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Coming Events

July 21 - Cruise to Cummings Point

August 1 - ExCom Meeting - 1830

August 8 - Membership Meeting - 1800

August 10 - ABC Class - 0800

August 18 - Cruise to Sea Island Yacht Club

August 31 - Submission deadline for September/
October *Palmetto Log*

September 1-8 - USPS Governing Board Meeting,
San Antonio

September 5 - ExCom Meeting - 1830

September 12 - Membership Meeting - 1800

September 21 - Beach Sweep / River Sweep

September 27-29 - Cruise to Georgetown

September 28 - Motorboating Merit Badge class
(Boy Scouts) at Camp Moultrie

October 3 - ExCom Meeting - 1830

October 4-6 - D26 Fall Conference and COW

October 26 - Oyster Roast - Toad Hall

November 9 - CSPS Change of Watch - Old Santee Canal Park
Interpretive Center

All Events at Headquarters --- 1376 Orange Grove Road - unless otherwise noted.

For the most up-to-date information on CSPS activities, check the Calendar on the squadron's website at www.usps.org/localusps/cps.

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Join the celebration as United States Power Squadrons® marks 100 years of service to the nation’s boating community!



Message from the Commander Cdr Donna Lynes, SN



CSPS members have been doing all sorts of exciting activities lately. If you have not been a part of the action, join us! Our VSC team is having a banner year, with their goal of 100 inspections almost met. The youth outreach program is going very well. Nearly 300 young people ranging from toddlers to high schoolers have heard the “Wear It” message at day camps and libraries, and more presentations are scheduled. Our education department is busily putting together a schedule for fall classes, where we hope to see lots of you enrolling. Our next ABC class is 10 August, and we could really use your help in spreading the word about that. A flyer was emailed to you. Please post it wherever you can. We know that as we roll into fall and the end of the boating season, classes will become increasingly harder to fill.

Lots of great activities are coming up. Our speaker for the August dinner meeting is Captain John Cameron, Executive Director of the Charleston Navigation Company. He will be speaking about the work of the Charleston Harbor Pilots. Many of you have asked for a speaker from that organization, so I look for good attendance. Beach Sweep is coming up in September, our Oyster Roast at Toad Hall in October, and of course our regular monthly cruises. See the calendar and articles from event chairs for details. Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun. Remember that final tallies for merit mark hours will be submitted in late October. Offer to help organize some of these events for credit toward your 2013 mark.

Folks, I often hear some of you say that we need more “exposure” and that USPS is “a well-kept secret.” If that is true, who can solve the problem? WE CAN! Talk to your friends about CSPS, wear your CSPS shirts, fly your burgee on your boat, and encourage your fellow members by supporting their projects. This has been a great year for us, and it can get even better. Boating is fun...get out there and show ‘em how!

CSPS members Joan Naugle, Cindy Kridler and Ed Kridler aboard the Charleston Explorer for the squadron’s June 13 Membership Meeting / Harbor Cruise. Where else but Charleston can you see sights like this so close to home—plus barbeque?



Message from the Executive Officer Lt/C Karl Naugle, P

HURRICANE SEASON and DISASTER RELIEF – GET PREPARED

June 1st was the start of hurricane season. I have been serving as the District 26 Liaison for Home Land Security. I have learned a great deal about how we, as a squadron, can join with FEMA and others in preparation for Hurricane season. We want to encourage you and your family members to think about how you can prepare.



One way we're encouraging folks to prepare is by signing up to receive hurricane safety tips directly to your mobile phone. By texting HURRICANE to 43362 (4FEMA), you can sign up to receive bi-weekly

hurricane safety tips. These tips are friendly reminders of the steps you can take to prepare your family and home for a hurricane.

For more safety tip lists, head over to www.fema.gov/text-messages or <http://m.fema.gov/text-messages> (on your mobile phone.) This provides subscription options and a list of commands you can use when texting 43362.

Another way to further our mission of public service is to join with FEMA and other national, state and local organizations to volunteer our time and energy in projects that help in times of disasters. Many areas in the USA will experience disasters this year. They will need help in many different ways.

The most recent fires out west in Arizona where 19 of our elite Hot Shot fire fighting team members lost their lives hoping to save people's homes and lives is an example of a disaster with which we can help without going there. We did this when the hurricanes struck the coast this year and did a great deal of damage along the Northeast. Our area volunteers sprang into action collecting clothes and supplies in warehouses all over Charleston. Some of our squadron members donated time to sort and pack these donations to get them delivered to the needy of our Northern neighbors. Thanks to all who assisted.

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One place we can learn of opportunities to help is from the RSVP volunteer organization which some of us belong to and volunteer as the need arises. If any of you are interested you can contact the Retired Senior & Volunteer Program at 843-764-2323 Ex: 38 or email Pam Dillon, Regional Director at Pam.Dillon@redcross.org and she will be glad to add your name to the volunteer email list. The nice part is that they will take all the hours you are willing to give and there is no required minimum number of hours. It is a great way to serve your fellow man.

From the Education Department Lt/C Nelson Hicks, SN

Congratulations to three members successfully completing Advanced Piloting; Elise Jorgens, Joe Ewalt and Craig Chalmers. And seven students successfully completed Piloting; Jim Bonheimer, Mona Bonheimer, Evan Firestone, Gail Firestone, Dick McDonald, Karl Naugle, and Joan Naugle. Completing our spring education seasons is one student who has just taken his JN exam.

On 8 June our Squadron sponsored another America Boating Class (ABC) attended by ten teenagers and three adults. All successfully passed the Power Squadron and the SC DNR tests. The next ABC class is 10 August and we already have had a number of inquiries to attend.

For the fall education program it is planned to definitely offer Weather and Engine Maintenance and those interested in either should contact me. We are also considering Seamanship and Piloting depending upon member interest. There has also been some interest in teaching Cruising and Cruise Planning and also Sail; however, I have not received any definite interest from the membership. Again, I welcome your comments regarding courses you would like to have offered.



Full trash bags mean cleaner waterways!

Planning Ahead for the Next Beach Sweep / River Sweep P/C Billy Lynes, SN

May I have your attention please? We have an opportunity to shore up the CIVIC SERVICE side of our logo triangle this coming 21 September. You guessed it. Beach Sweep / River Sweep is that Saturday and a good time is guaranteed to all. How much of a good time you ask? I have photographic evidence of our current commander and executive officer knee deep in pluff mud at last year's event. It don't get no better than that. The W. O. Thomas Landing, The Wappoo Cut Landing and the river between is our adopted area. Contact P/C Billy Lynes (843)312-2876 for more info.

**CSPS Members Have Fun on the Water
Report by Boating Activities Director,
Lt Elizabeth Wenner, AP**

The Squadron has been having some great times on cruises lately. The June cruise was to Bass Creek, which is a popular spot. There were five boats (Reely Fun, Sequel, Hey Jude, First Light, and Ham & Letters) carrying 16 people. Thank you to David Walsh for being the cruise leader.

Pictures of the Bass Creek raft-up, provided by David Walsh, Cruise Captain. At right, First Light, Reely Fun, Sequel, Ham and Letters, and (partial)

*Hey Jude.
Left, Karl Naugle, Rob Turkewitz, David Walsh, and Gene Corbett.*



Below, Joyce and Fred Wichman; Mike Fauss; Carl Huff.



The next cruise in July will be to Cummings Point on Morris Island. This was a fun cruise last year with an opportunity to swim and enjoy the beach. Karl Naugle is cruise leader in July and will be providing details for this event.

Cruises are a great way to get people out on the water in their boats or as crew on another's boat. It's an opportunity to know fellow members better and socialize. If you have a need for crew or want a ride to a cruise destination, let me know so that I can get the word out to the Squadron.



Remember to contact CSPS Boating Activities Director Elizabeth Wenner, shown here on Sojourner, for information related to cruises or other on-water events. Elizabeth can be reached at (843) 442-2253 or elizabethwenner@gmail.com.

From the Youth Outreach Program
P/C Billy Lynes, SN

Hello to all from your Youth Outreach coordinator. Youth outreach is working. The bottom line first—261 youngsters have received the message of safe boating and water safety through the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. This in just the first six months of this year. The future looks bright with summer youth programs continuing. We are “Sailing Through a Good Book” at the Berkeley County Library and there is room for more “crew” readers on board. We are also represented at the Moncks Corner Police Department day camp and the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office day camp, as well as Cub Scout day camp. We have received the go-ahead from the Coastal Carolina Council to offer the motorboating merit badge to interested Scouts at their camp on Lake Moultrie in September. Think about how you can help with this effort, especially if you have a trailerable motorboat. In addition to educating our youth, we are also promoting CSPS.

All members, please continue to promote our youth poster contest. Make a poster with your children, your grandchildren, your neighbor’s children, kids wherever you find them. The more posters, the more fun! Don’t forget that we will be judging them in September, so the deadline will be here before you know it.

Remember, safe boating through education!

Boating Safety
by Squadron Safety Officer,
P/C Harl Porter, SN

Target Fixation –Target Fixation and Situational Awareness are the two sides of the same coin; Situational Awareness is good and Target Fixation is bad. As covered previously, Situational Awareness, for us recreational boaters, is knowing where you are, locations of other vessels, location of hazards to navigation, and range and bearing to next “waypoint.”

Target Fixation for us boaters is anything that we focus on and forget that job one is the safe operation of our boat.

Target Fixation, for a military pilot, is focusing on attacking a target and forgetting that job one is to safely fly the airplane. Target Fixation for a military pilot may cause them to fly their airplane into the ground. Target Fixation for us boaters is anything that we focus on and forget that job one is the safe operation of our boat. Target Fixation for us boaters may lead to hitting a Navaid, running aground or a collision with another boat.

Target Fixation for boaters includes focusing on instruments (GPS / Chart Plotter / Radar) rather than concentrating on the safe operation of the boat; talking on radio or cell phone rather than concentrating on the safe operation of the boat (Don't text while at the helm); watching and talking with passengers rather than concentrating on the safe operation of the boat. Job one is the safe operation of your boat; don't lose Situational Awareness by engaging in Target Fixation.

- **Job one is the safe operation of your boat**
- **Don't get distracted (Target Fixation)**

Pre Flight - If you have a gas engine you should always run the engine compartment Blower for five minutes before starting the engine; this includes after lunch or a raft-up. Then check your engine and bilge (Smell gas? Anything obviously wrong with engine?) Next check Engine Oil and other Fluid Levels. Check Belt Tension and Hoses. Bilge Pump operational? These are minimum engine-off checks; add other items as required. Another Past Commander always adds this check: After starting the engine he opens up the engine compartment to see if all is well with the engine running.

Recently *Palmetto Elephant* passed all visual engine-off checks. After starting the engine I opened up the engine compartment and got wet as one hose had a leak that was not noticed during the engine-off checks. Emergency repair would consist of taping the hose first with electrical tape, then taping it with duct tape and lastly putting a hose clamp on the hose. This would be a good temporary repair to get home, but not an acceptable fix before leaving my home marine. I did the safe thing and replaced the hose (did not go boating that day).

Vessel Safety Checks – 2013
Report by Vessel Safety Coordinator,
Lt Carl Huff, AP

Hello fellow squadron members, I hope you are enjoying some time on the water now that summer is in full swing. I wanted to tell you a little about one of our groups in the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron – “Vessel Examiners.”

VSC’s are a very important part of our squadron activities both locally and nationally. We have 9 active Vessel Examiner’s on our Charleston PS team :

Carl Huff

Harl Porter

Karl Naugle

Stan Whitman

Tony Ward

David Walsh

Stephanie Quick

Mike Fauss

Judy Fauss

We have completed approximately 85 vessel checks so far in 2013. This is a great effort toward our 2013 goal of 100 VSC’s. We are currently in 2nd place in District 26 with completed VSC’s. The district has completed approximately 628 VSC’s total to date this year.

VSC’s are very important to ensure you have the right equipment on board your vessel and key items (e.g.. navigation lights, visual distress signals, etc.) are working correctly

On the national web site, there is a lot of great information to read for more detail. Please check this link : <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/>

You can also learn more about the actual checks done for a VSC or how to become a Vessel Examiner on our CSPA website link at :

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

Check your boat/vessel and if you do not have this decal, please contact one of our 9 examiners so we can arrange an inspection. Let’s make sure all of the CSPA vessels are inspected in 2013.



Have a great summer and safe boating to everybody!

**Charleston Sail and Power Squadron to Receive the Richard E. Rettew
Cooperative Charting Award
Report by CSPS Cooperative Charting Chairman,
P/C David Walsh, SN**

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron earned The Richard E. Rettew Cooperative Charting Award for 2012. This award is presented to the D/26 squadron that has shown the greatest achievement and improvement in cooperative charting from the previous year. Based on NOAA Cooperative Charting CC Web reports, credits and level of squadron participation, the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron finished second in the nation with total of 10,962 Cooperative Charting Credits. Squadron members submitted reports of inspections and depth survey in the Charleston area and participated in NOAA's Adopt-A-Chart program. The Charleston Squadron "adopted" charts are Nautical Charts 11518 and 11522. These charts cover the Intracoastal Waterway from McClellanville, SC to Beaufort, SC and the Stono and North Edisto Rivers.

Special thanks go to the squadron members who worked hard to earn the 2012 Richard E. Rettew Cooperative Charting Award. Included are Ken Beeber, Ross Burgess, Art Clark, Rick Cone, Gene Corbett, Jo Ann Ewalt, Joe Ewalt, Judy Fauss, Mike Fauss, Tony Marchesani, Joan Naugle, Karl Naugle, Ken Neuhaus, Bill Raver, Chet Rogers, Barbara Smith, Charlie Smith, Samuel Steinberg, Sunny Steinberg, David Walsh, Wendy Walsh, Stan Whitman, Fred Wichmann and Joyce Wichmann.

Members who are interested in participating in this year's Cooperative Charting program can contact the Squadron's Cooperative Charting Committee Chairman, David Walsh, at 843 556-3258 for a charting assignment.



CHARLESTON SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Policy for Ads in The Palmetto Log

1. CSPS members may place ads for personal items related to boats or boating at no cost. These may be ads for items for sale or want-ads for items members are seeking. Such ads must be short, text-only notices.
2. CSPS members may place ads for boating-related goods or services provided by their own boating-related businesses at a cost of \$10 per issue. Such ads will be limited to text and graphics as might appear on a business card. They should be sent to the editor as images to be inserted; editor will not be responsible for designing or formatting the ad.
3. All non-boating business advertisements, whether from members' businesses or non-members', may be purchased at \$20 per issue. Such ads will be limited to ¼ page or less and must be provided to the editor as images to be inserted. Editor will not be responsible for designing or formatting the ad.
4. Ads of a personal nature, related to boats or boating, submitted by non-members may be placed at a cost of \$10 per issue, subject to review by the editor and providing they follow all guidelines in this policy.
5. Requests for ad placement must be submitted to the editor by the submission date for each issue, as announced on the last page of the prior Palmetto Log.
6. Checks should be payable to CSPS. Ads will be run only if payment has been made prior to or accompanying submission of ad copy.
7. Ads will appear in one issue only. Request for renewal must be made to the editor in writing and must include additional fee, as described above.
8. All ads must include appropriate contact information. Interested persons or potential buyers or customers should not contact the CSPS contact line nor the Palmetto Log editor regarding items or services advertised.

Submission and publication dates for *The Palmetto Log* are as follows:

Submit by:					
31 Aug	31 Oct	31 Dec	28 Feb	30 Apr	30 June
For issue to be published on:					
15 Sept	15 Nov	15 Jan	15 Mar	15 May	15 July

All members are invited to send an article or write-up for consideration, or contact the Editor with a suggestion. Send contributions, comments or inquiries to elise.jorgens@gmail.com

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