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**Safe Boating Through
Education**

From The Commander Cdr Harl Porter, SN



At the last Executive Meeting it was noted that we are six months into 2010 for the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. I thanked our Bridge Officers and Executive Committee Members for their good advice and timely counsel. After discussion it was decided that no mid-course corrections are currently required as all were satisfied with our current course and speed. Please let me know if you have a suggested course or speed change for our last six months.

Our new Webmaster has our web site up and running. I will try to update it twice a week. Either Google “Charleston Power Squadron” or type in its url – www://usps.org/localusps/cps. It is a good current source of information. On it you will find the last two Palmetto Logs plus a current calendar of future events. Please let me know what else you want posted to our web site. I want to post a picture of each member’s boat – please e-mail them to me. I also need pictures each month of CS&PS meetings, cruises, classes and other events.

Another short history of Charleston Sail and Power Squadron : When did Charleston Power Squadron buy our Club House and how much did it cost? According to P/C Fred Wichmann, who lead the fund raising effort, our Club House was purchased in the fall of 1979. Property was owned by a church and was listed at \$68,000. Our Building Committee consisted of: Cdr Harry Brunson, P/C (78) Ralph Rustin, Treasurer (Colonel) Jerry Weir, D.B. Rustin and P/C (Kinston, NC 62-63) Fred Wichmann. Our Building Committee negotiated the price down from \$68,000 to \$34,000; however, on the closing date we had only raised \$24,000. Final negotiation resulted in Charleston Power Squadron purchasing the property at 1386 Orange Grove Road for all the

money we had (\$24,000). In our Club House there is a plaque that lists all the members who contributed money for the 1979 purchase of our Club House.

How much was \$24,000 in 1979?

In 1979 the average new house cost \$58,100 – in 2009 it was \$232,880

In 1979 the average annual income was \$17,500 – in 2009 it was \$39,423

In 1979 gas cost 82 cents a gallon – in 2009 it was \$2.73 a gallon

Thanks for helping me celebrate my birthday, with an Elephant cake, at our May dinner meeting. Eight couples and six boats from Charleston Sail and Power Squadron made the D26 Rendezvous in Georgetown last month. The June Dinner Meeting is at the Red Lobster at I-26 exit 213. In July our dinner meeting will be a picnic. Betsy and I are looking forward to seeing you at both the June Lunch Raft-up at Sandy Point and on the July Cruise to Beaufort. If you can’t make Beaufort via boat, request that you drive down and join us for dinner Saturday night.

Harl



Birthday Cake at May Dinner Meeting

**Executive Officer
Lt/C Joe Schady, P**



Summer is fast upon us, and the boating season is getting into full gear. I am not sure about everyone else but it sure does make me happy. I would like to take the opportunity to review some of the initiatives that are underway in addition to some upcoming events that we can look forward to this summer.

The Cooperative Charting committee, headed by P/C David Walsh, has started its mapping of the local area, and I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered to own a section of our area to map. I would also like to give a special thank you to the Sea Scouts and P/C Billy Lynes for volunteering to take ownership of the Charleston Harbor for cooperative charting.

The Public Relations Committee, headed by Gary Whitley, has stepped up its efforts to promote the squadron. In addition to our success in using the print media for promotion, we have broken into television and are actively pursuing radio. The committee has taken on a new member, P/C Dick Howells, and is looking for more volunteers to help promote the squadron. If you would like to become an active member of the committee or just have some ideas to help promote the squadron, please let us know.

The Housing Committee has been very busy this year with improvements to the club house. We have fixed several tears in the carpet, made several improvements to safety based on our insurance audit, and obtained new chairs. We will be scheduling a work day for the club house very soon, so stay tuned for date and time. Any help you could provide would be much appreciated.

And now for some future events. We will hold an auction at our July dinner meeting to help raise money for more improvements to the club house. I am asking for any volunteers who may have items to donate that could help us with the auction. Items could include:

- Marine Equipment
- Baked Goods
- Local discounts and/or packages for restaurants, marinas, or hotels/resorts

Any items that you could donate or any ideas on how to procure items would be much appreciated. Also, one last request: if anyone would like to volunteer to actually be the auctioneer, I would really appreciate it since I am not sure I am the best for the job.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of my committee heads for their continued work and support, and thank the membership for their active and continued involvement.

Joe



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Charleston Sail and Power Squadron does dinner meetings and cruises. We also do education and public service, but they are handled by other departments.

Our May dinner meeting was a success and attendance at the D26 Rendezvous was outstanding (eight couples and six boats). There are two separate articles about the Georgetown cruise.

On 10 June we will eat at the Red Lobster off I-26 at exit 213 and have a Raft-up (shared lunch) at Sandy Point on 26 June. See separate articles for details.

In July we will have a Picnic on 08 July and cruise to Beaufort spending two nights (09 and 10 July) there. See separate articles for known details. Additional information will be disseminated via Google-group e-mails and posted to our web site. If unable to make Beaufort by boat, you are invited to join us for dinner in downtown Beaufort on Saturday 10 July.

Mid week cruises are being organized by Gary Whitley and Carl Klele for the first and last Wednesday of each month. Details will be posted to our web site and disseminated via Google-group e-mails. They are planning a lunch cruise to McClellanville on 02 June .

Bill



Education Officer
Lt/C John Meyenberg, AP



The Junior Navigation Course will start on Monday, 7 June 2010. Currently there are eight students signed up. D/Lt/C (and P/C) Ed Kridler, SN is the instructor.

The exams for Piloting and Advance Piloting were sent to National for grading. Congratulations to all who took the courses and Kate McLaughlin, P who passed Piloting at another squadron.

The Fall Education courses start at 1900 as follows:

Piloting, Monday, 13 September 2010
Seamanship, Wednesday, 15 September 2010

Elective Courses:

Weather, Monday, 23 September 2010
Electrical Systems, Tuesday, 14 September 2010
Engine Maintenance, Wednesday, 22 September 2010

Mark your calendar for the course(s) you plan to take.

Next ABC Course starts Tuesday, 13 July 2010. Registration begins at 1830 .

Fall ABC Course starts Tuesday, 12 October 2010. Registration begins at 1830.

The following members have been awarded Advance Piloting based on holding a USCG Master License:

Bill Hayes, AP
Kenneth Lewis, AP
Lynn Lewis, AP
Helen Kovach, AP
Robert Kovach, AP
Congratulations to all.

Nautical Dafynitions:

Captain - See Figurehead.

Cunningham - Very shy or clever pig.

Estimated Position - Place marked on the chart where you are sure you are not. (common after multiple rhumb lines.)

Figurehead - Decorative dummy found on sailboats. See captain.

First Mate - Crew member necessary for skippers to practice shouting instructions to.

Flashlight - Sometimes waterproof tubular metal container used on shipboard for storing dead batteries prior to their disposal.

To be continued in next issue

John



**Secretary
Lt/C Pat Brown**



Hats Off To..... Steve Brostoff

Month after month and issue after issue we enjoy the Palmetto Log and all of the information it contains. There are several contributing writers, but the master mind behind putting the newsletter together really puts a lot of thought and effort into creating an award winning newsletter. So we extend **hats off** to Editor Steve Brostoff (master mind) for the outstanding job he does with the Palmetto Log. He volunteers an enormous amount of time in designing and arranging the informational articles and advertisements submitted. It is people like him whose commitment to the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron make the organization a vital part of the community. Thank you Steve for all you do!!

Hats Off To..... Harl Porter

Have you visited the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's website lately? Well, **hats off** to Commander Harl for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to become webmaster. He has been an astute student in learning how to post and design a web page. You will find that he is following well in the footsteps of former webmaster Steve Poe. Check out the site and follow the links to a world of boating information. Thank you Harl for all you so unselfishly do to promote the squadron.

Pat

Treasurer
Lt/C Rick Cone, AP



We're approaching 6 months into our fiscal year, and while we're still financially sound and basically breaking even on a monthly basis with our expenses and revenues, here are a few simple financial reminders for all of us:

Annual dues renewals are approaching in May/June/July for the majority of us, and this notice will come from Headquarters via email for all of us that have valid email addresses. Payment with a credit card online is quick, easy and safe. Save Headquarters the expense of mailing a hard copy renewal notice by paying online. Those with no email address will still receive a hard copy notice.

We plan our monthly dinner meeting food quantities based on the number of RSVPs we receive, so if you cannot attend once you've made your RSVP, you either need to call and cancel 3 days ahead, or, send in a check for your \$10 dinner.

In addition to the wealth of boating knowledge and camaraderie we all get when taking our classes and seminars, we also make a small profit. Take advantage of our upcoming classes and seminars and become an even better boater.

If you know any group that would like to rent our Headquarters building on either a recurring or one time basis, please notify Cdr Harl Porter or Executive Officer Joe Schady. We are actively seeking renters.

Rick

Look Ahead Calendar

- 2 June – Lunch Cruise to McClellanville
- 3 June – XCOM at 1830
- 7 June – JN Class starts
- 10 June – Dinner Meeting at Red Lobster
- 26 June – Raft-up Lunch at Sandy Point
- 30 June – Day Cruise

- 1 July – XCOM at 1830
- 7 July – Day Cruise
- 8 July – Picnic Dinner Meeting
- 9 - 11 – July Cruise to Beaufort
- 10 July – Dinner in Beaufort
- 28 July – Day Cruise

- 5 Aug – XCOM at 1830

10 June Dinner Meeting

The 10 June dinner meeting will be held at the Red Lobster located at 2460 Mall Drive North Charleston, SC 29406 (Exit 213 off I-26). There will be an open menu and individual checks that can include a bar bill. The dinner prices range from \$12 to \$25 plus 15% gratuity, 8% sales tax and \$1 for CS&PS (for guest speaker and his guest). The social hour will begin at 1800 with the meeting/dinner at 1900. Our speaker for the evening will be Jeff Secrest, a specialist in marine electronics installation and repair.

RSVP by Monday, 7 June 2010 to Gary Whitley at either 843.557.0844 or wgary44@aol.com

8 July Dinner Meeting

The 8 July dinner meeting will be held at **TBD** and will be a good old fashion July picnic. We are narrowing it down to a county park or possibly the old Navy Weapons Station. Final location will be announced via both Google-Group e-mail and posted to our web site.

Hotdogs and hamburgers with buns, fixins and soft drinks will be provided by the Squadron. Please bring a cold salad, side dish or dessert per couple. The cost will be \$10 per individual. Fellowship will begin at 1800, (no alcohol at county parks), with the meeting/dinner starting at 1900. Entertainment will consist of an auction conducted by XO Joe Shady.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SET UP AND CLEANUP. Currently, I anticipate the need to set up coolers with ice and soft drinks, start the charcoal for cooking and possibly cover the tables. All attendees should be prepared to assist with the cooking as necessary. Clean up should consist of sweeping the area and putting trash in bags and the bags in cans. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THESE IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY FUNCTIONS.**

RSVP BY 5 JULY 2010 to BILL HAYES, 843-261-8322, billsflyfishing@me.com

Georgetown Cruise - A Big Success

What a great cruise. We had great weather, great participation, terrific activities provided by Long Bay Squadron and a great time. Heavy hors d'oeuvres Friday evening and a sit-down dinner Saturday were excellent as were the Saturday rice plantation and evening tours. Hats off to Long Bay for a job well done. And many thanks to our participants: Nick and Maritsa Pastsi, Dave and Wendy Walsh, Carol and Ross Burgess, Chet Rogers and Elise Jorgens, Merle and Art Clark, and Tom Dougherty. In all we had six boats attending. Harl and Betsy Porter and Cindy and Ed Kridler came by car. So, in all, 14 members attended.

There was plenty of time for rest and relaxation including pool time. About half our members stayed on their boats and half at the Hampton Inn. On Sunday, Merle and Art provided brunch for all on *Sunday Drive*. Regrettably, our extended cruise to Myrtle Beach never materialized although it would have been fun.

The next overnight cruise will be to Beaufort. Perhaps we can get another good turnout for that cruise as well. Good dining, shopping and camaraderie. See you there.

P/C Art Clark
Cruise Captain



CS&PS members at D26 Rendezvous, boat is *Ham & Letters*

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**Sunday Breakfast by P/C Art Clark
on *Sunday Drive* at Georgetown**



Flare Demo at D26 Rendezvous at Georgetown



D26 Boats on Peedee River during Rendezvous

Rice Plantation Cruise

On Saturday 15 May, Long Bay Squadron members organized a cruise through some of the Georgetown area's rice plantation. There were some 17 or 18 boats in the procession, most of which carried guests. We left the marina and headed up the Waccamaw River and cut across Thoroughfare Creek to the Great Pee Dee River. We then followed the Pee Dee down to its junction with the Waccamaw and the marina.

The route through Thoroughfare Creek and the Pee Dee led through and alongside a number of rice plantations, many predating the Revolutionary War. Although the rice fields themselves are no longer producing grain, most of the dikes along the fields and many of the water flow control structures still exist. Since I was a civil engineer, it was very interesting to realize that these features were all constructed by hand, and the cypress swamp areas for the fields were also hand cleared.

The tour passed many plantation houses, cabins, and a few rice mills. Most of these buildings are original (meaning even older than I am) although a large amount of restoration work has been performed over the years.

The tour was very interesting, the weather was good, and the scenery was beautiful. If you are in this area, it would be very worthwhile spending a day following this route, but take a look at your chart to check on water depths.

D/Lt/C (and P/C) Edwin G. Kridler, SN

26 June Cruise to Sandy Point

Our June cruise will be to Sandy Point, (32-38 N x 80-00 W), on the east end of Kiawah Island on Saturday, 26 June. Kiawah Island is just south of James Island and Folly Beach and north of the North Edisto River.

Carl Klele has been to Sandy Point and will be the Cruise Captain. He can be contacted at: (843) 697-1540, cklele@comcast.net. Please let Carl know your plans by Thursday, 24 June.

Boats can assemble at 1000 in the vicinity of the Coast Guard Station, Charleston and City Marina at the mouth of Wappo Creek. Initial VHF hailing can be accomplished on Channel 16 with a working channel being established at the time of contact.

Boats will travel west down Wappo Creek and Elliott Cut and will turn to port on the Stono River. In approximately 8 nm they will pass the Kiawah River to starboard and continue another 1.6 nm to Sandy Point to starboard. At this time a decision will be made to remain at Sandy Point or return approximately 1 nm to Bass Creek for a raft up. Swimming is reportedly excellent.

All crews should be self sufficient and provisioned appropriately, although a bit of trading is encouraged. Boats will return to Charleston in the late afternoon.

Boats not wishing to cruise together are encouraged to meet at the vicinity of Bass Creek and Sandy Point.



09 July Cruise to Beaufort

On Friday, 09 July squadron boats will depart Charleston for our cruise to Beaufort, SC where they will spend two nights. Boaters wishing to travel together will form up at City Marina around 1030; details will be provided later. We will remain in Beaufort all day Saturday, 10 July and return to Charleston Sunday, 11 July. Some boats may opt to continue to Savannah or beyond.

If you can't come by boat, squadron members are encouraged to join us Saturday night for dinner at a Beaufort downtown restaurant.

Cdr Harl Porter, (843) 832-9423 or 107harl@sc.rr.com, will be the Cruise Captain. Please contact Harl with your plans before Wednesday, 07 July.

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Safety Alerts
by John Sikes, Safety Officer
The Truth About Cold Water
Part 5 of 5

To follow up on the last several months' articles, we recommend that our members take a few minutes (or even hours) to review and/or pass on to their friends a few web sites that should prove interesting. First, the information in our prior articles came from the Cold Water Boot Camp Website which may be found at <http://www.coldwaterbootcamp.com/pages/home.html>.

The video that we showed at the May meeting may be viewed and/or downloaded from <http://www.uscgauxcharleston.org/images/coldwaterbootcamp.wmv>.

Several other sites worth looking at are listed below. We hope you will spend some time looking over this information.

In Pictures: Ice Prince Rescue and Sinking at <http://gcaptain.com/maritime/blog/in-pictures-ice-prince-rescue-and-sinking/>

English Channel abandonment – M/V Ice Prince at <http://gcaptain.com/maritime/blog/english-channel-abandonment-mv-ice-prince/>

10 Lessons Learned For Sailing in Severe Weather at <http://gcaptain.com/maritime/blog/gcaptain-exclusive-sailing-in-severe-weather-lessons-learned/>

Windoc Incident – Story Behind YouTube's Most Chilling Video at <http://gcaptain.com/maritime/blog/windoc-incident-photos-video-tsb-report/>

Each of the above links has additional links that may prove to be worth watching as well.

This ends the series on cold water survival. We hope you have enjoyed reading it.

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Happy June Birthdays

- 02 June June C. McRoy
- 03 June Harry K. Gindhart Jr.
- 05 June Ginger Stolp
- 11 June Martin G. Gipe
- 11 June Vincent Piazzola
- 12 June Kate McLaughlin
- 13 June James Hackett IV
- 14 June Marion B. Barnett
- 14 June Susan Bowers
- 14 June David E. O'Hanian
- 14 June Tristan E. Robinson
- 14 June Bill Roettger
- 16 June Beverly Lapp
- 18 June Marshall Leaman
- 25 June Renee Wright

Happy July Birthdays

- 03 July Richard E. Howells
- 04 July Lynn D. Lewis
- 06 July Bill Hayes
- 08 July Scott A. Erskine
- 08 July Curtis L. White
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