make our meeting what you want them to be by offering to help out or contributing your ideas.

Elise

Secretary Donald Todd, AP



Many thanks to able volunteers associated with this department:

Membership Records – Wendy Walsh
Webmaster – Ken Lewis
Palmetto Log – Steve Brostoff

See information on the D-26 Leadership Conference elsewhere in this edition.

Coming Soon - Please look for a new section on our Web site - Volunteer Opportunities on our new web site.

Don

Treasurer Lt/C Rick Cone, AP



BURGEES are back! At February's monthly meeting, the Ship Store will be open for business and it's a great time to purchase a burgee (\$25) for the upcoming boating season. Whether you're a power or sail junkie, fly your CSPS burgee with pride.

With our highly successful December Christmas Party and January's well-attended fun chili-cook-off, we're kicking off 2011 in good shape with \$3933.43 in our checking account as of this date.

As required by CSPS ByLaw Article 6, Section 6.10, our financial records must be independently audited on an annual basis, and our audit committee is currently doing just that. I'll report on their recommendations in February.

Rick

Cape Romaine Cruise Announcement

Our next cruise will be our traditional one to McClellanville and Cape Romaine to celebrate Fred Wichmann's birthday. The plan for those who will be going by boat is to leave Friday about noon on 25 Feb, spend two nights in McClellanville, travel to Cape Romaine on Saturday at a time picked by Fred, and return home on 27 Feb. Other arrangements will need to be made for those who drive. Fred has agreed to be cruise captain for this adventure. We will need as many small boats as possible in order to make it to McClellanville without grounding any boats. More details will follow, but please reserve those times. We would like to have a large turnout to help Fred celebrate his birthday.

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10 February Dinner Meeting and Speaker

Please mark your calendar or, better yet, make your reservation now for the 10 February dinner meeting and speaker (details below).

Social Hour: 1800

Dinner: 1845

Dinner Menu:

Chicken Parmesan
Grilled Vegetable Pasta
Caesar Salad
Bread Sticks and Garlic Bread Sticks

Dinner catered by *La Cuisine Catering*

Reservations: Barb Smith - barby183@comcast.net

Cost: \$15 /person

Valentine theme desserts contributed by members. Contact Barb Smith if you want to bring a dessert. *It is not necessary for everyone to bring a dessert!*

Guest Speaker



COMMANDER RICHARD T. SUNDLAND United States Coast Guard Charleston Sector

In his role as the Chief of Response for Sector Charleston, Commander Sundland leads approximately 200 active duty, reserve and civilian men and women to conduct Coast Guard missions in the states of South Carolina and Georgia. Those missions include Search and Rescue, Marine Environmental Response, Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security, Drug Interdiction, and Defense Readiness.

The topics will be the operations and missions of Sector Charleston and the current state of Coast Guard and a few sea stories thrown in for good measure.

Education Officer
Lt/C John Meyenberg, AP



If you want to take any of the following education courses you need to sign up now.

The following is the Spring Schedule:

Piloting	Monday, 07 February 2011
Seamanship	Wednesday, 09 February 2011
Cruise Planning	Monday, 14 February 2010
Sail	Tuesday, 15 February 2011
Marine Communications	Wednesday, 16 February 2011
Advance Piloting	Monday, 06 June 2011

Anyone interested in the Navigation Course let me know. Ed Kridler said he would be interested in teaching it.

The ABC course has 12 students signed up.

Now is a good time to take a spring course. Let me know so I can order course materials.

John

Nautical Dafynitions:

Bar Buoy	What you will be looking for to lead you to a good time.
Foul Wind	1) Breeze produced by flying turkey or goose. 2) An odor.
Great Circle	1) Ship's course when the rudder is jammed or stuck. 2) Depression left in the seat cushion. 3) Mark around the eye after sailor's pub brawl.
Latitude	Number of degrees allowed a guest at the helm.
Lazy Guy	Most sailors when not racing.

Congratulation to the students who passed the following courses:

Seamanship

Robert Gillow
Moirra A. Kimball
Donna Lynes
Kristine A. Moore
Charles F. Rogers
Tim C. Taylor
Danell A. Waters

Piloting

Jay James Bird
Elsie B. Jorgens
David K. Leaphart
Elizabeth L. Wenner

Engine Maintenance

Jay James Bird
James F. Bonheimer
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Sallie R. Miller
Steven F. Nall
Karl E. Naugle Jr.
Myron R. Tucker
Elizabeth L. Wenner

Electrical Systems

Paul H. Mitchell
Steven F. Nall

Marine Communications Systems

The new course on Marine Radio Communications will be taught Wednesday nights starting on 16 February. This new course is a complete rewrite and update of the old ME102 course.

Marine Communications Systems is an in-depth, nine chapter review of those systems available to the recreational boater. Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn, to choose the best communications method for his/her situation. There is a new chapter devoted to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and a updated chapter on FCC Rules and regulations to set the stage for instruction of radio-telephone operating procedures (both voice and digital messaging are covered). The remaining chapters cover High Seas radio (an expanded section on MF/HF and a new section on satellite communications) and other marine communications systems such as Family Radio Service transceivers. There is also a new chapter on troubleshooting of radio installations. The chapter on Voice Radio Operations has been expanded and includes mini-scenarios and audio clips of both routine and emergency calling procedures augmented by in-class practice scenarios. A CD will be provided that contains all classroom PowerPoint slides, all audio clips used to demonstrate correct calling and testing procedures and an interactive Radio Tutorial from The BoatU.S. Foundation.

If it has been over five years since you took ME102, you are encouraged to audit this class to update and expand your knowledge of Marine Radio Communications.

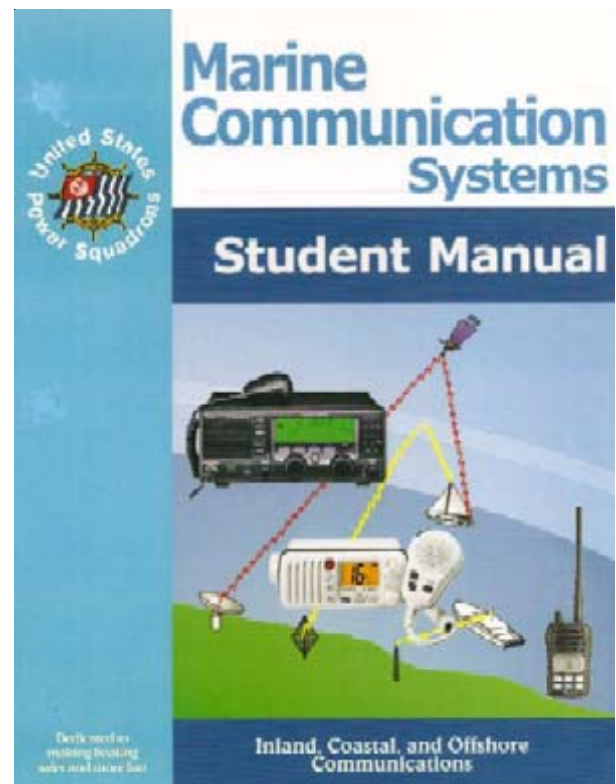
Instructor is Harl Porter and class starts on Wednesday 16 February. Class duration is seven sessions which includes a review and exam for the last class. To register contact SEO John Meyenberg at either 843.873.0321 or captjohn@gmail.com.

Morgan Creek Cruise Report

We had a successful January cruise with 10 members enjoying lunch at the Morgan Creek Grill. Mike and Judy Fauss, Cathy and Dewey Howell, Carl and Jerry Klee, Harl and Betsy Porter and I all Drove. Debra King and her son, Alex, and Robert Bauer made the trip in their boat, *Night Owl*. Good for them! The only bad thing was the weather.



Lt/C Chet Rogers
Boating Activities Chairman



Exploring a Florida Treasure **By Captain Helen Deitrick-Kovach**

We travelled to Jacksonville the first week in November to participate in a 10 day cruise down and back on the St. John's River. With great anticipation, the members of the flotilla for the St John's River Cruise assembled at the Jacksonville Municipal Marina. Four boats were in Jacksonville and we would be joined by several others at various times during the trip. The smallest boat was 37 feet, and the largest 50 ft. The Water Taxi was summoned to ferry the crowd across the river to the Chart House where we were joined by several locals who were not going on the cruise but were there to lend support. Everyone had a good time meeting new folks and enjoying a meal. We appointed a cruise director, determined the working channel for VHF and agreed upon a morning departure time. We then headed back to the Jacksonville Municipal Marina by the water taxi.



Jacksonville night time skyline (Photo by Gary Whiting)

Tuesday was a great weather day and we set out from the marina enroute to Six Mile Creek and the Outback Crab Shack. We had a short wait for the railroad bridge in downtown Jacksonville before we could really get going. We were joined by several other boats at the junction of the Ortega River. The river at this point is wide and majestic. When we made the turn

to Six Mile Creek for our first evening's stop, the water got really thin for those of us drawing more than 4 ft. **Shalala** led the way and **Allez!** plowed a path for several deeper draft boats. By the end of the afternoon there were 11 boats on the 1500 ft. dock.



Early morning on the dock at Six Mile Creek (Photo by Helen Deitrick-Kovach)

Dinner at The Outback was an interesting event full of local color complete with a band. The next morning the flotilla set out for Georgetown, FL. There were only four boats making this part of the journey. **Kindred Spirit** opted to anchor in Muddy Cove while the rest of us took a slip at the Georgetown Marina.

As we set out Thursday morning, we were joined by another boat that would make the trip for a couple of days. We wound our way toward Hontoon State Park. Make no mistake it is a scenic spot, but the docks are NOT designed for the size boats we showed up with: one 42ft, two 47 footers and a 50. You can understand why there are so many houseboat rental locations along the way. Nor is it equipped with 50A power. The 30 amp power is all on the same circuit so our Hubbell Smart Boxes were useless – so we camped on the dock. The finger piers are 22 ft long. The best part was dropping the dinks in the water and going exploring. Several dinks headed to Blue Springs in search of wild life and manatee. On adventurous captain went around the back side of Hontoon Island and found a wonderful collection of birdhouses. Thursday evening Social Hour was on the upper deck of **Allez!**. Friday evening found us all on board **Ataraxy**. Everyone got out and walked or ran on the trails around the Island - a welcome activity after being on board for a couple of days.

After Hontoon, four boats headed to Sanford. This part of the river narrows and twists around in circles. The possibility of seeing manatee, alligators, various types of birds and interesting plants is what makes this part of the river intriguing. It is definitely primeval. The weather was perfect even calm crossing Lake George. The main street in Sanford is full of art shops loaded with interesting local art. We arrived on Saturday so the Farmers Market was still going on. Dinner at the Willow Tree was excellent. It is a German restaurant and the food (and beer) was well worth the trip. Some friends who live nearby drove over to join us.



(Photo by Helen Deitrick-Kovach)

We all ate too much but it was great fun. Sunday morning everyone departed Sanford at their own pace. We were heading to Georgetown or beyond. The flotilla dropped their hooks at Turkey Island near Welatka. The couple who joined us for the Hontoon Island adventure have a house here and acted as taxi to ferry folks to their house for the evening.

Monday, the flotilla was on the move again. We decided to make it a long day and head for Doctors Lake. We took a lay day Tuesday to regroup. That was a good thing because it was rainy and windy. The weather cleared about 4 so the dingies went in the water and everyone went to Whities Fish camp for dinner.



(Photo by Helen Deitrick-Kovach)

This was Tuesday night and the crowd was not big. One of the house specialties is Red beans and rice which everyone sampled. The food is better at Whities than the Outback and considerably less expensive.

Wednesday we headed back to Jacksonville. One of the locals is a member of the Epping Forest Yacht Club so we were able to tie up and use their facilities and enjoy a wonderful dinner. Some of the locals who were with us at the Chart House joined us as well.



(Photo By Helen Deitrick-Kovach)

This was a great trip. Florida has some wonderful cruising ground. The St. John's has it all – make sure you make this a must on your cruising calendar.


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Pictures from the Annual Christmas Party at Headquarter



Commander Shady Presents a Leadership Development Certificate to Cindy Kridler



Elise Jorgens Cooking



Steve Null Displays the Mystery Door Prize Donated by West Marine



Chet Rogers Cooks Potatoes



Left to Right: Elizabeth Wenner, Steve Brostoff, Wendy Walsh, Karl Naugle, Joan Naugle and Melissa White



Drink Anyone?

More Xmas Party Pictures



Jim Hackett Inspects a Gift



Steve Brostoff Selects a Gift



Karl Naugle Opens a Gift

The Squadron Website

Our website is located at:

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

It has been designed to allow you to locate important information quickly.

When is the next meeting, education course, event, cruise, or outing? It's all right there in the 'What's Happening' area. Need a back copy of the Palmetto Log? They're all there too; well, a year's worth anyway. Be sure to check out all the other areas! YOU CAN HELP! We need photos from all our events, LOTS of photos. So if you have some good ones you'd like to share, please email them to webmaster Ken Lewis (ken@svrestless.us). Please let us know who's in your photos, where they were taken, and give any boat names. Also, if you have a nice photo of your boat, please send that in too – the Member's Boat photo album is being updated. This is your chance to get your boat onto the website. And, if we made a mistake, let us know so we can fix it! Please do visit the website; check back often – many Squadron announcements appear there in addition to the emails you'll be receiving.

Submitted by webmaster Ken Lewis.



Vessel Safety Checks

Vessel Safety Checks - Recommend that all squadron members get a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) of their boat this spring. For a VSC checklist visit our web site and on the left side of our front page click on the "VSC Checklist" item. After verifying that your boat is ready, contact one of our squadron Vessel Examiners to schedule your boat's Vessel Safety Check. Upon passing, your boat will be awarded the 2011 VSC Decal. Squadron members who are currently qualified as VEs are:

Dick Howells
Harl Porter
David Walsh
Tony Ward
Stan Whitman

Vessel Examiner Training

Vessel Examiner Training - A class will be held in late February or early March (date to be determined) to train squadron members interested in becoming a Vessel Examiners (VE). Training will consist of two-hours in the class room going over Vessel Safety Check (VSC) procedures, followed by an open book exam and conclude with five supervised vessel examinations at Rivers Edge Marina.

If interest please contact our VSC Chair, Harl Porter, at either 843.832.9423 or 107Harl@sc.rr.com and give him your first and second choice for the VSC training date. Prior to class, a CD will be provided to each potential Vessel Examiner that includes the VSC Manual, VSC forms, PowerPoint slides of the VSC training class and other VSC material. Date of class will be announced later.



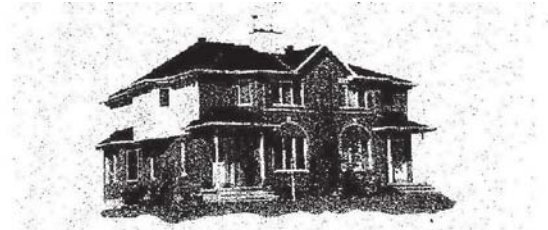
District 26 Leadership Conference

Lt/C Elise Jorgens, AO and Lt/C Don Todd, Secretary, were among 14 participants at the District 26 Leadership conference held in Columbia, SC on 14-15 JAN 2011. Five squadrons were represented at this first-time event organized by D/C Eric Stevens. Topics ranging from evaluating individual leadership styles to motivating volunteers and project management techniques were covered over 1-1/2 days by the four presenters including our own Ed Kridler. A resource CD containing the presentations and many other resources was handed out and will be made available to the CS&PS Bridge for their review and use.



Happy February Birthdays

01 Feb William H. Lynes
 07 Feb Celia Fontenot-Marlin
 07 Feb John W. VanWay
 10 Feb Beverly Meyenberg
 11 Feb Norman G. Brooks
 11 Feb Nicholas Pastis
 16 Feb Ricki Silveria
 20 Feb Diane Edith Smith
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 25 Feb Basil Acock
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- 25 Feb – Cape Romaine Cruise
- 10 Mar – Dinner Meeting at Headquarters

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