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**August 10:** [Dinner Meeting](#). At [Headquarters](#).

**September 14:** [Dinner Meeting](#). At [Headquarters](#).

**September 16:** Next [ABC Course](#). At [Headquarters](#).

**October Oyster Roast TBA**

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## **From The Bridge**

Cdr Jeff LaRue, P



Summer is sailing past quickly and the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron (CSPS) is as busy as ever. We've continued to succeed on the three points our Trident Strategy laid out at the beginning of the year. Membership is up, our finances are stronger and our activity calendar is robust.

We successfully hosted the United States Power Squadron's District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous. The event attracted 99 squadron members from across South Carolina and parts of Georgia, 44 of them participated in our on the water activities. That same weekend we assisted Tall Ships America's visit to Charleston by leading their opening event, the "Parade of Sail" with 26 volunteer escort vessels. It was a

busy weekend and the executive committee is very proud of everyone that pitched in to make it a success.

Online, and in concert with the USPS new brand "America's Boating Club," we have acquired the new website address [CharlestonsBoatingClub.org](http://CharlestonsBoatingClub.org). We hope the address and new branding advertising helps to further drive membership success.

Our other recent organized activities have included ongoing educational classes, cruises, a Blackbeard-themed harbor scavenger hunt, a night out to watch the Charleston River Dogs and a beach cleanup at Capers Island. We continue to live up to the challenge to be Charleston's most active boating club.

Public service is an important part of America's Boating Club's mission and we take that seriously in Charleston. We have adopted the W.O. Thomas boat landing and conduct cleanups. We teach boating safety and offer free vessel safety checks and we organize the annual Charleston Holiday Parade of Boats just to name a few.

I've recently become aware of some of our recent, unofficial public service activities that may be just as important. Since our last Palmetto Log, our members have been involved in at least four on the water rescues or calls for assistance. We even had members assist the Charleston County Sheriff's office in a recent search for a young girl that was lost while swimming in the Stono River.

Our organizational success is something to be proud of, but these tales of our members, living up to the oath, to provide assistance when possible, that make by heart swell. Thank you all for all you do for Charleston's Boating Club and for your important service to our community.

Here's to continued success in 2017, may the rest of your summer be filled with on-the-water fun and the joy of lasting friendship.



## **Webmaster and Facebook Update**

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**We're active on Facebook:** We're frequently adding new items and photos to our open Facebook group, at <https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonsBoatingClub.org/> This group is open for everyone to see, and promotes our Squadron's activities to everyone on Facebook.

There's also a recent private Facebook group for CSPS members only, **CSPS Cruise and Event Group Private** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1815301965354230/> This is a private group for Charleston Sail and Power Squadron members to share cruise and activity details & photos. If you are a CSPS member, on Facebook, and would like to be added to the private group, let us know.

**The Squadron's Website:** As mentioned in the last issue of the Palmetto Log, the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron website has a new tagline: **Charleston's Boating Club**. You'll find this tagline at the masthead of our homepage, and near the top of almost every page at the website. (Our older domain names, CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org and CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.com, still work, and go to exactly the same content.)

We also recently started a new section on the CSPS website, displaying pictures and details of our members' watercraft. Be sure to take a look at some of our boats, at [CharlestonsBoatingClub.org/boats/](http://CharlestonsBoatingClub.org/boats/) If you want a photo and info about your boat added to our flotilla, send me a photo and text!

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:

- We have updated the Five-Year Facility Upgrade Plan at <http://charlestonsboatingclub.org/InternalPages/5yearplan.htm>
- We've posted lots of pictures of the CSPS escorting the **Tall Ships' Parade of Sail**, and the **D26 Cruise and Rendezvous**. You'll find them on our Facebook page, and there are links to these photos at our website, at the **What's New** page <http://charlestonsboatingclub.org/InternalPages/wn.htm>
- There's the announcement of our **2017 Youth Safe Boating Poster Contest**. This year's theme is "Welcome to the Neighborhood!" Deadline for submissions will be September 14.

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/>

## **Report from the Education Department**

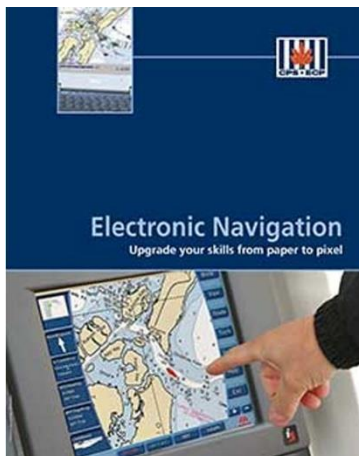
ASEO Chazz Wilber

### **Fall Courses**

- 1) Electronic Navigation - Tuesday, 9/12 - Harl Porter - 9 weeks - 6:30 pm
- 2) American's Boating Course (ABC) - Saturday, 9/16 - One Day  
Registration 8:15 am
- 3) Weather - Monday, 9/18 - Ken Fonville, Ed Kridler - 8 weeks - 6:30 pm
- 4) Piloting - Wednesday, 9/20 - Dick Howells - 8 sessions - 6:30 pm
- 5) Seamanship - Tuesday, 10/3 - Donna & Billy Lynes - 8 sessions- 6:30 pm

### **Electronic Navigation Class**

Starting Tues September 12 at 6:30pm. This is the third of three Marine Electronics classes, the other two (Marine Electrical Systems and Marine Communications Systems) which were taught last year. There are no prerequisites for this class.



This Canadian Power Squadron class has been adopted by USPS for use by all of our squadrons. This class concentrates on GPS Navigation; but class will include extra material on Depth Sounders, Radar, AIS and Electronics Maintenance. You will learn to navigate using GPS and paper charts as well as electronic charting devices. This course will allow the pleasure craft operator to navigate safely knowing his exact location at all times. Class will be taught by P/C (and Past Staff Commander for Marine Electronics) Harl Porter, SN. Extensive material has been added to this class to bring it up to date and cover all aspects of Marine Navigational Systems. A DVD will be given to each student that contains all class room slides plus extra (not tested) chapters on Depth Sounder, Radar, AIS and Electronics

Maintenance.

**Contact Harl at [107Harl.sc.rr.com](mailto:107Harl.sc.rr.com)** if you have questions on this class.

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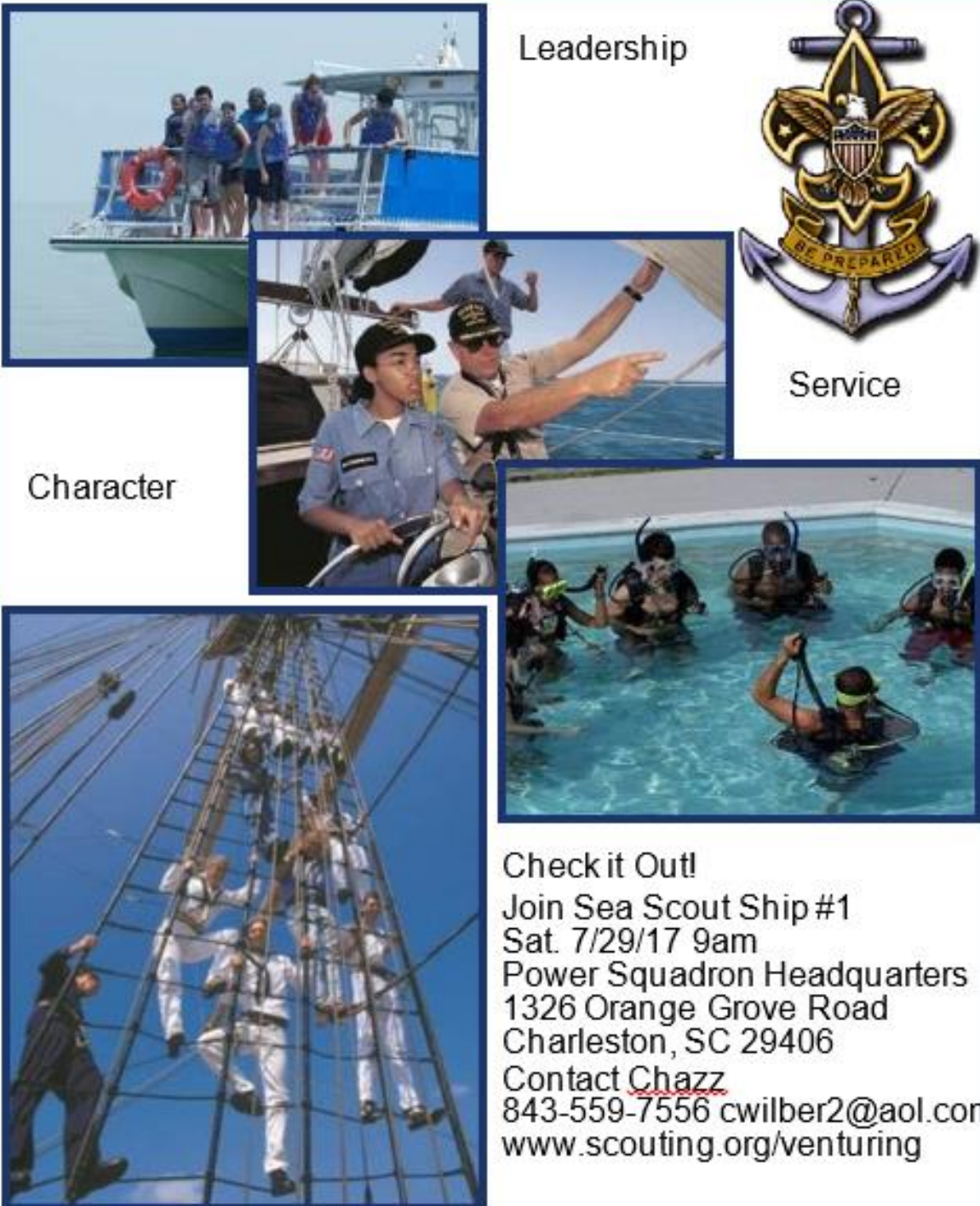
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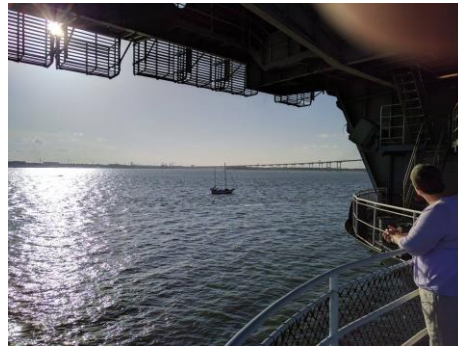
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## **Charleston Spring Cruise & Rendezvous Wrap up**

by Joan Naugle

The District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous held here in Charleston on May 19 – 21 was a huge success, due mainly to the many wonderful volunteers who made it all possible. An event like this cannot succeed without many helping hands. Ninety-Five Power Squadron members from around South Carolina and Georgia attended the weekend of fun held at Patriot's Point. They arrived by boat and car and tied up at various marinas. Thanks to Paul Wood for checking with Marinas and gathering details for the visiting boaters. On Saturday, our members took them on their boats for a Charleston Harbor tour in sunny, breezy weather. Saturday evening everyone enjoyed dinner on the Fantail of the Yorktown. We completed the weekend with a wonderful brunch at our Headquarters.



**Figure 1 – of and from the Yorktown**

Many people earned my thanks and praise for pitching in and helping. Registration was handled by Steph and Bill Quick, Kathy D'Amaral, Gina and Jim DeBrum and Joe Ewalt. It ran very smoothly thanks to JoAnn Ewalt who had the enormous task of collecting all of the registrations mailed in from all over the district and organizing them into a workable spreadsheet. She provided packets for each family with meal tickets and an auction bidding number (a very important item!) They also received gift bags assembled by Lillian and David Billingsly.

The Hospitality Room with snacks and drinks was set up and kept supplied by Edie Wood, Charlene Kahn, Jill Dalrymple and Ann Fonville. Thanks to Bri Nelcoski for purchasing tasty treats for participants to enjoy while there. Bartenders Ken Fonville, Joe Ewalt, and Donald D'Amaral, Jill, Edie, and others kept their glasses full! While people relaxed, they were able to "shop" at our silent auction, thanks to the 150 donated items. Jill Dalrymple helped set up and organize it so that it looked enticing to buyers. It worked! We made several hundred dollars! Many thanks to KB and Cindy Jennings who donated 2 carloads of items. Sincere thanks to ALL who donated gift baskets, books, boating items and pictures among other things. Harl Porter donated the "heaviest" item (a 5 hp motor), and Bev and Tony Marchesani donated the "coolest" item (a boat refrigerator.)

A cruise can't occur without boats on which to do the cruising. Thanks to Paul Wood, BK Dalrymple, Rob Turkewitz, Jeff La Rue, Mike Fauss, Rick Cone, Joe Ewalt, Bob Turbeville and Karl Naugle for taking our guests out on a harbor tour. Thanks to Dereck Patterson for serving as a tour guide on Paul's boat, too. When returning from the cruise, everyone raved about the great fun they had.



Concluding the conference on Sunday was a wonderful brunch orchestrated by Glenda La Rue at our headquarters. Approximately 70 of our guests joined us for delicious foods donated by our members. Kathy D'Amaral, Lillian Billingsly, Rick Cone, Charlene Kahn, Joan Naugle, Betsy Porter, Stephanie Quick, and Edie Wood provided brunch treats. Our bartenders prepared liquid refreshments before sending them on their way... making sure they were safe to drive, of course.

Boaters needing rides to docks and brunch were chauffeured by Bill Quick, Don D'Amaral, Karl Naugle and Jim Debrum.

Figure 2 - Sunday Brunch

Everyone's help and support made it a wonderful weekend for all of us. My special thanks go to Jo Ann Ewalt for being registrar and helping me select menu choices and making other decisions, Glenda La Rue for organizing and running the brunch and helping with menu and other suggestions, Ken Fonville for serving as our Treasurer, advisor and chief bartender, and our commander, Jeff La Rue for his continued support and encouragement throughout the entire planning and preparation process.

In Appreciation for a great weekend, Joan Naugle





## Charleston Cruises

By Karl Naugle



### **Blackbeard's Revenge Cruise 7/22/17**

Well it all happened as if in a fairy tale.

The stolen boat Seaquel was anchored near Ft Sumter. One by one the CSPS boats came to get their treasure hunt clues and CHARTS. First was Eventide with Tim Taylor and Enoch Sherman. Then Bill and Stef Quick accompanied by Wendy Walker as crew made the boat to boat transfer. Next was MaiTime with CDR Jeff and Glenda with Alexandra La Rue, Gavin and Marin Gerspacher & Heather and Troy Gerspacher (relatives) came along for the fun! The crew was all armed and ready to defend their vessel. Then came the Kahns, Doug as captain, Rick and Charlene were crew, picked up their maps. While the bounty hunters were looking for their treasure the last boat arrive at the raft up. Bob and Bri Nelcoski along with their sons Jack and Bobby, who also came armed this year.

So, everyone was close enough in solving the clues, to get the Gold coins. They were awarded plastic replicas to be exchanged at the next meeting for the true coins.

But the overall winner with photo proof and the most correct answers were the crew of vessel MaiTime. The crew won a \$1,000,000 candy bar.

They had all settled down for a wonderful lunch and healthy snack when that sneaky Nemo came up to protect

Blackbeard. But this year he was met with a barrage of water guns than sunk his little fins because his gun failed to repel them.

So, the cruise lasted from 1100 to 1530 with almost the whole crew in the water to cool off. One by one they all unleashed their boats and headed home. A good time was had by all. Enoch said it best, when he said he had never been on a raft up before and it was great. Tim tied up with us and it was his first raft up as well. See come for fun and enjoy it.

The best part of the day was the fact that we were right by Ft Sumter and Captain Doug Kahn ferried everyone to shore for a free visit to the fort.

It's a national park so admission is free if you come in your own boat.

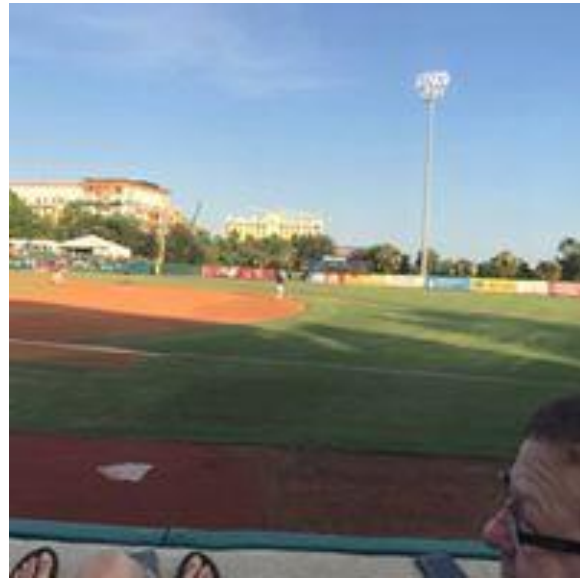
So, the variety of activities has something for everyone.

Captain Blackbeard and Nemo left a message. **"Keep a wary eye matey, you never know, when we will return to the Harbor known as Charleston"**



Figure 3 – Squadron Swimmers hunting Nemo

## **Riverdogs July 7th**



Next two cruises are the Eclipse Special August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:38pm and the Morris lighthouse lead by Mike Fauss. August 26th

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

## **Membership**

**We welcome 3 new members:**

Richard Deegan,  
Zach Liollo, and  
Ann Fonville (who has transferred from their former squadron).

## **Rescue at Sea**

Harl and Karl (Porter and Naugle) rescued a boater in the water next to his swamped Kayak.

On a Wednesday in July, after lunch in Shem Creek, Palmetto Elephant came across a swamped kayak with a person in the water holding on to its side. He had fallen out of the kayak, and could not get back into it. Picture is from the internet and is not an actual picture of the incident.



We stopped near him and asked if he needed help (it was obvious that he did and that he was tired). It was noted that he WAS NOT wearing his life jacket. After going "dead in the water" near him, he approached our swim platform. The boarding ladder was lowered, we took the kayak "under tow", and he was able to climb the boarding ladder (with difficulty) and got onto the boat's swim platform. Several items were taken out of the kayak (including an unused life jacket) so that Karl and Harl could invert the kayak to empty it of water; then it was returned to the water.

We asked if he had been swamped by a power boat wake? The reply was "No," that he fell out retrieving a paddle.

We asked if we were the first boat to see him in distress in the water? The reply was "Yes", we were the first boat to pass by.

That was good news: he had not been overturned by the wake from a bad boater and we were the first boat to see him in the water. Can you imagine a boat not stopping to help?

Harl and Betsy Porter had been kayaking on the Edisto River on the 4th of July. We both wore our inflatable life jackets all the time we were on the water and each life jacket had an attached whistle.

The grateful kayaker thanked us and shook our hands before getting back into his kayak. We felt sorry for the kayaker (believe he had a close call) and did not give him a Safety Lecture (in hind sight we should have insisted that he put on his life jacket before reentering his kayak). Wear a life jacket when kayaking with an attached whistle. They could save your life especially if there is not a Good Samaritan around to rescue you.

## Youth Outreach

by P/C Billy Lynes

Thank you, Charleston Sail and Power Squadron, for your support of a very successful America's Boating Course on July 15th at our headquarters. Sixteen youth and two adults were successfully educated about safe boating.

We have several upcoming events with plenty of opportunities for you to help with our youth outreach. On September 9th, CSPA will offer our fifth annual **Motorboating at Moultrie** event at Camp Moultrie on Lake Moultrie where Boy Scouts can earn a motor boating merit badge. All help is deeply appreciated, especially by the boys who earn the badge.

CSPA will also sponsor an activity station at the **Cub Scout Mom & Me** campout on Wadmalaw Island on September 30th. This event consistently draws 300 or more children in grades K-4 and offers an opportunity for us to spread the **Wear It!** message to a large group of youngsters in a single day. Boys will build a boat, race it in a rain gutter, and learn some basic boating safety. We'd love to have your help with this.



Don't forget our poster contest in September. Time is running out for you to involve children in your family and in your neighborhood. The contest is open to kids aged 6-14. Posters will be judged at the September 14th dinner meeting.

If you'd like to help out with either event,  
Please contact Billy or Donna Lynes [lynes@tds.net](mailto:lynes@tds.net) (843) 312-2876



## **HQ Renovation Update**

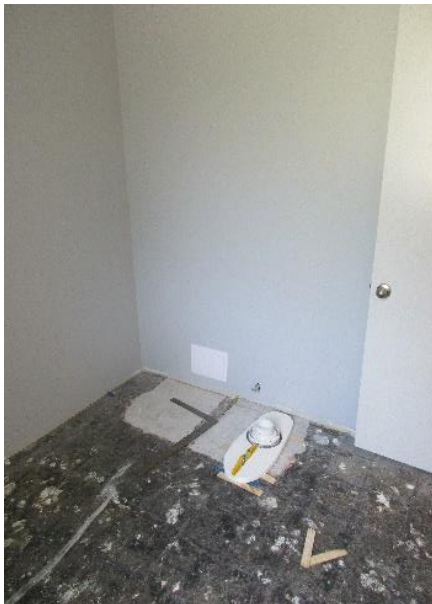
By Paul Wood – Housing Chair

### **Ladies Restroom Renovation**



The housing committee is busy implementing a long overdue renovation of this small room, in a modern open plan style. The blue carpet and the one-inch step are gone, to be replaced by a seamless cleanable floorcovering, the partitions are gone and the ceiling has been raised by a foot. All the old water supply lines were replaced, a water shut-off valve for the whole building has been included behind a panel next to the toilet, the corner closet has been re-built

to house the water heater and will have new wire storage shelving for paper goods and cleaning materials, and the old plywood wall paneling has been replaced by drywall. We are about half way through and expect to be ready by the September dinner meeting. With the exception of drywall finishing all work is being done by the committee.



The best is yet to come, and in the spirit of new car designs, will be kept under wraps until the Grand Opening. Much of the funding for this project came from a member family to whom we are extremely grateful.

Paul and Rick

## **News from National**

### **Test Your Mustang Life Jacket**

Stf/C Allan. B. Furtado, SN - National Safety Committee

We are always told as a Vessel Examiner to wear our life jackets to project the idea of safety to the boating public. I am sure that most VEs have done so over the past 8 years that we have had them.

Now as we head into the boating season and all of the associated activities, I would suggest that the first thing a VE should do is examine and test his/her Mustang Inflatable life jacket. It is suggested that this operation be performed every 2 to 3 months. I bet you have not even done it once in the 8 years you have had the jackets. I am suggesting this exercise because we have found a few jackets that won't hold air. If one of these is found I suggest that it be destroyed and disposed of because the total life expectancy is only 10 years.

So how do we test our jacket? Open it up along the Velcro seams as shown in Figure 1 until it looks like figure 2. Then remove the cap on the oral inflation tube (shown in figure 2) and inflate the Life Jacket orally.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Then keep the jacket inflated overnight. If it fails to hold air all night it is defective. If it holds air ok, then reverse the oral inflation cap and compress the jacket to remove all of the air. Once deflated, replace the cap to its original position and fold the sides back and press the Velcro seams to hold the jacket together.

Now if you happen to really need the jacket while doing a VSC (Heaven forbid you fall into the water) the life jacket would be known to be useable.

## **Safety Column**

by P/C Harl Porter, SN

### **DON'T TRUST LUCK, ALWAYS BE SAFE**

What bad (unsafe) habits have you acquired after several years of boating? After completing the Basic Power Squadron Safe Boating Class, we knew how to be a safe boater. Unfortunately, after years of boating we may have learned unsafe boating habits. DNR Captain Robert McCullough said: "If you go out a lot, one's familiar always breeds content." Unless we practice safe boating every time we go out on the water, the law of averages will eventually catch up with us, and a preventable accident will happen.



At the end of May there was a boat fire here in Charleston near the fuel dock at Harborage at Ashley Marina. The blaze sank the boat on fire and damaged the boat next to it. The people on the boat escaped uninjured before their burning boat sank. Cause of the fire was not immediately known. My guess that they had gas (and gas fumes) in the bilge, add a spark and you have a flash fire.

We learned in our first Safe Boating Class to open the bilge before starting the boat (especially after fueling) and checking for fuel in the bilge. If fuel was detected (visually), immediately get off the boat and call the fire department. If no fuel was noted during the visual inspection, we were then taught to run the boat's blower for five (5) minutes (to vent any gas fumes out of the engine compartment) before starting the engine. After five minutes of running the blower, only then start the engine. After starting the engine, it is a good practice to again open the engine compartment and look for any problems (hoses leaking, belts slipping, etc.).

Before restarting your boat (after lunch, anchoring, drifting, etc.); again, check the bilge and run the bilge blower before restating your engine.

How many times have you started your boat without first checking the bilge and running the bilge blower for five minutes? Just because you got by with this bad habit in the past, does not mean that the next time you start you boat, without being safe, that a bad thing may happen.

Don't trust luck, every time before starting your engine, check your bilge for fuel and use your bilge blower.

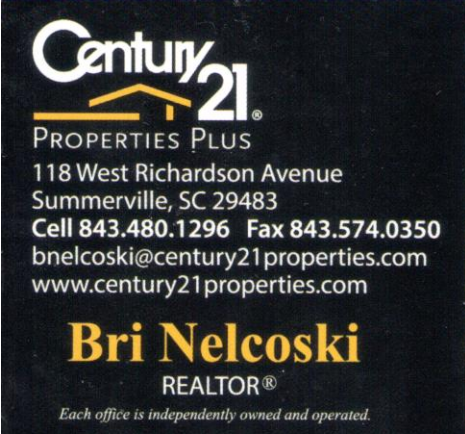
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- ✓ Checks should be payable to CSPS. Ads will be run only if payment has been made prior to or accompanying submission of ad copy.
- ✓ Ads will appear in one issue only. Request for renewal must be made to the editor in writing and must include additional fee, as described above.
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