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Upcoming Events

August 11: [Dinner Meeting](#): Topic: Local Shellfish.

August 20: [Cruise to Gilligan's on Tailrace Canal](#)

September 10: Our safe boating course: [ABC Course](#). You can pre-register [here](#).

September 24: CSPS will sponsor a Motorboat Merit badge event at Lake Moultrie

October 7-9: [D/26 Fall Conference](#) (PDF) At Augusta, GA.

October 22: Annual Meeting & Oyster Roast. At [Headquarters](#).

November 12: ABC Course (see registration above)

November 18: Change of Watch.

December 10: 35th Annual Holiday Parade of Boats

Unless otherwise indicated, all events take place at **CSPS Headquarters, 1376 Orange Grove Road, 29407**. For up-to-date information on events, be sure to check the CSPS website, CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org.

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From The Bridge

Cdr Bill Quick, P

As we all swelter in the heat of summer – interrupted occasionally by thunderstorms – it’s time to recap how our Squadron is doing.

We continue to admire our newly-renovated headquarters building. Almost everything has been updated/improved/reviced, except the floor – and that will be re-done in the near future. Continued thanks to Paul Wood and our team of volunteers for their efforts. Be sure to read Paul’s report on page 12 in this issue of The Palmetto Log.

We’ve had some fascinating speakers at our meetings. And it’s great to welcome new members, and lots of guests, as well as sharing sea stories amongst us old salts. And many thanks to our AO, Donald D’Amaral, and his wife Kathy for their coordinating both speakers and victuals.

Our cruises have been a bit on the hairy side – that is, Blackbeard the pirate has made appearances in Charleston again, and no doubt he will yet again. Oh, in case you didn’t recognize him in his pirate

costume at the last dinner meeting, Karl Naugle is to blame. The cruise schedule for the rest of 2016 is posted at our website, at CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org.

Our SEO, Nelson Hicks, working together with Chazz Wilber and Dick Howells, have set the dates for two more ABC courses: September 10 and November 12. Tell a friend who’s new to boating that he/she can sign up for either course on-line: pre-registration is available from the homepage of our website. We’ll be announcing the Autumn class schedule soon.

Our Executive Committee has discussed the issues of dues in detail – we actually cut the Squadron dues to offset the increases that the District and National put in place. We weren’t too happy about this, and a letter was drafted, revised, and sent to the District Bridge, asking for their support for a motion that will be made at the autumn District meeting, to roll back the District dues.

CSPS has adopted the Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission’s, W.O. Thomas, Jr Boat Landing and did a double project there: a cleanup of the landing, and a Vessel Safety Check blitz. We plan to do it again later this year.

We’ve taken preliminary steps to launch a Sea Scout “ship” sponsored by CSPS, for teens of both sexes between the ages of 14 and 20. (A “Ship” is equivalent to a Boy Scout “troop”.) We’ll be looking for more adult volunteers, both male and female – check with Jeff La Rue if interested.

Looking forward to cooler weather and our traditional fall events. Our Annual Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 22 at Headquarters. And our Change of Watch will be held Friday November 18th at Headquarters.

The 35th Annual Holiday Parade of Boats will be held on Saturday evening, December 10, 2016. Dick Howell will again be our coordinator, and our Executive Officer, Jeff La Rue, who was instrumental in the publicity that led to last year’s success, will be heavily involved in this year’s event.

Our Youth activities continue – encourage your kids and grandkids to enter the annual poster contest – this year’s theme is “Make It Personal! It’s Your Life... It’s Your Lifejacket!” CSPS is also sponsoring a motor boating merit badge event at Camp Moultrie on September 24. Contact Billy Lynes for more info or to help out.

We continue to actively promote our activities on our website, CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org and at our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Charleston-Sail-and-Power-Squadron-377407758939948/> as well as in this newsletter, The Palmetto Log – our continued thanks to Wendy Walker for taking on the role of newsletter editor.

Thanks to everyone who’s volunteered; it’s due to the efforts of all of us that our squadron continues to thrive.



Report from the Education Department

SEO Nelson Hicks, SN

ABC Course. You can pre-register [here](#).

Classes are on **September 10 & November 12**

Fall Classes to be announced soon, if you have interest in a particular class, contact Nelson, let him know

Questions or comments regarding the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's Education Programs should be directed to SEO Nelson Hicks: (843) 270-6218 or nelsonhicks@comcast.net

Membership Update

By Joan Naugle

Long-time member Steve Rustin (whose father and grandfather were CSPA commanders) will be moving to Pennsylvania, but remaining a member of our squadron. We wish him well!

Also, the Gindharts have moved back from Indianland, SC and are again active in the squadron.

We have several new members who have joined us in 2016:

Michael & Mary Ellen Baily with daughter Mary Ellen

David & Lillian Billingsly

Denise Boyd

Joseph & Lynne Klosik

Bob & Bri Nelcoski with sons Bobby & Jack

Dereck Patterson

David & Karen Kaylor (transferred from the Charlotte Area)

Annie Simpson

Martha Sylvia

Please welcome all of these folks when you see them at a meeting or cruise!

Joan Naugle, Membership Chair

Charleston Cruises

Blackbeard's Treasure Hunt – June 18th



Blackbeard's pirate flag was spotted in the Charleston Harbor, along with a flotilla of wild adventurers, intent to find his legendary buried treasure.



Karl Naugle with Glenda & Alexandra LaRue and friend show off their Pirate Booty

The Invasion of Bass Creek – July 23



The kids fought off Nemo, while the adults lounged in the water, fun had by ALL!

Check the [CSPS web site](#) for future cruise information and details.
Thanks to Karl Naugle & Joe Ewalt for planning these events! **Join us!**

Safety Column

by P/C Harl Porter, SN

FIRE



Previous Safety Columns talked about Boat Fires, their causes and how to prevent them. However, house fires are a much greater danger to us all. On average, seven people die in U.S. home fires each day or 2,470 U.S. home fire deaths each year. Smoking materials account for 23% of home fire deaths. On average there are approximately 240 boat fires per year which result in an average of only five Boat Fire fatalities each year. Therefore, we're sharing a Safety Column about House Fires: Detection and Mitigation.



Scents (Smoke) cannot disrupt sleep



Loud Sounds (Alarm) can disrupt sleep

While sound can disrupt sleep, scents cannot. According to a new Brown University study, people cannot rely on their sense of smell to awaken themselves to the danger of fire. Therefore, the need for smoke / fire detectors (to create an awaking sound) when smoke / fire is detected. The sensor element in a smoke / fire detector only has a life of 10 years. **IF YOU SMOKE, SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIRE ALARMS THAT ARE OVER 10-YEARS OLD, NEED TO BE REPLACED.** If your house is over 10-years old, have you replaced your smoke/fire detectors?

FIRE (SMOKE) DETECTION



Smoke & CO Alarm



Photo & Ion Alarm



Heat Alarm

When replacing your smoke / fire detectors consider mixing the sensor technology. There are at least three different fire detection technologies. They are: 1) Smoke Detector, 2) Photoelectric and Ionization Detector and 3) 135°F Heat Detector. There are also Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Some detectors combine Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms. Other Smoke Alarms use two different technologies: Photoelectric and Ionization sensors. When I replaced 10-year old smoke detectors in my house, half the new alarms were integrated Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms and half the new alarms were Photoelectric and Ionization Alarms. I also added one 135°F Heat Alarm per floor.

FIRE MITIGATION

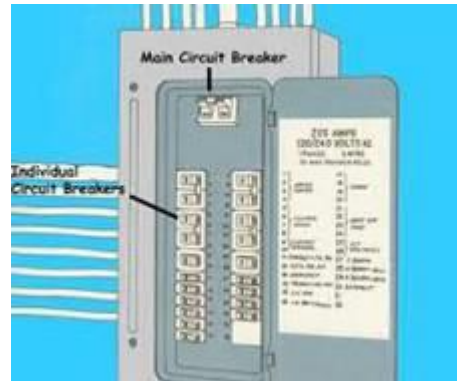
(for most home owners – Portable Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers)



Like Smoke / Fire Detectors, most residential / boat Fire Extinguishers also have a finite life. According to Manufacturer Kidde (Walter Kidde patented the first portable fire extinguisher in 1917), recommends replacing home dry chemical portable fire extinguishers after 12 years, even if no damage is found and the gauge is in the green. Check bottom of fire extinguisher for year of manufacture. They also recommend thumping the bottom of the fire extinguisher, once a year with a rubber hammer, to ensure that the dry chemicals do not cake in the bottom of container. **IF YOUR (Dry Chemical) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE OVER 12-YEARS OLD, THEY NEED TO BE REPLACED.** FYI - these suggestions are more stringent that what is required for a Vessel Safety Check

Your Safety Officer has fire extinguishers in his Master Bedroom and Upstairs Hall. They are new (replaced after 10-years when smoke detectors were replaced) 1A, 10 BC Dry Chemical fire

extinguisher. In the Kitchen, we have a smaller new 5BC Dry Chemical fire extinguisher. Forty-five percent of all Home Structure Fires start in the kitchen from cooking equipment.



Typical Home Breaker Panel

The first step to extinguish a class C (electrical) fire is by turning off its electricity. Turn off electricity at the branch circuit breaker, if you know which one to trip or at the Main Circuit Breaker (all power for the house). The electrical fire may start a Class A fire which can only be put out after the electricity is turned off.

Be Fire Safe on both your boat and at home. Make sure that your smoke (fire) alarms work and that your fire extinguishers are serviceable. Replace them when outdated. Early detection (from a smoke alarm) and immediate use of a fire extinguisher will probably prevent a small fire from becoming a major house fire.

Youth Outreach

by P/C Billy Lynes



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2016 Youth Safe Boating Poster Contest

2016 Theme:

“Make It Personal!

**It’s Your Life... It’s Your
Lifejacket!”**



Contest is intended to promote the understanding among youth aged 6-14 that safe boating is fun boating. Posters must be submitted by 05 September 2016 and must meet the requirements on the reverse of this sheet. Posters will be judged in three categories: ages 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. "Age" is defined as the age of the child when the poster is turned in. Local first place winners receive \$20, second place winners \$15, and third place winners \$10. Local winners advance to the district competition and then to the national contest, with cash prizes up to \$150. Best of luck to all our young artists! For questions or to turn in posters, contact poster chairperson Billy Lynes, 843-312-2876 or lynes@tds.net.

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While you’re entertaining those kids and grandkids over the summer, be sure to have them make a poster for the **2016 youth poster contest**. The theme this year is **“Make it personal! It’s your life...it’s your life jacket.”** For details, check the flyer above or available at headquarters or on our website. Posters are due by the September dinner meeting. I suggest reminding youngsters that the prizes are cash awards.

Deadline is September 5th

CHARLESTON SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

The Importance of No Wake Zones

Why we have No Wake zones

By Paul Wood

As responsible boaters we know that “No wake” zones are not just there to slow us down, their purpose is to prevent damage to the waterway, boat docks and last but not least, the boats and boaters at those docks and on the water. The day after the June cruise, I learned this the hard way when our boat, a rather robust 34ft trawler was damaged by one such wake.

Due to strong easterly winds in excess of 25 knots, we had to moor her temporarily on the outer transient dock at the Cooper River Marina, doubling up on the lines, and deploying all our fenders, we felt reasonably happy with the situation, and planned to move her to her own slip the following morning.

Unfortunately, the next morning, the wind was just as strong, so moving was postponed to the following day when the forecast looked much better. A good thing, since there is more commercial traffic on the River during the week. Shortly after noon I received the dreaded call from the marina “Mr. Wood, there’s a problem with your boat.”

The problem was that a 45ft boat had gone past the dock at speed, and way too close (probably blown off course by the easterly wind) the result was a large wake that washed right over the floating docks, lifting our heavy trawler up and against the dock, then letting her fall back against the dock as the wake receded, tearing a section of the dock bumper away and smashing the very substantial teak and bronze rub-rail that runs around the hull.



The good thing about all this, was that the marina staff saw the wake, radioed the boat to slow down and noted the name off the transom. Over a couple of days, some good networking by the marina staff discovered the home port of the boat (fortunately local) and the owner’s name. He contacted me promptly, was very apologetic and shared his insurance details with me.

We are now just over a month from the occurrence, the insurance company has cut a check, a boatyard has been identified to haul the boat, and CSPA member Tim Taylor – Ashley River Boatworks is going to carry out the repairs. Likely timing that works for all parties is the month of October. After that we will be back in business ready for one of the fall cruises!

The take away from all this is that those exposed dock positions do add risk, although sometimes they are unavoidable, and excessive wakes do have consequences especially near marina facilities, so we all need to respect those no wake zones. This would have been a much more painful experience to my pocketbook had the marina staff not been so vigilant and resourceful, and I consider myself very fortunate to have an ABYC Master Technician available and willing to do the repair.

Gold Loop Adventure

By Bob Kovach



On May 2nd 2016, Capt. Helen Kovach, secures the engines for an extended season stay at the Cocoa Village Marina, Cocoa, FL

She will take an extended rest from her 3.5 years at the helm, cruise planning, navigation and close to 5,900 miles of rivers, locks, bridges, tugs/tows and 25.5 hours across the Gulf of Mexico from Apalachicola, to Clearwater, FL

Great Job! Capt. Helen, and BRAVO ZULU from Chief Eng. Bob onboard the ALLEZ!

Follow the [link](#) to read the **FULL** story of Bob & Helen Kovach's Amazing Adventure
Congratulations!

Did You Know...

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://CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org/mobile/>

HQ Renovation Update

By Paul Wood – Housing Chair

The second quarter has been mainly about planning and tidying up loose ends. We had a meeting to decide how to hang our artwork to give a more cohesive appearance and following that we had a small workday to make the installation in early June. We have been working to find a better way to display new, up to date versions of the local charts that we had on the wall, several donations from interested members and some serious shopping around will allow us to complete this project before classes start in the fall, with the charts being displayed in aluminum frames, rather than taped to the wall as they were before. An added advantage is that in future we can easily change out the charts for new ones for only the cost of replacement charts.

Completion of the PA speaker relocation to the ceiling should be complete by the August dinner meeting, and soon after the dinner meeting we will be having workdays to remove the old blue carpet from the lobby, hallway, class room and bar room, prior to its replacement with interlocking wood plank-look vinyl flooring which is being installed professionally. CSPS Member Drew Phillips from the Carpet Shop in Summerville has contracted to do that work. There will be volunteer opportunities for carpet removal, furniture relocation and shoe molding trim painting and installation. Let myself Paul Wood or Rick Cone know if you would like to help with this.

Apart from the ladies' restroom renovation, which has already been paid for by generous donors, the above activities will consume the remaining renovation funds. We have been very fortunate to have generous donations from several members that have enabled us to progress this far, if you would like to make a donation towards future planned projects such as the carpet replacement in the main room, please contact our Treasurer, Ken Fonville or our Commander Bill Quick.



Classified Ads

Wind Elephant, My 38-foot 2001 Hunter 380 sailboat is for sale. Boat is located at Spring Cove Marina in Solomons Maryland. Asking price (for a private sale) is \$78,000. Pictures and information on the boat can be located on the internet at www.yachtworld.com or "Google" Hunter 380.

DON'T call the broker;

Contact **Harl Porter** at 107Harl@sc.rr.com or **843.832.9423**.



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- ✓ 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.
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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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