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## From The Commander Cdr Joe Schady, AP



It feels like it has been awhile since I wrote my last article. The month of May has been very eventful for me on the water. Since we will be very involved in rewriting the By-Laws and planning some big events in the coming months, I thought I would use this time to write about my last boating experience which was something very new for me.

I grew up boating, but never had much interest in fishing. Since moving down to Charleston, I thought it might be a good thing to do being so close to the open ocean. I have been toying around going out past the jetties and have done some fishing about 10 miles out. But now I was ready, and a few friends and I decided to go Mahi Mahi fishing out on the ledge.

On 22 May, we left the dock in our 26' Scout at 0600 which was probably a little late for any die hard fishing boat, but I am really not that comfortable travelling 25 knots in the dark. We reached the Edisto Banks which are about 45 miles from the jetties. The ride was fairly smooth. The seas were 2-4 ft. with hardly any wind. We had our lines in the water around 0830 and plotted a course for a place called the 226 Hole about 10 miles east, trolling at about 6 knots.

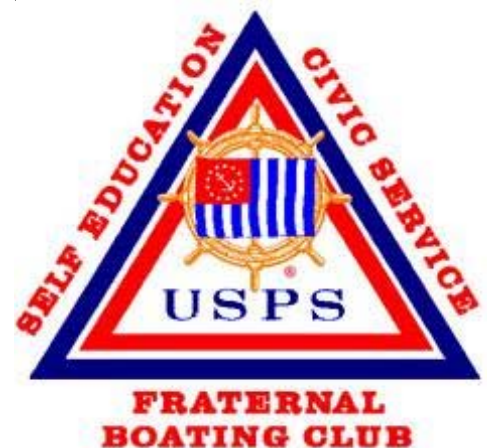
We hooked our first fish at 0900 in about 200 feet of water, but the line came undone right when we got the fish to the boat. Our second hit was somewhere around 1000, but again no luck. The fish jumped out of the water near the boat and threw the hook. At this point, I was thinking we have had a very successful trip. I had more new experiences on my boat in the last 4 hours than I have had on a boat in the last 10 years. That being said, we were committed to getting at least one fish in the boat.

Around 1100 we came upon a large string of weeds and started trolling up and down the line, and we hooked our third fish of the day. It took about 20 minutes, but we finally got this fish in the boat (see pictures on next page). We continued fishing until 1300 when we turned around and headed home. At this point, we were 55 miles from the jetties and in over 1500 feet of water. I will tell you the truth that it is interesting when your depth finder stops working because it is too deep.

On the way back we stopped off at the Charleston 60 Reef and did some bottom fishing. We caught a bunch of small fish but nothing of any note. We were back at the dock at 1730 exhausted and with one fish in the boat.

I know some would say that we only caught one fish while there are stories of people catching 10-20 fish when they go out lately, but for my first trip, where I was the captain, I could not have asked for anything better.

**Joe**





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



May has been another great month for Squadron activities. The pictures with this column give just a taste of the good time thirty-six Squadron members had on 12 May aboard the *Charleston Explorer*. Enjoying a tasty BBQ buffet, we cruised around the Charleston Harbor, seeing the fixed sights—such as our beautiful bridge and the incomparable, historic city skyline—as well as the unpredictable, occasional, on-the-water events that make our harbor a lively, working waterway. See the photos on the website for up-close views—pictures taken on our dinner cruise—of a dredging operation, a pilot boat at work near port, and the sailing vessels of Brad Van Liew and other contestants in the Velux 5 Oceans Race, just two days before their departure on the last leg of the historic race. Big thanks to Elizabeth Wenner for suggesting this excursion and Barb Smith for making all the arrangements—and of course to Captain “ping” and First Mate Alex of Lowcountry Cruises. I think everyone aboard will agree it was a success—a great party, a good change of pace and another way to enjoy being on the water!



Next month we will be back at Headquarters, with a dinner meeting featuring Kelly Thorvalson, Manager of the South Carolina Aquarium Turtle Hospital. According to our Speaker Coordinator, Ken Lewis, “she will be speaking on what they do there and give a few tips about what boaters can do if they strike a turtle or find an injured one.” Sounds like a great program! Dinner will be a potluck medley of springtime casseroles, salad and dessert. See the announcement elsewhere in this issue of the *Log*. Save the date—9 June—and as in past months, contact me to reserve your spot (768-8574 or [jorgense@cofc.edu](mailto:jorgense@cofc.edu)) and contact Barb Smith ([barby183@comcast.net](mailto:barby183@comcast.net)) if you would like to contribute a casserole or a dessert.

Your membership in the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron matters! If you have not yet renewed your membership, remember to do so when you receive your dues notice from National. We count on your participation in our Squadron and hope to see you at future dinner meetings, cruises and other activities!

**Elise**

**Secretary**  
**Lt/C Donald Todd, AP**



**S**how your USPS colors on land and sea with items from our ship's store. We have new stock of burgees, shirts, hats and other insignia items available at the club house store. Be sure to take a look at the next membership dinner. Also, keep a lookout for a coming sale of USPS and CS&PS items on our web site.

**Don**



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**Education Officer**  
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Congratulation to James Bonheimer, Elsie Jorgens, Steven Nall, Barbara Smith and Elizabeth Wenner who passed the Communication System Course.

There are 3 students who took the Piloting Exam.

The Navigation Course has started with 3 students.

The ABC Course started 5 April 2011 with 18 students.

The Advance Piloting Course is scheduled for 16 August 2011. Anyone interested, please let me know. It will be taught by Ken Lewis who is an excellent instructor. I will send an email to Pilots reminding them of the course date.

**John**

**Nautical Dafynitions:**

- Boat Ownership      Standing in the shower fully-clothed under a cold shower, tearing up 100-dollar bills.
- Boom                    1) Laterally mounted pole to which a sail is fastened. Often used during jibing to shift the crewmembers to a fixed horizontal position. 2) Loud noise made during a surprised jibe sometimes quieted by a grinder before swimming. 3) The sound that's made when it hits crew in head on its way across the boat. For slow crew it is called 'boom boom'. 4) Sound produced when an alcohol stove is used to convert a boat into a liquid asset.

**Nautical Dafynitions (cont.):**

- Bulkhead                1) Uni-sex bedroom 2) Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much. 3) Boater with a large cranium.
- Canvas                    An abrasive sailcloth used to remove excess skin from knuckles.
- Head Up                    Leaving the boat toilet seat up. When boat skipper is female, leaving the head up is a serious offense.
- Leadership                In maritime use, the ability to keep persons on board ship without resorting to measures which substantially violate applicable state and federal laws.



## Nautical Dafynitions Continued:

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Crew        | Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts, anchor cushions in place and dampen movements of the boom. |
| Dockline    | Direct telephone access to a physician.   |
| Fuel Tanks  | Giving thanks for having enough fuel on board.  |
| Galley      | 1. Ancient : Aspect of seafaring associated with slavery.<br>2. Modern: Aspect of seafaring associated with slavery.        |
| Landlubber: | 1) Anyone on board who wishes he or she were not. 2) Anyone on board who shouldn't be there.                                |
| Leech       | Crew member who's always broke and never seems to have a dime when it's time to pay for drinks or meals.                    |

## We now have eight Vessel Examiners

Carl Huff is our newest Vessel Examiner. He is a new Power Squadron member and became fully qualified as a Vessel (Safety) Examiner this month after passing the open book exam and completing five supervised Vessel Safety Checks. Congratulations Carl!

Contact any of our Vessel Examiners for a free Vessel Safety Examination. They are:

Judy K. Fauss  
Michael R. Fauss  
Richard E. Howells  
Carl F. Huff  
Harl Porter  
David E. Walsh  
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Interested in becoming a Vessel (Safety) Examiner?  
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# CHARLESTON SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

NEXT DINNER MEETING 9 JUNE 2011

at Squadron Headquarters

Social hour begins at 1800

Dinner buffet begins at 1845

Program following dinner

\$10.00 per person

Sign up now by contacting Elise Jorgens

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Our Speaker will be Kelly Thorvalson, Manager of the South Carolina Aquarium Turtle Hospital.

She will describe what they do and give us tips about what boaters can do if they strike a turtle or find an injured one.

Dinner will be a Springtime Medley of Casseroles, with Salad, Rolls and Butter, and Dessert

To contribute a casserole or dessert, please contact

Barb Smith at [barby183@comcast.net](mailto:barby183@comcast.net) or 851-1264

If you have not contributed to our dinner offerings recently, consider sharing your favorite casserole or dessert with us this month. Main dish contributors receive a certificate for free admission to a future dinner meeting at HQ.

## WEAR IT! (a Life Jacket May Save Your Life)

by P/C Harl Porter

**In 2009** (2010 statistics are not available) **there were 736 boating fatalities.** This is the highest number of boating fatalities since 2002, and the trend has been up the last three years.

Over half the boating fatalities (543) were from drowning. Only 87 of the 2009 drowning victims were wearing their life jackets. Over half the boating fatalities (393) were on open motorboats and includes 279 drowning fatalities. The second most dangerous boat, with 93 fatalities, is a canoe; almost all the canoe fatalities (86) were from drowning.

There were only 9 boating fatalities on sailboats; four of which were from drowning. Cabin powerboats had 45 boating fatalities; 26 of which were from drowning.

Wear your life jacket, it may save your life, especially if you are on an open motorboat or a canoe.



## Squadron Booth at the Charleston Harbor Fest

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron sponsored an informational booth at the Charleston Harbor Fest, 12 - 15 May 2011. Charleston Harbor Fest is an annual event hosted by the South Carolina Maritime Foundation, a public nonprofit organization that owns and operates the tall ship *Spirit of South Carolina*. This festival is one of the major maritime events of the Foundation to help fund educational programs. This year's Harbor Fest hosted the VELUX 5 OCEANS around the world single-handed sail boat race. This race started in La Rochelle France and sailed around the world, in a course of 30,000 nautical miles. Charleston Harbor was the last leg of the race, leaving Charleston on 14 May 2011 and returning to La Rochelle France. The lead boat in the race was *Le Pingouin*, sailed by Charleston native Brad Van Liew.

Special thanks go to the squadron's members who manned the booth, greeted visitors and handed out boating safety information at this three-day event. Members who worked the booth were Maria Sindram, Joel Greene, Gary Whitley, Gene Corbett, Elizabeth Wenner, David Leaphart, Joanne and Michael Lape, Nona Bonheimer, David and Wendy Walsh, Don Todd, Billy and Donna Lynes, Ernie Godshall, Jay Bird, Allison Ryan and Dewey and Cathy Howell. Here are some photos taken at the 2011 Charleston Harbor Fest.





**Wendy Walsh and the Clean Water Pelican**



**Nona Bonheimer and David Walsh at the Charleston Harbor Fest**



**Brad Van Liew's boat, *Le Pingouin*, at the Charleston Harbor Fest**



**Wendy Walsh and Captain Bones at the Squadron's Harbor Fest Booth**



## Happy June Birthdays

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 01 June | Susan Scarborough     |
| 03 June | Harry K. Gindhart Jr. |
| 06 June | David Ray             |
| 09 June | Jay James Bird        |
| 10 June | Deborah R. Goulding   |
| 11 June | Martin G. Gipe        |
| 11 June | Vincent Piazzola      |
| 12 June | Kate McLaughlin       |
| 13 June | James Hackett IV      |
| 13 June | Michael L. Lape       |
| 14 June | Marion B. Barnett     |
| 14 June | David E. O'Hanian     |
| 14 June | Bill Roettger         |
| 16 June | Beverly Lapp          |
| 18 June | Frederick J. Goulding |
| 18 June | Joel N. Greene        |
| 18 June | Marshall Leaman       |
| 28 June | Haywood Power         |
| 30 June | Wyatt C. Newton       |

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## Cruising News

### June Cruise: Ocean Adventure, 18 June 2011

For me, this cruise is the one I have most looked forward to in all my years in the power squadron, and I definitely plan to be on it. In the five plus years that Elise and I have had "For the Birds," we have never taken it into the ocean. Harl Porter has carefully planned a cruise that will take us into the ocean out beyond Fort Sumter and bring us back up the Edisto River. For those who may have concerns about going into the ocean, Harl has built in all kinds of safety checks. We will be following a set of waypoints that he has already laid out. Please set aside this date for what I think could be one of our most interesting cruises. More details will follow by email. If you have any questions, please contact me, and when you decide that you will be going on this great cruise, let me know.

### Your Own Cruising

I am trying to build a data base of all the cruising done by squadron members this year, so I am asking each of you to let me know when you take your boat out, even if it is only to take some friends out to lunch by water, or to visit your favorite fishing spot. It will be interesting to know the extent that we are out on the water, and it might even win us an award at year's end.

### July Cruise

We are looking forward to our commander organizing an on the water hunt for treasures, followed by a great barbecue.

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## Cooperative Charting Seminar Report

Charleston Sail and Power Squadron members participated in a District 26 Cooperative Charting Seminar and round-table discussion on 20 May 2011. The Seminar was held at the NOAA Service Center on the former US Navy base in North Charleston. Horst Boettge, District 26 Cooperative Charting Chairman, lead the session. Mr. Boettge presented online demonstrations showing how to log into CCWEB, the Cooperative Charting web site, and enter charting reports. Members who brought their laptop computers and had password access could follow along as Mr. Boettge showed how to access CCWEB and submit Cooperative Charting reports. The seminar included instructions for submitting Inspection Reports, Small Craft Facility Reports, Nautical Chart Items and Depth Surveys. Members from the Charleston Squadron who attended the seminar includes Elise Jorgens, Chet Rogers, David Walsh, Ross and Carol Burgess, Nick Pastis and Karl Naugle. In addition to the Charleston Squadron's members, participants included representatives from most of the District 26 Squadrons.



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### Upcoming Events

9 June – Dinner Meeting at Headquarters  
18 June – Ocean Adventure Cruise

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