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## Coming Events

21 September - Beach Sweep / River Sweep -- 0900  
27-29 September - Cruise to Georgetown  
28 September - Motorboating Merit Badge class  
(Boy Scouts) at Camp Moultrie - 0900

3 October - ExCom Meeting - 1830  
4-6 October - D26 Fall Conference and COW  
10 October - NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
12 October - ABC Class - 0800  
19 October - Wooden Boat Show (Georgetown)  
26 October - Oyster Roast - Toad Hall -- 1530  
31 October - Deadline for submission to 15 November  
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9 November - CSPS Change of Watch - Old Santee Canal Park  
Interpretive Center -- 1800  
14 November - NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
17 November - Cruise to Bohicket Marina

7 December - Holiday Parade of Boats (Charleston Harbor) - 1700  
12 December - Holiday Party - 1800  
14 December - Cruise to Charleston Yacht Club  
31 December - Deadline for submission to 15 January  
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**All Events at Headquarters --- 1376 Orange Grove Road - unless otherwise noted.**

For the most up-to-date information on CSPS activities, check the Calendar on the squadron's website at  
[CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org](http://CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org).

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*Join the celebration as United States Power Squadrons® marks 100 years of service to the nation’s boating community!*



## Message from the Commander Cdr Donna Lynes, SN



Seems like summer just began and here it is, ninety rainy days later, and it's over. Hope you enjoyed some good boating in there somewhere and if not, there is still time here in the South.

Meanwhile, we have some great CSPS fall events coming up. Fall classes are starting now, but you can probably still get in if you let our Education Officer Nelson Hicks know today. If that's too much commitment for you, maybe you can come out and help with Beach Sweep on 21 September. If you like to work with young people, maybe you'd like to help with the Boy Scout motor-boating merit badge later this month. If you are a vessel examiner, let me encourage you to get out and do a few last minute safety checks. The VSC team is within single digits of their goal of 100 exams this year (Way to go, team!). Lots of members are very busy working for this organization, but there are still many opportunities to help us make CSPS stronger. Look for more information elsewhere in the Log.

Our next ABC class is 12 October. Members, we could really use your help, particularly with recruiting some adults into the class. The effort to get young people involved is going very well, but we need to do some cheerleading to keep a balance of adults in the mix. I know many of you belong to churches, marinas, neighborhood associations, civic groups, and other clubs with adult memberships. When the ABC flyer comes out soon, be sure to spread the word among your friends and neighbors and post a flyer somewhere.

I hope all of you will join us for some light-hearted Halloween fun at Toad Hall 26 October for our annual oyster roast. Remember this is a fundraiser, so the more people we have, the more we make. Invite a friend or two to come with you. Not into oysters? No problem—we'll have hot dogs and hamburgers ready for you. I have my witch costume all ready.

It's still a ways off, but I hope you will join us for our annual Change of Watch. This year's COW will be at Old Santee Canal Park Interpretive Center in Moncks Corner. It is a beautiful venue and its use has been donated to us by Santee Cooper, a four-digit savings to CSPS. I encourage you to arrive early and browse the displays at the center to learn about the historic significance of the canal. During the cocktail hour, we'll be entertained by the skittle jazz band Charleston Hot Shots. They'll be playing tunes from the Roaring Twenties and giving Charleston dance lessons to the adventurous (and giggles to the rest). This is our opportunity to thank those who have served in the past year and encourage those who will serve in the coming year. Don't be put off by the drive. It's only 15 minutes past Goose Creek and four lanes all the way on a Saturday evening when traffic is not heavy. It's a small price for the significant savings to the squadron.

Now if it's not raining, go enjoy some boating!

## Message from the Executive Officer Lt/C Karl Naugle, P

Ahoy! Comments from the bridge:



**How about we change our tack and get involved in some fun things? Here are a few that were buried in the USPS News Blast.**

The **2013 Annual Meeting** in Jacksonville will mark the beginning of a year-long celebration of the USPS® 100th Anniversary!

**Every squadron and district in USPS is urged to share their pride and commitment to boating safety and education with community celebrations and to participate with fellow members by having their community successes featured on this 100th Anniversary website.**

[usps.org/100](http://usps.org/100). Is the site for the year.

This site will also serve as the primary resource for descriptions of USPS 100th Anniversary activities and as a source for tools to help squadrons and districts with their own celebrations. It is administered as a function of the 100th Anniversary Committee chaired by **P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP**, reporting to **V/C Robert Baldrige, SN**.

We have the most fun as a squadron when we are doing things. So let's go do some!

### **Centennial Cruise Information Update**

It's not too late to join your fellow USPS members from all over on this fantastic cruise. Itinerary: Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, USVI; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Group pricing is still available but several categories have sold out already so don't delay. Inside staterooms from \$819pp, outside staterooms from \$979pp, verandah stateroom from \$1099pp, suite from \$1879pp, (plus Gov' fees and taxes of \$120.69pp).

The cruise departs Sunday, 2 February, immediately following the conclusion of the 2014 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. Group transportation is being arranged from the Jacksonville Hyatt to the Port of Fort Lauderdale the morning of 2 February for a nominal fee for those who are interested in a one way transfer to the ship—members who are flying in to Jacksonville to attend the meeting and then riding the charter bus down to the Port. The ship returns to the Port of Fort Lauderdale at 7:00 a.m. on 9 February. Cruisers should plan to return home via flights out of Fort Lauderdale or Miami. Any Sunday flights should not be scheduled until after 1 p.m. to allow for disembarkation, luggage pickup and travel to the airport. Others who attend the meeting are either driving down to the port or flying into Fort Lauderdale or Miami the day before the cruise.

In order to be included in the USPS Centennial Group and the exclusive events for our group, you must contact Dawn Eckhart at [dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com](mailto:dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com) or call her at (727) 403-0406 to join us on this spectacular celebration cruise!

**From the Education Department  
Lt/C Nelson Hicks, SN**

Congratulations to Paul Mitchell who successfully completed Junior Navigation last month.

Our last ABC class 10Aug included five adults and seven teenagers. All passed both the Power Squadron and SC DNR proficiency tests. Our next ABC class is scheduled for 12 October. If you have boating associates who would benefit from this class, please have them contact Dick Howells for registration information.

Fall classes begin 11 September for Engine Maintenance, 16 September for Seamanship, 16 September for Cruise Planning, and 17 September for Weather. If cruising is in your thoughts for now or in the future, the Cruise Planning course is a great way to help you decide and to lay out a plan. We still have Cruise Planning materials available for the 16 September start or even for a late starter. Please email me if you have any course questions.

**From the Youth Outreach Program  
P/C Billy Lynes, SN**

To date, 326 youngsters have become better informed/educated by your Charleston Sail and Power Squadron grant-funded youth outreach program. Our next effort will be a motor-boating merit badge for Boy Scouts, conducted at Camp Moultrie on 28 September.

Also, if you know of any teens who could benefit from our ABC course (which results in the state boat operator's license for youth), that class will be held on 12 October. Tuition for teens can be paid from grant funds.

Finally, if you have contact with any youth group that may benefit from a safe boating presentation, I'd be glad to put together a program that suits their needs. Please contact me at [lynes@tds.net](mailto:lynes@tds.net) or 843-312-2876.



## From the New CSPS Webmaster William Quick, S

The CSPS website has undergone a number of changes recently - please take a look.

- 1) We have a new easy-to-remember domain name:

[CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org](http://CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org)

The website is still housed on the USPS.org website, at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/> but we'll encourage folks to use our new domain name. By the way, capitalization doesn't matter if you type the name into your web-browser: typing any capitalization variation (such as CHARLESTONSAILANDpowerSQUADRON.org) will work just fine.

- 2) The website now has a consistent appearance, with a pale yellow background color on the main part of each page and with a light blue band at the top, and a listing of major webpages on the left. If you wish, you can watch for the rotating photographs at the top of the page and see if you can identify the scenes! (Hint: there's a small graphic of our burgee in the top-left corner of each interior webpage. Clicking on the burgee is another way to get back to the home page.)





3) The website now has a search feature. Look on the left side of any webpage for the word “Search” to launch the search webpage, where you will find a search box, and excruciatingly detailed instructions on how the search feature might be used. (Hint: there's also a search box at the very bottom of

- 4) There are several new webpages, and more to come later:
- Cruise Schedule
  - Directions to HQ
  - Other Interesting Websites
  - What's New
  - Site Map

These can be reached by clicking on the links at the left side of the webpage.



I'd welcome your feedback on the website. If you find any broken links, typos, errors, outdated information, or other glitches, please let me know. What other features would you want to see? Suggestions for additional content are welcome! [wwq@swq.com](mailto:wwq@swq.com)

**Do You Know the Boat Captains in the CSPS?  
Report Prepared by Lt. Carl Huff, AP  
Vessel Safety Coordinator**

Hello fellow squadron members! Did you know we have a number of USCG certified boat captains in our Charleston squadron? It takes a lot of work, “sea days”, and commitment to get and keep this certification from the US Coast Guard. Getting the “little red passport book” is not an easy task but well worth the time invested. Many of these members also have other credentials, such as a towing endorsement, a sailing endorsement, radar, etc. Some work for towing companies, have boat touring companies, or pickup/deliver boats utilizing their license privileges.

Here are some of our members with a captain’s license:

**Jim Hackett – 50 ton master**  
**Carl Huff – 50 ton master**  
**Bob & Helen Kovach – 50 ton master**  
**David Leaphart – 200 ton master**  
**John Meyenberg – 100 ton master**  
**Paul Mitchell – OUPV**  
**Harl Porter – 50 ton master**  
**Charles Rogers – 100 ton master**  
**Kathy Rogers – 100 ton master**  
**Elizabeth Wenner – 100 ton master**

If you are interested in getting more information on becoming a captain, you can contact Sea School’s web site : <http://www.seaschool.com>, or the Coast Guard Maritime Center web site : <http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/>

Your CSPS training in courses such as piloting, advanced piloting, and navigation will help you tremendously in preparing to take the Sea School classes for your OUPV (“Six pack” license) or upgrading to Master.

If you have other specific questions, please contact one of the captains listed above and I am sure they will be glad to help you.

Safe boating,  
“Captain Carl” Huff





# Let's get down and dirty!

## BEACH SWEEP/RIVER SWEEP

### 21 September 2013



Our adopted area is W.O. Thomas (Leeds Ave.) landing, Wappoo landing, and the river in between. Meet at W.O. Thomas 0900. If you have a runabout, jon boat, kayak, or other small boat that can get into the marsh, that's great. We could use a larger boat to shuttle trash from the smaller boats. For those with no suitable boat, there's a place for you as crew or cleaning on the shore. Wear shoes that can get nasty. Bring gloves and pickup claws if you have them. We have vests, some gloves, and plenty of bags. Our site captain is Billy Lynes. Let him know if you want a Beach Sweep t-shirt. Last year they were \$10. We will end the effort with a hot dog celebration and wrap up around 1300. Participation is a great way to show the boating community that we care and earn some credit toward a merit mark to boot!

## *September Cruise: Georgetown!*

Our September cruise is to Georgetown, scheduled for 27-29 September. This is one of my favorite cruises, up the ICW through some beautiful areas. I encourage you to join us. It is about a four-hour cruise traveling at 20 to 25 knots or a 2 hour trip by auto. Boaters will stay at Georgetown Landing Marina. Make your reservation by calling 843-546-1776. More information can be found at <http://georgetownlandingmarina.com/>. For those of you planning to drive, there is a Hampton Inn immediate adjacent to the marina. There is also a nice little bar/restaurant adjacent to both the hotel and the marina. I will make reservations for dinner in downtown Georgetown on Saturday evening.

Elise and I will be leaving Rivers Edge marina on Saturday about 1000. We can make arrangement to meet anyone who would like to join us for the cruise. Once we know who is going and when, I will try to arrange a Friday time and location for those who would like to travel together on Friday.

**Please let me know if you plan to join the cruise, when you expect to get to the marina, and whether you will be traveling by boat or by car as soon as possible.** If you would like to, but don't have access to a boat, let me know and I will try to find seat(s) on one of the boats that will be going.

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*Remember to contact CSPS Boating Activities Director Elizabeth Wenner, shown here on Sojourner, for information related to cruises or other on-water events. Elizabeth can be reached at (843) 442-2253 or [elizabethwenner@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethwenner@gmail.com).*

# Charleston Sail and Power Squadron

# BOO BLAST

## Annual Oyster Roast Fundraiser

26 October 2013  
Toad Hall, home of Joyce and Fred Wichmann  
125 Riverland Drive

Arrive by boat and get a free drink. Arrive by broom or headless horse and get free drinks all night. Dust off your Halloween costume (or not) and join the fun!



The oyster roast will be preceded by a short business meeting at 1530 to take care of our annual election and other business. After that we'll have burgers and dogs and tons of fixin's and desserts, and, oh yeah. . . . OYSTERS! All you can eat just \$25 per person, children free. Fun starts around 1600, food starts at 1700. Bring your friends, your grandkids, your neighbors, friendly ghosts, and a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Donna by 21 October, 843-696-2438 or lynes@tds.net.

### AN EERIE WIND BLOWS TOWARD TOAD HALL!





# Charleston Sail and Power Squadron

## 2013 Change of Watch

### “Doin’ the Charleston”

### 09 November 2013

The speakeasy opens at 1800 with the skiffle jazz band Charleston Hotshots entertaining us with standards from the Roaring Twenties. Dressy casual or blazer is appropriate dress, or for the more adventurous, pull out the black ties and feather boas and join the spirit of the Jazz Age! Just \$40 per person, cash bar. Cocktail hour will be followed by dinner at 1900. Our menu:

*Steamship Round of Beef      Rotisserie Chicken*  
*Herb Roasted Potatoes      Broccoli*  
*Dinner Rolls      Garden Salad*  
*Southern Pecan Pie*



Old Santee Canal Park Interpretive Center

Hwy 52 Bypass, Moncks Corner, SC

RSVP by 01 November to Cdr. Donna Lynes, SN, 843-696-2438 or [lynes@tds.net](mailto:lynes@tds.net).



Policy for Ads in The Palmetto Log

1. CSPS members may place ads for personal items related to boats or boating at no cost. These may be ads for items for sale or want-ads for items members are seeking. Such ads must be short, text-only notices.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Requests for ad placement must be submitted to the editor by the submission date for each issue, as announced on the last page of the prior Palmetto Log.
6. Checks should be payable to CSPS. Ads will be run only if payment has been made prior to or accompanying submission of ad copy.
7. 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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Submit by:					
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15 Nov	15 Jan	15 Mar	15 May	15 July	15 Sept

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**Important Web Pages**

**United States Power Squadrons**  
[www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)

**District 26**  
[www.usps.org/localusps/d26](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26)

**Charleston Sail and Power Squadron**  
[CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org](http://CharlestonSailandPowerSquadron.org)

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