

Message from the Squadron Commander

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Welcome to the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron! I hope the information on this site will be helpful to our active members as well as members of the general public who are curious about what we do. We are a local chapter of the United States Power Squadron which recently celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The word sail was added to our squadron name to make it clear that both power and sail boat owners, or people who think they might like to become boaters, are welcome in our non-profit organization. CSPA has a boating safety education mission but we are also a fraternal club that offers its members fun-filled cruises as well as opportunities for using boats in the name of public service. We provide free vessel safety checks that remind new boat owners and experienced skippers alike what equipment they need for compliance with Coast Guard regulations.

At our Charleston headquarters on Orange Grove Road in West Ashley we offer courses to members and to the general public that range from basic safety to open ocean navigation. Many of our current members were first attracted by our educational offerings but quickly found that the social side of CSPA offered them a great opportunity to meet like-minded mariners who are excellent sources of a continuing education about local conditions and challenges.

We hold monthly membership meetings that feature dinner, interesting speakers and a chance for socializing. You can find information on this site about our courses, meetings, cruises and other activities. If you are not a member and would like to learn more about our club, you can contact our Membership chairman Joan Naugle at: joannaugle3@gmail.com