

## Commander's Message

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron (CSPS) is committed to boating, nautical education, community service and fun. Whether you are new to boating or an old salt, CSPS has something for you!

We celebrate Charleston's rich history and hospitality through social get togethers at our headquarters, where we invite speakers on various maritime topics. We also organize regular on the water and community-based activities like raft-ups, cruises, and group trips to local events.

Our educational classes are unmatched for diversity and cost. Beginning boaters or those with experience who may be new to the challenges of Lowcountry navigation will value our America's Boating Course (ABC), Seamanship or Piloting classes. Those with established sea legs may want to explore classes on weather, electronics or even celestial navigation. Maybe you just want to pick up some skills to make boating more affordable and safe for your family by learning engine maintenance, cruising or sailing skills. A list of our courses and their descriptions is available at the left of this page.

If community service is your thing, we also offer free vessel safety checks, organize Charleston's annual Holiday Parade of Boats, sponsor beach and boat ramp cleanups and are even starting a Sea Scout Ship for young men and women ages 13 to 21.

Please take a few minutes to explore our website and consider the many benefits of joining us. If you have any questions, would like to be added to our activity email list or come to one of our social meetings, please contact our membership chair at [MembershipChair.CSPS@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipChair.CSPS@gmail.com) or me at [CharlestonSquadronLaRue@gmail.com](mailto:CharlestonSquadronLaRue@gmail.com).

We hope to see you on the water soon!

Jeff La Rue