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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

From the Commander Cdr David Walsh, AP



The squadron annual meeting and election of officers is scheduled for October 11 at Squadron Headquarters. I encourage all squadron members to attend this important meeting. The Nominating Committee will present candidates for the 2008 Squadron Bridge Officers and Executive Committees. In addition, the squadron's 2008 budget and amended By-laws will be presented for members' approval at this meeting. So, please plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

Now that we are reaching the end of our squadron year, I would like to give you a brief review of the squadron's progress this year. You may recall that the Charleston Power Squadron has a strategic plan in 2005 that states our major goals and has the following mission statement: *"To promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship to our members."*

Here is a brief summary of progress to date toward our strategic plan.

Education – This year, under the direction of Chet Rogers, the Charleston Power Squadron made significant progress in its educational programs. We offered a wide range of elective and advanced grade courses. In addition, the squadron held several USPS Seminars that were well attended by the public. Boat Smart was offered every Tuesday at Headquarters and was also held "off-campus" at Daniel Island. New instructors were added and our courses updated to the latest USPS electronic media presentations.

Public Relations – Squadron Public Relations Director Gary Whitley has done an outstanding job of creating public awareness of Charleston Power Squadron. Announcements of our public boating courses appear regularly in the Charleston Post and Courier and community newspapers. In addition, when there is a major boating news event, Gary sees that appropriate squadron mem-

bers follow up with letters to the editor to give the squadron's view on the event.

Civic Activities – Our squadron has participated in every major boating event in Charleston. We had booths at both major boat shows, added a new banner and upgraded our presentation to a tabletop format. This new format allowed more space to display information and photos that showcased the Charleston Power Squadron. Squadron members served in many capacities, such as dock hands and hosts, for The Tall Ship Festival and Maritime Festival. The squadron, with the City of Charleston, co-sponsored the Charleston Holiday Parade of Boats. We provided work boats, hosted the judges and promoted the decorated boat competition. The Vessel Safety Check program was revitalized this year with several new enthusiastic VSC Examiners added to our force. Cooperative Charting is off to a slow but good start. Our members are working to complete the squadron's Adopt-a-chart assignments, Chart 11518 (ICW from McClellanville to Beaufort River) and Chart 11522 (Stono and North Edisto Rivers). This year we are adding depth surveys to our Cooperative Charting program.

Member Involvement – We made significant progress in getting members to participate in squadron activities. This year, we had more participation in boating activities and improved attendance at District 26 and national USPS meetings. Just looking at our building, one can see that our Housing Committee has done an excellent job. Other committees, such as nominating, finance, rules and membership have been working well. However, like most organizations, we need more members to participate on our committees.

Fellowship – Boating activities is an area where CPS excelled in 2007. The squadron offered a full range of on-the-water activities including short trips, weekend cruises, a picnic, a raft-up and an oyster roast. Our monthly member meetings showed improved attendance this year. We met in a variety of locations and had speakers who addressed a variety of boating topics. We even had one meeting at a cooking school where we learned about cooking on the boat.

Membership Recruiting and Retention - We continued to make progress toward our membership goal. Our Boat Smart Course is continually bringing in new members. *We still need new members.* So, if you know of a person or family that might benefit from membership in our squadron, please let us know and we will follow-up with an invitation to join. Our membership is open to all.

Overall, I think that we made excellent progress this year toward our strategic goals. We still have room for improvement. I call on all our members who have ideas to improve the squadron to come forward. We welcome your comments and encourage you to volunteer and help make the Charleston Power Squadron better.

David Walsh
Commander



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**Executive Officer
Lt/C Art Clark, P**



Looks like we are off to a good start on our Cooperative Charting program. Many thanks to Steve Kromer and Steve Poe for getting us started and then Dave Walsh and Steve for following up. If you want to go out with one of our crews, please call Steve Poe at 556-8680. It's great fun and a tremendous community service.

We are still organizing our visitor program and could use 2-3 more visitors. The program involves keeping in contact with local marinas, boat dealers and boating retailer, establishing a professional relationship with each, and keeping our displays up to date. This is yet another way to keep our organization in front of the public. Please contact me, Art Clark, at 849-9467.

Many thanks to Jim Hackett for volunteering his boat for some on-the-water depth surveys. We are fortunate as well to have the District 26 Cooperative Charting point of contact volunteer to give us a hand with this important aspect of our Cooperative Charting program.

Art Clark

BOATSMART SCHEDULE

For Updated Information See

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Location</i>
28-Aug	Rules Of The Road	Ernie Godhsall	West Ashley
04-Sept	Getting Started	David Walsh	West Ashley
11-Sept	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer	West Ashley
18-Sept	What's Required	John Sikes	West Ashley
25-Sept	Rules Of The Road	Ernie Godshall	West Ashley
02-Oct	Getting Started	David Walsh	West Ashley
09-Oct	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer	West Ashley
16-Oct	What's Required	John Sikes	West Ashley

**Educational Officer
Lt/C Chet Rogers, P**



The first fall classes will take place the week beginning September 17. We will hold a “meet the teachers night” on September 10, 2007 at 1830 for students to pick up course materials, meet instructors, and generally get all of the paper work out of the way. All classes will be held at the CPS Headquarters and begin at 18:30 on the assigned night.

Monday Nights

Instructional Development: Chet Rogers, no fee. Piloting: John VanWay and Jim Bass, fee \$70.

Tuesday Nights

Seamanship: Nelson Hicks and Mike Page, fee \$70

Wednesday Nights

Engine Maintenance: David Walsh, Art Clark, and Ken Beeber, fee \$65 Navigation: Ed Kridler, fee \$82. Note: this class has been moved from Tuesday evening.

People will need to sign up and pay for any classes they plan to take before we can order books and/or materials. If you have not already done so, please contact Chet Rogers as soon as possible if you want to take a class or if you have questions about the classes. You can reach him at rogerscb@cofc.edu or at 577-3022. You can pay for the classes by sending a check made payable to the Charleston Power Squadron to Chet Rogers, 9 Glebe Street, Charleston, SC 29401 or if you want to pay by credit card or by contacting Wendy Walsh at 556-3258.

Chet Rogers

**Administrative Officer
Lt/C Dick Howells, AP**



We are hoping to get this edition of the “Log” to the members early because of the nominating committee recommendations for the October Annual Business Meeting. Consequently some of what follows is a little truncated.

First off, the August meeting went well. There was a good response to opening the Cocktail Hour at 6:00 PM. (We were jammed.) And the Squadron provided Main Entrées were popular (Lasagna and Chicken Alfredo). Our speaker was Marcel Reichert, PhD, the co-principal investigator for the offshore reef fishing program. He was great. The sampling program is much more extensive than most of us realized and is unique to the east coast. Not only does their work aid sports fishing but commercial as well.

Now for September...the meeting will also be at Headquarters. Cocktail hour will begin again at 6:00PM and the **Squadron will provide the meal.** Everything! *Members do not need to bring anything...except \$5.00 per person.* BJ Smith has graciously volunteered to prepare Frogmore Stew and we will have salad and dessert also provided by the Squadron. Frogmore stew is a lowcountry treat made with smoked sausage, red potatoes, corn on the cob and fresh local shrimp. (BJ is going shrimping). Reservations are required. Call or email me by **Tuesday, Sept. 11th** so we know how much food to prepare. Guests are certainly welcome.

Our speaker for the September 13th meeting will be Ian Sanchez, Director of the SC Lowcountry Environmental Education Program. He will speak on his kayaking adventure across South Carolina from Lake Greenwood to Fort Johnson on James Island. He will share with us his observations of the indigenous flora and fauna and some of the effects of pollution he observed along the way.

So we have good food, a great speaker and as usual, good fellowship upcoming for our September 13, 2007 meeting. Make your reservations early; this should be a big one!

Our September 14th cruise will be to Georgetown and there is more detail elsewhere. We have already done a 'test cruise' and pictures are on the web site. This cruise will take you through some of the most scenic waters on the ICW. As usual when you get there the restaurants are great.

The October meeting is on the 11th and this is the Annual Meeting when we elect officers for the upcoming year and approve an annual budget. We will not have a speaker. We will provide the meal again for \$5.00. I do not have a menu but it will be hard to top Frogmore Stew. (Maybe BBQ Beef Brisket if I get ambitious.)

October 27th will be the Annual Oyster Roast at Toad Hall. Plan ahead and mark your calendars for that. More details will follow.

Enough for now...hope to see you on the water soon.

Dick Howells

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July Cruise To Morgan Creek Grill

Weather was questionable early in the day but cleared and the squadron cruisers were on their way up the ICW to Morgan Creek where we tied up at the Morgan Creek Grille Restaurant dock at the Isle of Palms Marina. Five boats made the trip from the harbor area to Morgan Creek. B J Smith and Daisy Proctor brought their guests aboard the "Daisy Belle", Fred and Joyce Wichmann brought the "Distant Isle", Steve Poe brought Dave and Wendy Walsh on board the "Off Site", Ray and Alice Harp cruised on "Reel Busy", and two new squadron members cruised on their Regal boat. In all 25 people attended the event, ate some good food with a picturesque view of the ICW from the top of the restaurant, and had a great time with squadron friends. The boating weather was exceptionally good for a July day in Charleston. Lt/C Dick Howells completed Vessel Safety Checks for Bill and Renee Wright and for Ray and Alice Harp. Here are some photos taken of the Morgan Creek Cruise along the ICW.

CruiseCaptain
Steve Poe

Preview Cruise to Georgetown

On Thursday July 26, 2007, a group of eager Power Squadron members departed Buck Hall Landing at 0900 hours and made a leisure cruise up the ICW to Georgetown, SC. The weather was perfect and lunch at the downtown Georgetown dock area was outstanding. Our flotilla consisted of Jim Easley aboard "Reel Fun" with our Commander Dave Walsh handling the crew duties and the "Daisy Belle" crewed by BJ Smith, Gary Whitley and Lt/C Dick Howells. Along the way, we managed to do some cooperative charting and discovered how important it is to have a chart on board. I have provided some pictures that were taken during our journey. They have been posted on the website in the photo album under Special Cruise to Georgetown. These pictures provide a sneak preview of what is in store for our September 14, 2007 cruise to Georgetown SC. Make sure you mark your calendar for this one!!!

August Raft-Up Report

The Cruise Committee – Wendy Walsh, B.J. Smith, and Terry Melloy

The Raft-Up at Sandy Point became the Raft-Up at Bass Creek, due to weather and wind conditions. It was the raft-up that almost never happened. Saturday morning we got a call from Terry Melloy, our cruise captain, who said he didn't want to take his open boat out because he doesn't like to get wet if it rains. After a short conversation, we decided he and Shirley should come with us in our cabin cruiser, and they should meet us at Dolphin Cove. On the way there, we got a call from B.J. Smith who was at County Park Landing. He said the ICW was too choppy for his pontoon, *Daisy Belle*, and had put it back on the trailer. We were almost to County Park, so we decided to pick up B.J. and Gene Corbett and they could come with us on our boat. When we got there, the water had calmed down quite a bit. We saw Harl and Betsy Porter and Art and Merle Clark at River's Edge getting ready to go out in *Sunday Drive*, and after a long conversation in the parking lot we decided that, since the weather appeared to be improving, we could start out. If conditions worsened, we could always turn back. *Sunday Drive* would wait for Ken Beeber and meet us at Dolphin Cove and B.J. and Gene would put *Daisy Belle* back in the water. We went on to Dolphin Cove to pick up our boat, *Reely Fun*, and the Melloy's. We convoyed to the Harbor with *Sunday Drive* and *Daisy Belle*. Steve and Janice Kromer and their crew, John VanWay and Donna Fleming, were at the mega dock at Charleston City Marina in the newly refurbished *No Sense 3*. Steve said the Charleston Harbor had been too rough earlier and if he were to leave with us, at 6 knots, the raft-up would be over by the time he got there. The rest of us went ahead towards the rendezvous point by the Maybank Hwy Bridge. Going into the Wappoo cut, we recognized new members Bill and Renee Wright in their *Regal Runabout*, and they joined the flotilla. When we turned into the Stono River, the water got very rough again. We decided to wait to see if anyone else was coming. We hailed *Distant Isle*,

Fred and Joyce Wichmann who were accompanied by Victor Schwartz, and others. They were on their way ahead of us. *Sweetgrass*, Jerry and Jenny Reves' boat, hailed us, reporting that the seas and weather were much better near Sandy Point, and Bass Creek was quite calm. They had anchored their boat in Bass Creek. Bert Baxter from the Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron who had planned on joining our cruise, also hailed us. He said he had almost gotten to Sandy Point, but had turned back and was headed for port. After another conversation, BJ decided to turn back and the rest of us decided to meet *Sweetgrass* in Bass Creek.

When we got to Bass Creek, *Sweetgrass* had anchored; *Distant Isle* had tied up to her, as well as two small runabouts (family and friends of Joyce and Fred). *Sunday Drive*, *Reely Fun*, and the Wright's *Regal* made a total of 7 boats, 16 Squadron members and approximately 8 guests of the Wichmann's.

The weather turned out to be very favorable. No rain and Bass Creek was calm. We were rewarded for our effort with a wonderful array of food provided by the participants, served in Fred's air-conditioned cabin, swimming, and a trip to the Sandy Point beach. The trip back was easy. When I got home, I had an email from Dick Howells who said the *Katie Ell* wouldn't make it because his crew bailed out when they saw the dark clouds in the morning. Too bad, Dick, you missed seeing the *No Sense 3*, which really does exist.

BJ, who had had to turn back, loaded up his boat on his trailer and he and Gene had lunch with the Kromer's at the City Marina. He claims Janice served steak and lobster!

Rule of Cruising: The Captain is responsible for the safety and well-being of his boat, crew and passengers, and has to make his own decision whether to go or not.



August 11 Raft-up and on-the-water-picnic at Sandy Point on the Stono River. Left to right, the Clark's cruiser "Sunday Drive," Reeves' trawler "Sweet Grass," Wichmann's Trawler Distant Isle, Walsh's boat "Reely Fun" and Bill and Renee Wright's yet-to-be-named boat.

September Cruise to Georgetown

Make your plans for our September trip to Georgetown SC as soon as possible as a fun weekend has been planned for this enjoyable cruise. The cruise will include some pristine waterways with wild life viewing and beautiful scenery. Historic Georgetown has a lot of good restaurants and in general a quaint village to tour. We would encourage as many members as possible to go on this trip and those without boats or with smaller boats or Captains that would like extra crew should contact Gary Whitley/ Cruise Captain for information. Also, anyone that would consider or require additional crew should contact Gary as well.

Where: Georgetown S.C. (Cruise time around Four Hours at approximately 20 knots.)

When: September 14 thru 16 with a departure time of 12:00 from Charleston Harbor on September 14, 2007. At 11:45, we will rendezvous at the Charleston Harbor Marina (Patriots Point) at the outer dock (A) and head up the I.C.W. at around 12:00. We will depart Georgetown for the return trip around 11:00 AM on Sunday September 16, 2007.

Dockage: Georgetown Landing Marina: reserved space for 10 boats including two 52-foot boats. More space is available if needed. Dockage cost is \$2.00 per foot. The Georgetown Landing Marina phone number is 843-546-1776.

Hotel reservations: Hampton Inn on Intercoastal waterway Georgetown. We have reserved a Block of 10 rooms/double with queen beds. More rooms are available if needed. Members should make own reservations using confirmation # 83445627. Our Rate will be \$119.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Our contact is Voncennia Guiles (843-545-5000)

Restaurant Dinner Reservations have been made for 6:00 PM Sat. evening at "The 819 Rice Paddy" on Front Street. Lowcountry cuisine is presented in a historic waterfront location. Also Georgetown has a lot of other restaurants available. Friday night dinner reservations have been made for 6:30 PM at the Land's End restaurant adjacent to the Hampton Inn and across from the Georgetown Landing Marina.

More activity is planned so sign up now and don't miss the last big cruise of the year. We would like a firm count by September 7th, if possible.

Contact Gary Whitley at home 843-557-0844 or cell (843) 469-4782. You may also e-mail Gary at wgary44@aol.com

Don't Forget -- October Cruise to Toad Hall
Oyster Roast
October 27, 2007



What Zincs Can and Can't Do

Galvanic corrosion is a relatively slow process in which two dissimilar metals, connected together and immersed in a conductive solution, interact to produce low levels of electric current. In the process, one of the metals (the anode) is gradually eaten away while the other (the cathode) is unharmed.

Such corrosion can be prevented by attaching a bonding cable and then wiring a zinc to this circuit. Zinc is more susceptible to corrosion than other boat building material. It becomes anodic with respect to these metals, corroding away and in so doing protecting the rest of the hardware.

This process works so long as the zincs are kept in good condition, and so long as the levels of current flow are low. But there are times when an electrical fault can feed substantial "stray currents" in the water which may in turn be picked up or discharged by underwater metal. Stray currents are frequently on a much greater order of magnitude than galvanic currents. Not only will the zincs in even the best maintained bonding system be overwhelmed and rapidly erode, but also any other underwater metal collecting the stray current will become anodic with respect to the hardware feeding the current into the water. The anodic fittings will corrode, sometimes at an alarming rate.

The survival of underwater hardware depends on eliminating such stray currents. If zincs are eroding rapidly, it is a sign of a problem that needs immediate resolution.

P/C John Sikes, AP



New Members

John and Susan Bouvette

John Bouvette and his wife Susan recently joined the Charleston Power Squadron after John successfully passed our Boat Smart course. John is the boater in the family having had experience with power boats owned by his family. Although the Bouvettes don't currently have a boat of their own, John wants to avail himself of our educational courses so that he will be knowledgeable about all aspects of safe boating when the time is right. John and Susan live in Stono Ferry in Hollywood, and John works for Lisi construction company.

Rick Cone

New member Rick Cone is originally from Charleston, but he left after graduating from the College of Charleston. Rick started sailing in high school and has owned a Laser, a Catalina 22, a Catalina 27 and a J-30. He got out of sailing about 12 years ago due to heavy work hours and extensive travel on his job with the Department of Defense. He recently purchased a used Tartan 31 sailboat in Annapolis and just launched her 3 weeks ago. She's now berthed at the Ashley Marina. With an upcoming early retirement in about 6 months, Rick hopes to devote more time to sailing, kayaking, traveling, renovating historic homes, furthering his education, and just plain having a good time..with maybe a little part time employment thrown in as well. Rick recently passed the BoatSmart class and joined the PS so that he can take advantage of navigating, diesel engine maintenance, GPS, and other boating related classes.

Election of Officers – 11 October 2007

The Squadron’s Nominating Committee has provided a slate of candidates for elected office. Members are reminded that additional candidates can be added to the ballot by submitting a petition in writing at least 15 days prior to the election to the Squadron Secretary. The petition must be signed by at least five active members. In addition to the election of officers, the next year’s squadron budget and changes in our by-laws will be presented for member approval. Please plan to attend this important meeting. For copies of the proposed budget and changes in by-laws, contact Squadron Secretary Jim Bass 278-0687. The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at Headquarters.

David Walsh
Commander

Date: 5 Aug 2007

To: Charleston Power Squadron

Subject: Nominations for 2008

The Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the following Charleston Power Squadron Active Members for election to the 2008 offices indicated. All have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected. **Bolded names** will serve for the first time on that committee.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Executive Committee	
Commander	Arthur Clark
Executive Officer	Richard Howells
Education Officer	Chester Rogers
Administrative Officer	B.J. Smith
Secretary	James Bass
Treasurer	Charles Altschul

Executive Committee At-Large	
Immediate Past Commander	David Walsh Eugene Gilfillin Steven Poe Angela Wright Gary Whitley

Asst. Education Officer	Steve Poe
Auditing Committee	Harl Porter
Housing Committee	Steve Ireland
Rules Committee	Janice Kromer

Submitted by,

P/C Harl Porter, JN
Chair, Nominating Committee

P/C Edwin Kridler, SN
P/C Janice Kromer, AP
Members, Nominating Committee



CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 07 June 2007

The meeting was called to order by Lt/C Art Clark at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C Jim Bass, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Steve Poe. A quorum was established.

Lt/C Art Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lt/C Dick Howells made a motion to approve the minutes of the May Excom Meeting and Lt/C Chet Rogers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the May Excom Meeting minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Art Clark the Tall Ships Festival went very well. We had 25 members helping out with the festival. We had many people stopping by our booth. Forty people signed up for the drawing for the free BoatSmart course.

Cooperative Charting – P/Lt/C Steve Kromer resigned as Chairman of the Cooperative Charting Committee because of work related issues. Lt Steve Poe has volunteered to Chair the Cooperative Charting Committee. Cdr David Walsh has agreed to help Steve with this new assignment. Lt Steve Poe took an action item to arrange a meeting with Cdr David Walsh so that Cdr David Walsh could teach others how to input the data recorded on Cooperative Charting outings in the proper format to be submitted to NOAA.

Educational: Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that we need additional instructors for the BoatSmart Classes. It is required that instructors of BoatSmart be certified. Certification can be acquired by taking the Instruction Certification Class. Lt/C Chet Rogers is planning to teach the class this fall. Two Boating Seminars are

scheduled to be taught on June 30. "How to Use a Chart" is scheduled from 0930 to 1130 and "Using GPS" is scheduled from 1300 to 1500. The location for the seminars will be our Headquarters Bldg.

Administrative: Per Lt/C Dick Howells: Lt/C Art Clark reported that even though the weather was not the best the Beaufort Cruise was great. The District Conference was very well done. The July cruise has been changed. The cruise will be going up the ICW to Morgan Creek Grill at the Isle of Palms Marina.

Lt Wendy Walsh reported that membership renewal was going well. A list of members who had not renewed was provided, and Lt/C Dick Howells agreed to call those members on the list who have not indicated whether or not they will renew.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Palmetto Log Editor – After considerable discussion it was decided to forward the following names to Cdr David Walsh to call about taking on the position of editor: 1) Steve Brostoff and Melissa White, 2) Donna Fleming, 3) Steve Poe.

Ship's Store: Lt/C Jim Bass reported that Terry Melloy will be the Manager of the Ship's Store. We have received our initial order and I have the merchandise here. Our plan is to take the merchandise to the general meeting next week and to all subsequent meetings so the membership will have an opportunity to purchase what they desire.

Lt/C Jim Bass made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the USPS Educational Fund as a memorial for D/Lt/C Carol McVey. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Chet Rogers. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: We have \$19,191.29 in our bank accounts. The total income through May is \$14,147.00 and the total expenses are \$10,945.22, resulting in a net income of 3,201.78. We are in good shape financially

Committee Reports:

Communications: Per Lt/C Art Clark — Dolphin Cove Boat Owners have requested that we make a presentation about the USPS at their meeting. Cdr David Walsh agreed and he and Lt/C Art Clark are planning to attend their meeting on June 30, 2007.

Housing: Per Gary Whitley: BJ Smith reported that we had the air-conditioning units for headquarters building checked out and refrigerant was added to the AC units.

Audit, Nominating, Rules and Planning Committees:
No reports

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 1910 hours.

Submitted by,
Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 05 July 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cdr David Walsh at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, P/C Janic Kromer, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C Jim Bass, P/Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Steve Poe. A quorum was established.

Lt/C Art Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lt/C Dick Howells made a motion to approve the minutes of the June Excom Meeting and Lt/C Art Clark seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the June Excom Meeting minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports:

Executive: Per Lt/C Art Clark: Cooperative Charting – Lt Steve Poe reported that Cdr David Walsh, Lt Steve Poe, and B. J. Smith completed a trip to Light House Bridge on the North Edisto River. Other outings are scheduled for the 14th of July, early August and in September. Lt/C Art Clark reported that Lt/C Dick Howells and B. J. Smith have passed their Exams for the Visitor Program. Lt/C Art Clark is calling a meeting of the Visitor Program Committee to determine the details of how they will conduct the Visits.

Public Relations are doing well and as a result the enrollment in BoatSmart is also doing very well.

Educational: Lt/C Chet Rogers : Cdr David Walsh reported that we have two new BoatSmart instructors bringing the total to four. Each instructor is teaching one module of the four module course. Enrollment in BoatSmart has been very good with 8 to 10 students per class. Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that the fall class schedule is posted in the Palmetto Log. One of the classes will be the Instructor Certification Class.

Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that the Charting and GPS Seminars were very successful. The Charting Seminar attendance was 14 and the GPS Seminar attendance was 20. Over half of the attendees were not members of the Charleston Power Squadron.

Administrative: Per Lt/C Dick Howells: Lt/C Dick Howells reported that most of the up coming events are in the Palmetto Log. The next planned cruise is scheduled for July 21, 2007, to Morgan Creek Grill.

Lt Wendy Walsh reported that we have 148 members, 14 new members and 6 Life members. Lt/C Jim Bass made a motion to accept Robert E McMillan Jr., Joe and Annette Hickman, Ray Carter, David R Davis and Paula Smith as new members. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Dick Howells. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Steve Brostoff has agreed to become the editor of the Palmetto Log. Jerry Kemerer has agreed to help train Steve, and during the transition period, while Steve becomes familiar with the software, please send any articles you want published to both Steve and Jerry.

Ship's Store: Lt/C Jim Bass reported that sales are going very well. We plan to setup the store at the our general meeting next Thursday. Orders have been taken for items we do not have in stock.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: We have \$9,109 in our checking account. We are in good shape financially. P/C Janice Kromer requested that a budget for next year be presented at our next Excom meeting. The Executive Committee must vote on the new budget in September and the general membership must vote on the budget at the October meeting.

Commander: Cdr David Walsh reported that the Fall Governing Board meeting will be in Norfolk, VA, September 4-9, 2007. For those interested in attending see the USPS web site for more information.

The District 26 Fall Conference and District Change of

Watch are scheduled for October 19-21, 2007. Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch is scheduled for November 10, 2007 at the River Bank Club.

Committee Reports:

Housing: Rentals- The Church that has been renting the Headquarters Building will be breaking ground for their church building in the near future.

Nominating: Charlotte Yeomans, chairman of the nominating committee, has not renewed her membership and therefore must be replaced. P/C Janice Kromer made a motion that Harl Porter finish her term as chairman of the nominating committee. Lt/C Chet Rogers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Audit, Rules and Planning Committees: No reports

Old Business: None

New Business: One of our Executive Committee Members, Jim Davis, died at 0100hrs on July 5, 2007. He had been diagnosed with inoperable liver cancer a few weeks earlier. A motion was made by Lt/C Dick that we contribute \$50.00 as a memorial to a charity of the family's choice. Lt/C Art Clark seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed .

The meeting adjourned at 1926 hours.

Submitted by,
Lt/C Jim Bass
Secretary

Change of Watch - Saturday 10 November 2007

You are invited to attend the Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch on Saturday 10 November 2007. The location for this affair will be the Fireside Room at the Storm Pointe Conference Center on the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek. Those who attended our Change of Watch last year will remember that this is an elegant setting with excellent food. In addition to great food, we will have live music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. A local well-known band, "Hot Links," will perform. The band leader Andrew "Smokey" Weiner said that his group will play swing, fifties and blues music during dinner and for dancing after dinner. The cost for the Change of Watch will be \$30 per person. Please make your reservation by calling Wendy Walsh 556-3258 or email wals6563@bellsouth.net. We need to collect payment in advance for this event. Wendy accepts credit cards over the phone or you can send her a check. Watch for more details, including directions to the Storm Point Center in the October *Palmetto Log*.

David Walsh
Commander

SPECIAL NOTICE

The squadron bylaws are in the process of being revised to bring them in line with the latest Model Bylaws from National. Initial approval has been received from the National Committee on Rules, and the revision has been approved by the Executive Committee for submittal to the general membership. Copies of the existing and revised bylaws will be available at the September and October general membership meetings for review by the members. A vote will be taken at the October meeting to formally adopt the revised bylaws. If approved, they along with supporting documents will be submitted to National for final approval.

Thanks
Bob Gissell

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11 October - Member Meeting and Elections HQ - 1830
27 October - Toad Hall - Oyster Roast

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