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May 13: [ABC Course](#). At [Headquarters](#).

May 19-21: [District 26 2017 Cruise & Rendezvous](#) at Charleston.

June 8: [Dinner Meeting](#). Topic: TBA. At [Headquarters](#)

July 13: [Dinner Meeting](#). Topic: TBA. At [Headquarters](#):

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From The Bridge

Cdr Jeff LaRue, P

Spring is a refreshing tide of change each year; plants flourish with new growth and lots of flowers throughout the Low country. Water temperatures start to increase, while area fishermen prepare their gear and our roads and beaches, to fill with the tourists to the delight of storekeepers and restaurateurs alike.

Changes are afoot at the local, district and national levels of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) as well; like the green of spring, these changes involve reinvigoration.

Locally, we've made good progress on the three goals for the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's (CSPS) 2017 year: **Strengthening the Squadron's financial position, building membership and expanding the number of on-the-water and community-based activities.**

We've had a string of very well attended activities including a Stingrays game, cruises to Shem Creek, Bohicket Marina and Capers Island. We're looking forward to our second boat show this year, the USPS District 26 Cruise & Rendezvous (C&R) and our members are actively assisting with the upcoming Tall Ships Challenge visit to Charleston. All while we're continuing our ongoing activities like classes, HQ projects and others.

These activities are fueling new membership—153 at last count—and keeping more seasoned members involved.

With our activities, classes, informative meetings and growing partnerships with groups like Tall Ships Charleston and Wounded Nature we are indeed Charleston's Most Active Boating Club.

District 26, which encompasses South Carolina and northern Georgia squadrons, is also focused on membership, growing local leaders and assisting our squadron when needed. I encourage all of our members to get to know the representatives of our D26 squadrons. The Cruise & Rendezvous offers an excellent chance to meet them while showcasing our amazing city. If you can't help with the C&R, I hope you'll plan to attend the D26 Fall Conference in Myrtle Beach this October 6 to 8.

The National USPS is undergoing several noticeable changes. After surveying potential members to explore making USPS more interesting and relevant to their lives, National has unveiled a new advertising campaign; **"Welcome to the Neighborhood."** The ad image includes the bow of a boat approaching a wide variety of vessels rafted-up. The ad purchase will be focused online and in outdoor magazines.

They're also about to debut a new website design which promises to be easier to navigate and more user friendly.

Some other changes from our national office include:

- Less reliance on the name "United States Power Squadron" in favor of **"America's Boating Club,"** which has been trademarked at the national level (note: at the local level, CSPS recently captured the web domain name "Charleston's Boating Club")
- Diminished military influence, including less use of 24 time and fewer uniforms

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- Focus on selling the fun, interesting activities and camaraderie while keeping the proud heritage of boating education.

I believe these changes are steps in the right direction. The competition for time from individuals and families is fiercer than ever. There is an opportunity though. When competing against on-demand entertainment and education on hand-held devices, over-scheduled youth, and work demands, families are looking for leisure activity options they can share.

At all levels, America's Boating Club needs to be an approachable, welcoming group where newcomers quickly feel welcome. We need to deliver a robust activity plan, full of events that appeal to a wide variety of ages and interests. We are doing that, but we can always do more. If you are willing to help plan an upcoming activity please let any of our bridge officers know. We welcome your ideas for improvements and cherish the ideas that come with an offer to implement.

Here's to a great start to 2017, may your summer be filled with on-the water fun and the joy of lasting friendship.



Reg Brown, Jeff LaRue and Lauther Parker, partnering with the Tall Ships - Charleston 2017



Webmaster Update

For updates to the CSPS Website

Contact: Bill Quick Webmaster webmaster.csp@gmail.com

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron website now has a new tagline: **Charleston's Boating Club**. You'll see this tagline at the masthead of our homepage, and near the top of almost every page at the website. We have purchased the domain names CharlestonsBoatingClub.org and CharlestonsBoatingClub.com. (Our other domain names, CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org and CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.com, still works, and goes to exactly the same content.)

In addition, we have moved the content of the website off of the USPS servers, where we were severely limited on space. We now have an infinite amount of storage, so we can save older copies of the Palmetto Log.

We now have a new section on the website, displaying pictures and details of our members' watercraft. Be sure to take a look at some of our boats, at CharlestonsBoatingClub.org/boats/. If you want a photo and info about your boat added to our flotilla, let me know!

As usual, we have been adding more items for your reading pleasure. In addition to posting the most recent information about upcoming cruises, courses, and meetings, and the most recent issues of the Palmetto Log, the website added the following new and updated web pages in 2017:

- The new section on our members' boats, as mentioned above.
- A more detailed capability to search our website. You can now search the entire website, or only the old issues of the Palmetto Log, or only our members' boats.
- The revised [New Member Handbook for 2017](#) is now available. Thanks to our membership chair, Joan Naugle, for her assistance in developing this document.
- We have updated the listing of Port Captains, including several additional CSPS members who have volunteered to be listed: David Billingsly, Mike Fauss, Steve Kromer, Karl Naugle, and Paul Wood.
- Want to know what a Port Captain is? See the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- We have updated the listing of Vessel Safety Examiners, including several additional CSPS members who have volunteered to be VSEs: Deb Brown, Mike Fauss, Tony Marchesani, Karl Naugle, and Steph Quick.

To see what else is new, keep watching the **What's New** page -- you can find it listed near the bottom on the left side menu.

There's a mobile version of the website. If you want to view the website on your smart phone screen, you can access it at the following hyperlink

<http://CharlestonsBoatingClub.org/mobile/>

Charleston Spring Cruise & Rendezvous

May 19 – 21, 2017

The [D26 Cruise and Rendezvous](#) will be held May 19 - 21 here in Charleston. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help.

However, we are still in need of people willing to drive (shuttle) people from the boats to the hotel. Most are staying at the Charleston Harbor Marina at Patriot's Point and the hotel is the Quality Inn at Patriot's Point, but the distance is too far to walk. Please let me know if you can help.

If you have items to donate to the Silent Auction, please let me know by emailing me at joannaugle3@gmail.com. I will be in touch by phone during the two weeks prior to the C&R with everyone donating items, helping with boats, or willing to drive or help in any way.

Also, if you plan to attend any of the events, you will need to fill out the [registration form](#). Deadline is May 1st, so register today!!

Mail, along with a check to pay for any food that you order, to **Jo Ann Ewalt** (address on the form.) We need to know how many to plan for. There is no limit to any event except the dinner on the Yorktown, which is limited to 80 because of the amount of space on the Fantail. If there are more than 80, it will be first-come first-served, with others squadrons coming into town having preference if they are here for the entire C&R. I will be the first to yield my ticket to dinner if there are too many. However, we hope to accommodate everyone.

Both Jo Ann's and my phone numbers are listed below if you have questions. Thanks for your help and we hope to see you there!

Joan Naugle

Please let Joan know which task(s) you are willing to help us with by emailing [**joannaugle3@mail.com**](mailto:joannaugle3@mail.com) or calling **843-875-2850** or **843-810-5358**.

Jo Ann Ewalt 859-221-9774

Charleston Cruises

Watch the [website](#) for more information and contacts



February 19, 2017 Cruise to **Vickery's** in Shem Creek, **Nine** Squadron boats, rafted together! A beautiful day for an outing and fun was had by all!



April 22nd **Caper's Island** Cruise partnering with Wounded Nature in beach clean-up, and another great day on the water!

Youth Outreach

by P/C Billy Lynes

Many thanks to all the squadron members who have supported the youth program over the years. The grant money that originally funded the youth program is long gone, but through your private donations of time and money the program is still alive and well.

We recently offered a free **America's Boating Class** for teens in Moncks Corner where ten budding boaters learned some safe practices.

We are looking forward to working with the Boy Scouts of America to offer the motor boating merit badge to Scouts again this year, probably in September.

We are watching for the announcement of the new poster theme for 2017 by National, so we can launch the poster contest. As soon as the theme is announced, I hope, if you have a child in your family aged 4-14, you will consider joining in and making a poster for the contest.

As we approach **National Safe Boating Week**, May 20-26th, I ask you to be sure to talk to your own children and grandchildren about boating safety.

Report from the Education Department

No Report filed for this issue.

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HQ Renovation Update

By Paul Wood – Housing Chair



Spring clean-up day - Saturday April 8th, was a perfect day for outside work and 14 volunteers helped the work go quickly! With three trailers available including the "maiden voyage" of Commander LaRue's new trailer, taking all the debris to Bees Ferry went smoothly. Outside, the team cleared overhanging branches and vines, cleaned up the fence row, and collected many large trash cans of leaves from around the property – all this went for mulching.

Inside, people did lots of cleaning throughout the building to make things look great for the monthly dinner meeting. Floors, tables, chairs, bar, restrooms all yielded to "cleaning products" and hard work! Routine maintenance tasks such as smoke detector batteries and furnace filter replacement were also completed. The front door is now freshly caulked and painted and we can no longer see daylight through it!

Several renovation projects were completed in the first quarter, including the addition of an outside venting range-hood in the kitchen, and completion of the framing and installation of all four up to date local area charts on the walls. Both these projects were made possible by generous member donations.

A new Storm door has been installed to protect the side door from the weather, also paid for by a member, and some repairs were done to the side door itself to extend its life.

Coming later in the year, after the Cruise and Rendezvous, will be the long awaited ladies restroom renovation.



News from National

National Safe Boating Week, 20-26 May 2017

"The National Boater Safety Committee would like to request that squadron general members assist their Vessel Examiners during National Boater Safety Week. This would be a great opportunity for members to see the VEs at work and have a better understanding of their value. This would also be an opportunity for members to meet and greet the boaters with "America's Boating Club" information."

Stf/C Bob Bales, AP
Assistant Chair Boating Safety Committee

Safety Column

by P/C Harl Porter, SN

You are the helmsman on an East bound sail boat, under sail, in open water at night when you notice these lights coming from the South – **white over white and red besides green**. What is it and what should you do? The two white masthead lights most probably indicate a large (over 50 meters) power-drive ship (**Rule 23a***). However, on an under 50 meter power-driven vessel, when towing astern, and the length of the tow, measured from the stern of the towing vessel to the aft end of the tow, is less than 200 meters, also shows two masthead lights (**Rule 24a***). Because the white lights are vertically aligned and you see both the red and green sidelights **you are on a collision course** (the large ship coming straight at you)! From our study of **Rule 18*** we know that sail has the “priority” (is the stand-on vessel) over power (the give-way vessel). ***How do you know that the large ship sees you and will take evasive action?***

* **Rule 23(a)(ii)** requires a power-driven vessel over 50-meters to exhibit masthead lights abaft of and higher than the forward masthead light. These two light form a “range” and when vertically aligned indicate that the ship is headed directly at you.

***Rule 24(a)(i)** requires a power-driven vessel when towing astern to exhibit two masthead lights in a vertical line (located on the same mast); if the length of the tow exceeds 200 meters, she exhibits three masthead lights in a vertical line.

***Rule 18(a)(iv)** requires a power-driven vessel to keep out of the way of a sailing vessel.

I would ask them. Make a VHF radio channel 13 (bridge to bridge) transmission: “Large ship North bound in the vicinity of (give your location) this is the East bound crossing sailing vessel also in the vicinity of (give your location). Over.” Hopefully they will answer: “Are you the sailing vessel approximately two miles in front of me? Over.” By using the radio, you alert the large ship of your presence and get assurance that they see you. After the radio exchange, continue to monitor the crossing situation until the two ships safely pass each other. If no answer on Channel 13, make the same call on channel 16.

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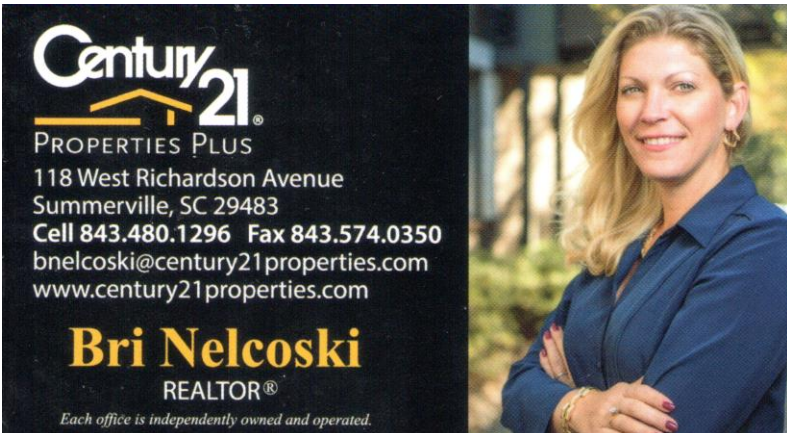


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- ✓ CSPS members may place ads for boating-related goods or services provided by their own boating-related businesses at a cost of \$10 per issue. Such ads will be limited to text and graphics as might appear on a business card. They should be sent to the editor as images to be inserted; editor will not be responsible for designing or formatting the ad.
- ✓ All non-boating business advertisements, whether from members' businesses or non-members', may be purchased at \$20 per issue. Such ads will be limited to ¼ page or less and must be provided to the editor as images to be inserted. Editor will not be responsible for designing or formatting the ad.
- ✓ Ads of a personal nature, related to boats or boating, submitted by non-members may be placed at a cost of \$10 per issue, subject to review by the editor and providing they follow all guidelines in this policy.
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- ✓ Ads will appear in one issue only. Request for renewal must be made to the editor in writing and must include additional fee, as described above.
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