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## Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch

Friday, 11 November 2011  
Cocktails at 1815, Dinner at 1900  
at

Marriot Charleston  
170 Lockwood Blvd, Charleston, SC 29403

### Buffet Menu

Buttermilk Biscuits & Jalapeno Corn Bread  
Braised Collard Greens  
Oven-Roasted Sweet Potatoes  
Fried Green Tomatoes, Cajun Remoulade  
Ham & Shrimp Jambalaya  
Fried Chicken, Butter Beans, Andouille Sausage & Crawfish Hash  
\$40.00 per person

Please RSVP with payment by noon 10 Nov 2011  
Make check payable to Charleston Sail and Power Squadron  
and mail to:

Cdr Joe Schady  
9525 Hamburg Rd.  
Ladson, SC 29456

Or call him with credit card payment at 843.821.6665

Dress: USPS Uniform A with bow tie, Dark Suite or equivalent

## CHARLESTON HOLIDAY PARADE OF BOATS

Several years ago, Steve Kromer, former educational officer of CSPS, negotiated with the City of Charleston for our squadron to co-sponsor the annual Charleston Holiday Parade of Boats. This event is always scheduled for the first Saturday in December. Our responsibility is to provide boats to mark the parade route. If you don't want to use your boat as a marker boat, you can also participate by decorating your boat and entering in the parade.

This year the parade is scheduled for 03 December 2011. Fred Wichmann's boat **Mobjack** will lead the parade.

Dick Howells is coordinating the effort for our squadron. Whether you want to enter as a work boat or a parade boat, contact Dick Howells for all the details.

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## COOPERATIVE CHARTING REPORT

At the District 26 Fall Conference, The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron received "Honor Roll" Status, for its participation in the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Cooperative Charting Program. The program, called "Adopt-A-Chart," is a joint effort between the United States Power Squadrons (USPS)



and NOAA where USPS volunteers collect data and submit reports that NOAA uses to improve the accuracy of its navigation charts.

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron "adopted" Nautical Charts 11518 (Casino Creek to the Beaufort River) and Chart 11522 (Stono and North Edisto Rivers). This year our Cooperative Charting Teams made systematic evaluations of these charts. They also conducted depth surveys that identified shoaling in the Folly River.

According to David Walsh, our Squadron's Cooperative Charting Chairman, the Adopt-A-Chart program is a great excuse to go boating. We have approximately 115 miles of the most scenic area on the ICW and our ever-changing Charleston Harbor to observe. Participation in the program does not require owning a boat. The squadron's charting teams match up people and boats, usually 3 people per boat. After an initial training session, each team chooses a portion of a chart for evaluation. Teams then can conduct charting on their own schedules. The results are entered in CCWEB, NOAA's Cooperative Charting Web Site.

We are preparing for the 2012 Cooperative Charting season and volunteers are needed for the squadron's charting teams. If you are interested in Cooperative Charting, please contact David Walsh by phone (842) 556-3258 or E-Mail [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net). He will be glad to brag about the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Cooperative Charting Honor Roll Award and explain how you can become a part of this important public service program.

*Editor's Note: David Walsh is the new Cooperative Charting Chairman for District 26*

### AMENDED BYLAWS APPROVED

The squadron approved the amended bylaws at the 08 September 2011 general meeting. P/C Dick Howells, JN and P/C David Walsh, SN served on the Rules Committee. The primary reason for amending the bylaws was to bring our bylaws in line with the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons. The main change involved classes of membership. We now have (1) Individual memberships and (2) family unit memberships. Family units include all household members. All members will be active members. Household members under the age of 18 cannot vote or hold elected or appointed offices.

### NEW DUES STRUCTURE

The squadron approved the new dues structure at the annual meeting on 13 October 2011.

The squadron portion of dues for individual members will be \$40.00 and for family units will be \$55.00. These rates will go into effect for members who expiration date is May 31, 2012 and later. Check the expiration date on your certificate which you received from USPS.

Membership dues include squadron portion, District 26 portion, and USPS portion.

District 26 portion will be \$7.50 for individuals and \$11.25 for family units.

USPS portion will be \$43.00 for individuals and \$64.50 for family units.

In summary, 2012-2013 dues for individuals will be \$40.00 (squadron), \$7.50 (district) and \$43.00 (USPS) for a total of \$90.50.

Family units in 2012-2013 will be billed \$55.00 (squadron), \$11.50 (district) and \$64.50 (USPS) for a total of \$130.75.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2012

The squadron elected new officers and approved a new dues schedule at the annual meeting on 13 October 2011. Installation of Bridge Officers will take place at Change of Watch (see p.1)

New bridge officers are: **Commander** – Elise Jorgens, P; **Executive Officer** – Rob Turkewitz; **Education Officer** – Ken Lewis, JN; **Administrative Officer** – Donna Lynes, P; **Secretary** – Don Todd, JN; and **Treasurer** – Rick Cone, JN.

New members of the **Executive Committee At-Large** are Carl Huff, Gary Whitley, Lynn Lewis, AP, and Karl Naugle (nominated from the floor).

Samuel Steinberg was elected to the **Auditing Committee**. He will be joining P/Lt/C Wendy Walsh, JN and P/Lt/C Cynthia Kridler, AP.

Joe W. Schady was elected (nominated from the floor) to **Nominating Committee**. Other members are P/C Dick Howells, JN and P/C Harl Porter, SN.

P/C Harl Porter, SN was elected to **Rules Committee**. Other members are P/C Dick Howells, JN and P/C Art Clark, AP.

Lt/C Rick Cone, JN was elected to **Housing Committee**. Other members are Samuel Steinberg and Karl Naugle.

**REMINDER! WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT**

Here in Charleston, temperatures fall below freezing in the months of December, January and February. Water left in boats can freeze and causing damage. Boats stored outside or in an open-walled dry-stack are especially vulnerable to freeze damage. Consult your boat-owner's manual for winterizing recommendations for your specific boat. If you don't have an owner's manual, get one from a boat dealer. Also, a Google search may identify where you can download your boat and engine manuals for free. Here are some typical recommendations for preparing your boat for the off-season.

Almost empty fuel tanks can condense moisture inside causing corrosion and/or water accumulation. So, fill your boat's fuel tank to "almost full" capacity, allowing space for fuel expansion. Add a fuel stabilizer that is approved your fuel system. Also replace your boat's fuel filters and water separator .

For gasoline engines, guard against corrosion by spraying "fogging oil" inside the carburetor and down the spark plug holes. Spray cans of engine fogging oil are available at marine supply and most boat dealers.

For outboards and I/O's drain and replace the gear oil in lower units. This removes any water from the lower unit and protects internal parts. For inboards, drain and replace the transmission oil.

For indirect cooled engines, drain and replace the coolant. Drain the "raw water" side of your cooling system and replace the raw water impeller. For direct cooled engines, open the engine block drain plugs and drain the system as directed in your owner's manual and replace the raw water impeller.

Disconnect the boat's batteries and store them inside. Removing your battery is not recommended for boats stored in the water. Remember to add battery water and store the battery in a fully charged state.

Drain the boat's bilge. Water left in the bilge can freeze and damage gear, such as bilge pumps, floats and sensors that are in the bilge.

Empty the marine head and its holding tank. Drain the fresh water system, including water heater, sink, shower and the piping system. Some boat manufactures call for adding anti-freeze to the boat sinks and water systems.

Finally, follow your owner's manual and grease all external fittings on engines, drives and controls. A properly winterized boat will make it through the winter, undamaged, and be ready to "hit the water running" in the spring.

*P/C David Walsh, Engine Maintenance Instructor*

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## What is

### The United States Power Squadron®?

Organized in 1914, United States Power Squadron is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS® is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.

### What are the activities of Charleston Sail and Power Squadron?

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron is a member of District 26 and United States Power Squadrons®. We are a civic service, self education and fraternal boating club. We provide a safe boating course for the public, provide vessel safety checks for the public, and provide cooperative charting with NOAA.

We have monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Details are announced in the Log.

Our executive committee meets the first Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to attend. If you have a topic to include on the agenda, contact the Commander.

## 2012 Bridge

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