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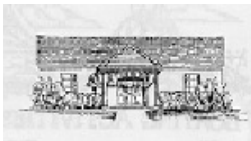
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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

From the Commander

Cdr William H. Lynes, AP

With a million events and activities happening in our squadron I am really looking forward to a relaxing cruise to Cape Romain this month. Relaxing means no groundings.

At the risk of beating a dead horse, a word about the “movie shoot” activity back in mid-November. An excellent review of the event can be read in the December 2000 D/26 newsletter *026' True* by District Executive Officer Jim McVey, SN. This entire weekend was one of those deals where you look back and say “That wasn’t so bad now that it’s over with”. Sincerely though, reflecting back, this was a very enjoyable and educating experience. The especially enjoyable part of course took place at Toad Hall.

In a letter to squadron commanders from Chief Commander Lance Jensen, SN, I am informed that “Nearly all USPS such as our educational, social and civic programs, membership recruiting and involvement, safety, cruising and local marketing take place at the squadron level”. He then states that my (commander’s) enthusiasm, involvement and dedication in promoting these activities will result in an active and successful squadron and will translate into success for all of USPS”. This, simplified for my limited mind, means to me that my actions will result in a successful squadron. Well, I sure was glad to read this in my 2001 Squadron Commander’s Guide. With the guidance of God, the national organization of United States Power Squadrons and our District 26 officers from above, and the wonderful membership of Charleston Power Squadron and its Executive Committee at home, my load of responsibility is definitely within my grasp. What a capable squadron I am associated with. The squadron is the membership and the way the membership handled the January meetings, activities and duties proves to me that this will be a successful year for us locally and for all of USPS.

Remember, no groundings. When my service year as Commander of the Charleston Power Squadron has ended I’m sure I will look back and say ‘that wasn’t so bad now that it’s over with’.

Executive Officer

Lt/C J. Steven Yeomans, P

For those in attendance, I’m sure all would concur that the January membership meeting was a great introduction to the rest of the year. The meeting was productive, the pot-luck dinner was delicious, the company was excellent, and it didn’t cost a dime (except at the squadron’s bar. OK, *many* dimes were spent at the squadron’s bar.) The meeting was held at our headquarters building, as will be the February meeting. With the improved lights, a new side door, and a toilet that actually flushes, we as a squadron need to show off a bit. So, bring a guest with you when you confirm for the second Thursday in February. The more the merrier!

Speaking of “more”, I wanted to mention about the vacancies that still exist in many committees. There is something that I think is often overlooked during the year, and that is the level of participation that is required on many of the committees in the squadron. It is true that you will hear the bridge officers harp on about needing a committee chairperson for this or that, and that person does have a fair bit of responsibility to that position. However, a committee that only has a chairperson is NOT A COMMITTEE! It ends up simply being an overly giving individual that gets burned-out trying to handle the many tasks that any given committee is assigned.

Where I work (Sea Island Habitat for Humanity) we use the slogan “Many hands make light work” often, and for good reason. With (practically) only volunteer labor, we are able to build 20 houses (each approx. 1120 sq. ft) a year for people in need. *Volunteer labor!* That means we have, on average, 30 people on any given day who have donated their time and energy, and have come from anywhere in the country to help build a house for someone they have never met.

So, how does this relate to the Charleston Power Squadron? OK, most of the committees that you have been hearing about during the past few months already have chairpersons. I have heard many members in the past say that they don’t have the time or contacts or resources (or whatever) to chair a committee. Great!

No problem! We don't need many more people for chair positions; we need people to be on the different committees that *can assist* the chairpersons in their tasks! Much less time and responsibility is required, you get the warm fuzzy feeling that you are helping the squadron, and you get to do something that just might be of interest to you. Let me show you a short list of committees that could use a member *just like you*:

Boat Show Committee – Helps organize and run our presence at boat shows during the year.

Cooperative Charting Committee – Handles Cooperative Charting outings and reporting.

Liaison Committee – Develops contacts with key people in the community.

Legislative Committee – Keeps an eye on laws that pertain to boating.

Public Relations – Makes sure people know who we are and what we do in the community.

Safety Committee – Makes sure I have enough lifejackets on my boat for when the keel falls off again.

These are just some of the opportunities that are in the Executive Department, and every one of them can use a hand. You don't have to do it all, and that's the key to this whole article: We don't want *anybody* to do it all. So if you see something listed above that looks interesting, maybe something that you would like to dabble in, then pick up your phone and call 869-7808 and ask for Steve.

Our operators are waiting. Or if you prefer, you can email me at SteveJY@aol.com to instantly get through. Don't wait to be approached about lending a hand. There are over 200 members of this squadron and for a bridge officer it's sometimes hard to know where to start. Join the excitement that is currently coursing through the veins of this organization. Seriously, I believe great things are happening right now in our squadron, and as proof just read the rest of this publication to see what all we are involved with. It's a fun time to be an active member, so get on the phone to your Bridge and join in today!



Educational Officer

Lt/C Stephen E. Rawe, N

The squadron Public Boating Course will be held at Hobcaw Yacht Club beginning 14 February 2001.

The initial organizing meeting will start at 1830 (6:30pm) for registration. Subsequent meetings will be from 1900-2100 (7:00-9:00pm). The course including the examination will run for a total of seven weeks. Carol Pelow, AP, assistant SEO, will direct this vital course. All squadron members are urged to participate!

Congratulations to Gene Gilfillin, N, in scoring a perfect exam in Engine Maintenance. By doing so he becomes our latest Senior Navigator. His achievement also reflects on the fine instruction by Dick Finn, AP. In addition to Gene, all of the EM members taking the examination also successfully completed the course. They are Dan Ford, Brooks Fullerton, Steve Kromer, Carol Pelow, Donald Rose, Nick Russo, Mark Rutter, David Walsh, and Mike Harler.

Congratulations also to John VanWay's Piloting students for successfully completing the open and closed book exams. They are Bob Chick, Bob Dorsey, Lee Mims, Gary Pelow, Allison Ryan, and Wendy Walsh. Frankie Clemons, David Coleman, and Marcia Lucas completed the closed book exams with Marcia scoring a 100%. Another outstanding class for John.

P/C Peggy Bauer, AP had two exceptional students in her Instructor Qualification course: John Milton and Gene Gilfillin both scoring near-perfect scores on their examinations.

Steve Brueske's Weather Course had four squadron members successfully complete this exacting exam: Bob Johnson, Linda Johnson, John Milton, and Dan Ford.

Mike Page's Seamanship course had all their members successfully complete the final examination. They are

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Sarah Shiner, Luther Sikes, Larry Lanz and Gregory Shuler. Congratulations to all! Peggy and Steve continue to do an outstanding job in mentoring their two respective courses. Mike has also done quite well in teaching his inaugural course for our Squadron.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Vince Lombardo, S

Congratulations to John Patton, our newest Senior Navigator. Accomplishments like this highlight our educational goals, becoming the brilliant flowers of the seeds sewn by our educators and the strong roots that nourish our organization.

Welcome to our new members. Please don't be shy about contacting any member, including me, concerning opportunities to become involved in squadron activities and committees. The more people involved in the decision making process, the more satisfaction and enjoyment will be felt by the membership overall. You were INVITED to join this squadron – your input is IMPORTANT to this squadron!

You will see the proposed cruise schedule for 2001 in this issue. It is still flexible in many areas – your suggestions are welcome. Our new Boating Activities Chairman, Lee Mims, has worked hard seeking input and suggestions and has put this together in fine fashion, identifying individual cruise commanders and bringing in new destinations. Specific information about upcoming cruises will be promulgated in this publication.

You will notice Cooperative Charting in the cruise schedule. Our new squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman, Mike Page, is hard at work expanding this program as well as preparing a presentation on geodetic mark recovery for our February membership meeting. I am certain this will be educational and entertaining.

P/C Harry Gindhart, SN has agreed to remain chairman of the Operations Training program. I'd like to thank Harry for continuing his stewardship of one of the

foundation blocks of USPS. How does USPS work? -- -- Enroll in Harry's class; you'll be well rewarded with your new understanding.

Subject to their individual acceptances, the following chairpersons will also remain: Lt. Bob Johnson – Hospitality, P/C Scotty Jeter and P/C John Sikes – Port Captains. Openings still exist for the following chairs: Meetings & Programs, Membership and Member Involvement. These are prime opportunities to become involved in squadron operation – **STEP UP, SPEAK OUT, and PARTICIPATE!!!**

With your input and involvement we can look forward to an exciting year and hopefully I will be able to enjoy the success of my predecessors who have left large shoes to fill. Thank you for the letter, Steve, I will do my best.

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from all of you

Vince.

Secretary

Lt/C Charlotte F. Yeomans, P

My Thanks, and an Invitation...

Once again, we are at the beginning of a brand new squadron year. I'd like to extend my deepest appreciation to all those who assisted the Secretary's Department in the past year. Thank you to all those who helped with the Call Tree, who gave tidbits of information for the History, and who helped in every way possible to keep The Palmetto Log and the CPS Website as polished as ever!!

I would also like to extend the invitation to all those interested in assisting this year to not be bashful, but to step forward and be heard. We are looking for anyone wishing to aid in the expansion of the Call Tree, to fish out details to include in the scrapbook for the History of the Squadron, to assist our diligent Editor-in-Chief, Lt John VanWay, with The Palmetto Log and, last but not most definitely not least, to replace our also ever so diligent photographer and webmaster, P/Lt/C Harry Darby, with