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## From The Commander Cdr Art Clark, AP



Thanks everybody for your help and participation. Our meetings are well attended as well as our cruises, and the fishing club is picking up steam. Regrettably I haven't got much to write about at this point because of some distracting issues, but our squadron has been doing just fine. I would, however, like to remind those folks who haven't yet renewed their membership to please take a moment to do so.

As you may have noticed we have changed a bit to reflect the desires of our membership and to serve the public boating needs. To stay healthy, we must continue to recruit new members through our various activities such as the Boat Smart Course, the Power of One program, public relations and through our visitor program. So far these programs are working quite well. Many thanks to Gary Whitley, Dick Howells, David Walsh and Chet Rogers. Special thanks to our instructors, Steve Kromer, John Sikes, David Walsh and Ernie Godshall who divide up the teaching duties of the boating class so that we can offer it every week of the year. Please give them a pat on the back. If I left anyone off the list, please don't shoot me.

**ART**



## Executive Officer Lt/C Dick Howells, JN



As I stated last month, the Executive Committee voted on 5 June 2008 to instruct the Rules Committee to draft a resolution to change the name of our organization from Charleston Power Squadron to Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. Our reasons are as follows:

1. 'Power Squadron' does not describe who we are or what we do. Those of us who have been calling on marine dealers, marinas, boat dealers and news media outlets have first had to explain that we were a boating organization just to get 'our foot in the door'.
2. Our Public Relations Officer has had a particularly difficult time in the press releases he sends out and in the public service announcements that he tries to get published.
3. A large percentage of our members and boaters in general are sailors. In a competitive market for new members we need to be explicitly open to sail and power.
4. By simply adding the words 'Sail and' to our name we solve 1, 2 and 3 above.
5. Other Squadrons have already done this. Of the 13 Squadrons in District 26, 8 have made the change. Also, the change is so common that the national USPS Operations Manual has a specific citation for just this change.

We are aware of the need to change our Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit and the deed to our building. These changes have been submitted for review to our Legal Officer.

On 16 June the ExCom resolution was submitted to our Rules Committee. Copies were sent to all committee members on 17 June.

On 30 June the legal officer of District 26 was notified of our intent and on July 1 the national rules committee was notified. (The change was approved by Daniel Stein.)

On 12 July, P/C Janice Kromer of our Rules Committee sent the following resolution:

*“The title page and Article 1, Section 1.1 of the Charleston Power Squadron’s By Laws are amended to change the name of the squadron to the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.*

*Further, this Amendment is structured to be in compliance with the current By Laws Section 17.1 and the USPS operations manual section 5-65.”*

In accord with the national USPS operations manual, this resolution may be approved after notification of the membership in a timely manner by squadron publication stating the resolution in its entirety (see above) and the date of the vote (11 September 2008). The vote to approve the resolution will be at the 11 September 2008 Meeting. If a quorum is present and 2/3 of the active members vote in favor of the resolution, then it passes and the name is changed. (Again after notifying USPS.)

Whew! I hope I hit all the bases. We will formally present the Rules Committee’s resolution to the ExCom in August. With the timing of the publication of the ‘Log’, this article should give all members plenty of notice to satisfy USPS and our own By Laws. If anyone has questions, please contact me! This is important to us and should be given careful consideration. We are trying to buck a national trend in fraternal organization membership and need all the help we can get. Making our name say who we are and what we do will be a big help.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

**Dick**

## **Administrative Officer Lt/C BJ Smith, P**



We all know that the low country is very famous for severe thunderstorms, and we are certainly having our fair share of them this summer. As most of you know, bad weather forced us to cancel our last cruise but do not despair. We will keep after it until a break in the weather prevails and “a cruising we will go”. By the time you get this publication, we will be ready for our August cruise— a raft up to Sandy Point. I encourage you to participate. Raft ups are a lot of fun and a great opportunity to mingle with other people.

We had forty-five people attend our July membership meeting. Helen Kovach and James Rowe did a great job on our evening meal. Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy along with Tim and Marion Barnett also provided plenty of support to Helen, and we all appreciate their efforts. Notwithstanding the weather, the chicken was delicious and the sides really made this a perfect family picnic meal. The ice cream was absolutely outstanding!! Thanks again for everyone’s dedication and hard work. I cannot say enough about our beverage department. Jim Easley and Gary Whitely do an outstanding job making sure we have plenty of refreshments. Our speaker for the evening was Lt Miles Greenway from the United States Coast Guard. He did an excellent job of explaining how the Coast Guard conducts port inspections.

See you at the next membership meeting on 14 August 2008. Helen and her dedicated staff are planning a hotdog and hamburger festival with watermelon and a “secret” desert. This meeting will be at Headquarters. Details are in the Log.

Congratulations to Helen Kovach for obtaining her Coast Guard Captain’s license. I know that was a lot of hard work and the study effort for that accomplishment was intense. Also, I can attest that Gary Whitley (with Margaret’s permission) is having a custom boat built. I actually saw it. See you on the water soon!

**BJ**

## **Educational Officer Lt/C Chet Rogers, P**



**A**t the close of the educational year (1 July – 30 June) it seems appropriate to look back upon the year just passed to recognize what we have achieved. This month I want to recognize the classes we have taught and the instructors who have taught them. Next month, I will recognize the members who have successfully completed these classes. The United States Power Squadrons offer three types of classes: an introductory boating course open to non-members, a number of extended courses open only to members, and, most recently, a series of two hour seminars open to members and non-members. Our squadron has regularly offered all three types of courses.

We offer the Squadron's Boating Course every Tuesday evening at our headquarters. It is an eight hour course, so in order to complete it, non-members must attend for two hours on four consecutive evenings; if they miss one evening, they can wait four weeks and attend a make-up session of the class they missed. This means that we have instructors working every Tuesday evening in order to offer the course. This involves a very large commitment of time and effort on the part of the four instructors (Ernie Godshall, Steve Kromer, John Sikes, and David Walsh) who staff this course. It also involves a significant effort on the part of other volunteers who, under the Direction of Betsy Porter, attend these sessions to provide coffee and cookies and to help recruit the class attendees to become squadron members. Members who would like to help out with the recruitment efforts should contact Betsy Porter, and those who would like to become an instructor for the course should take Instructional Development, a course that will be offered this fall. Contact me if you have any questions.

During the last year, we have also offered all but two of the USPS's member courses. In the fall, we offered Piloting taught by John VanWay and Jim Bass, Seamanship taught by Nelson Hicks and Mike Page, Junior Navigation and Navigation taught by Ed Kridler, Instructor Development taught by Chet Rogers, and Engine Maintenance taught by Dave Walsh, Art Clark and Ken Beeber. In the winter/spring, we offered Seamanship taught by Nelson Hicks and Mike Page, Advanced Piloting taught by Jim Hackett, Cruise Planning taught by Fred Wichmann and Marine Electronics taught by Harl Porter and Ken Beeber. The only two courses for members offered by the USPS that we did not offer were Sailing and Weather, the former because we didn't have students and the latter because we did not have an instructor. This coming year, I think that we will be able to offer those two courses plus the other courses that we offered last year.

Finally, during the past June, in conjunction with National Safe Boating Week, we offered three of the USPS's seminars: How to Use a Chart taught by Steve Kromer, Using GPS taught by Harl Porter, and Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio taught by Harl Porter. They were attended by a number of members and non-members and were particularly successful because we were able to convert some non-members to new members, thanks to the excellent teaching of Steve and Harl.

It has been a good year for the Educational Department and thus for the squadron. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the instructors who give so generously of their time and energy. I would like to thank them for their effort, and I would encourage our membership to thank them the next time that you see them. It is their efforts to promote boating safety that are at the heart of what we do as an organization.

**Chet**



## Morris Island Cruise and Picnic Report

The day started out sunny and beautiful, a wonderful start for a cruise and picnic.

Our plan this year: If there were good winds, we would lead the fleet this time. But like last year, the winds were light. Instead of getting embarrassed again, I opted to sail straight to Morris Island while everyone else met at the rendezvous. The going was quite slow, but we arrived about the same time that *Daisy Belle* (BJ, Daisy, Porters, James Rowe and Pat Brown) and *Cool Running* (Stewart Darby) showed up with their crews. Ha!

While we were setting up, *Odd at Sea* (Fauss' dinghy) and *Reely Fun* (Walsh) arrived just in time to help. Not long after, *SS Minnow* (Hackett) and *Here Fishy Fishy* (Melloy) showed up to join the fun. We had a great picnic potluck and happy hour. We also had a wonderful time watching the regulars show off their swim suits and boats. There were so many parties going on that you could not tell where one started and the next one left off. As usual, everyone was wonderful and friendly.

As usual, the food was absolutely wonderful. Several folks decided to stroll up and down the beach to check out the sites and beautiful views the island has to offer. We had lots of fun in the sun, while the sun lasted. To our dismay, it started to get pretty windy and cloudy, so a few of our party goes and boats left for calmer skies and water. There were several of us that braved out the winds though and kept the party going.

On our departure, we had to avoid several power boats that were not watching where they were going. We managed to weave *&Y Knot* through the boats and surprised a few that were busy watching the activities on the beach.

We were passing shrimp boats and sailboats on our way back. We were bouncing around pretty good with some of the wakes. I was having a blast until Angela asked me to slow down. I had convinced her to stay out on the water and head up the Cooper River just to enjoy the day, but when we got under the Ravenel Bridge, it was looking like rain so we headed back to the Ripley Point boat launch to end our trip.

Overall, it was a fun day with good food, great friends and boats. We had a total of 7 boats and 29 people attending, and 1 dog named Bear, who also enjoyed himself. He played more beach games than we did this year.

## Captains Steve and Angela of &Y Knot



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## August Cruise - Sandy Point Raft Up

All are welcome to the Sandy Point Raft Up 23 August, starting 1100. This is a family friendly cruise and children are encouraged to sail along. The raft up starts at 1100, at which time we will anchor off the northern tip of Kiawah at Sandy Point.

Plan on boat hopping, swimming, and searching for shells or other treasures on the beach. Please bring food and plenty of drink for yourself and your crew. Happy hour starts as soon as you get there.

We are looking for someone with a larger boat (with appropriate ground tackle) to serve as the anchor boat. Whoever is the first large boat will act as the anchor for the rest of us. Those of us with small boats will act as a taxi to shore.

We can form up in front of the old Buzzards Roost at 1030 for those that need assistance in finding Sandy Point.

We will use 68 as our working channel. High tide is at 1330 (Charleston Harbor), so the tides shouldn't be a problem

Directions:

Via ocean:

Best bet is to go through Charleston Harbor, there are ever-changing shoals at the mouth of the Stono and entering the Stono directly from the Atlantic can be hazardous.

Via Folly Beach boat landing:

Follow the Folly River south till you reach the Stono (SHALLOW WATER, FOLLOW THE MARKERS CLOSELY).

Via Limehouse Bridge Landing:

Follow the Stono North East toward Charleston; follow the river to the end.

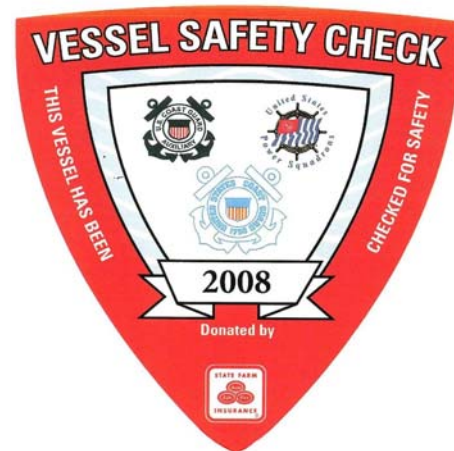
Via Charleston Harbor:

Enter the Southern end of the ICW at the Ashley River at the Wapoo Cut, left at the Stono and continue south on the Stono River and follow to the end.

Cruise Captain Terry Melloy

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**Remember to get a Vessel Safety Check  
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## Greetings from the Upstate !

As an associate member of the Charleston Power Squadron, Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen still keeps the Charleston burgee flying in the up-state of South Carolina. Bob now calls Anderson, SC home and is the Secretary of the Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron, but still honors the Charleston Power Squadron by flying its colors along with his new home squadron. Bob has given way from a sailor to a power boater as the topography of the lake is much more forgiving without a mast above your head. Bob cruises Lakes Hartwell, Jocasee, Keowee and Thurmond on his new Morningstar 3, a pontoon boat. But he still misses and remember all the friends in the low country. The change to lake living is really different. No tides or currents to deal with nor the tough conditions that salt-water bring to your boat. We do have to face fluctuating water levels, and due to what is now the third year of drought in the Upstate, this can be an issue to the boater. Some lakes are now at an all time low, for instance Lake Jocasee is presently about 28 feet below normal levels with no change in sight.

So from your sister squadron on Lake Hartwell, Bob wishes his Charleston Power Squadron pals all his best...



**Bob Gulbrandsen at Lake Hartwell**

## Welcome New Members

### Joe and Susan Bowers

Please welcome Joe and Susan Bowers to our squadron. Susan is a fifth generation Charlestonian, and Joe was born in North Carolina. A graduate of the Citadel in 1963, Joe has quite an interesting background. After college he joined the Air Force and was a pilot for seven years. After that, Joe joined the FBI and was a special agent for 23 years. Retired for the last 12 years, the Bowers recently bought their first boat, a 17 ½ foot powerboat called Blue Yonder. Since he's new to boating, the Bowers' son will be helping Joe on his fishing expeditions. Susan and Joe joined the Power Squadron to learn as much as they could about boating with a special eye towards safety. In fact, Joe has taken every course that has been offered since he joined. The Bowers are interested in the social side of our organization, too, and joined us at the meeting at Tommy Condon's in June and at our July barbecue.



## Happy August Birthdays

02 Aug	Raymond L. Harp
04 Aug	Glenn F. Workman
06 Aug	Betty Winters
07 Aug	Allison Ryan
07 Aug	David E. Walsh
09 Aug	Thomas B. Hardy
10 Aug	David A. Hueske
13 Aug	John McAlister Jr.
14 Aug	Stephen C. Kromer
14 Aug	Jerry Reves
21 Aug	Michael John Coble
23 Aug	John C. Champion
23 Aug	Dwana M. Meisenhelder
23 Aug	Victor B. Schwartz
28 Aug	Lauren Merriken
30 Aug	Terry Clark

## Squadron Fishing Contest Report

The Charleston Power Squadron's Fishing/Shrimping Club had its first fishing contest on 28 June 2008. Four squadron boats participated. They were the "Bass Bayliner", "Manna", "SS Minnow" and "Reely Fun" whose captains were Jim Bass, Eddie Hiers, Jim Hackett and Dave Walsh, respectively. The boats fished mostly at "hot spots" in the harbor. However, in spite of high waves, the "SS Minnow" ventured out to the Charleston NearShore Reef. This strategy paid off with Jim Hackett and fishing partner Kirk Williams in the "SS Minnow" winning the fishing contest. They caught the most and largest fish. Jim and Kirk, the good news is: "You won!" The bad news is that we failed to collect any entry fees. So, there is no cash prize. Here are some photos of the event. We are planning another fishing event for August. Watch for an e-mail announcement for the time and place of our next fishing event.



**Jim Bass Catches a Shark**

### David Walsh

Fishing/Shrimping Committee Chairman



**Eddie Hiers' Boat ("The Manna") and Crew in Charleston Harbor Waiting for SeaTow to Get a Jump Start.**



**Jim Hackett with Black Sea Bass**



**August Membership Meeting  
14 August 2008 1800  
At Squadron Headquarters**

Get ready; we are going to have a hotdog and hamburger festival! On 14 August 2008, Helen and her able staff are prepared to grill away. We plan to serve hamburgers and hotdogs with all the condiments! We will have side dishes, and juicy, ripe, watermelon will be in ample supply. Helen plans to have a special secret desert as well. Cost will be a nominal \$10 per person. As usual, the drinks will flow at 1800 and the meeting will start promptly at 1900.

Our guest speaker for this event is Jeremy Shelton, the Branch Manager of WEST MARINE. Jeremy will offer a new products presentation that should be very informative to our membership.

So don't forget to make reservations with BJ Smith at smithbj@sc.rr.com or 843-514-9638. For planning purposes, please make your reservations before 12 August 2008. See you there!



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<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chapters New Book</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
5-Aug-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
12-Aug-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailing, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
19-Aug-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
26-Aug-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
2-Sep-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
9-Sep-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailing, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
16-Sep-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
23-Sep-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
30-Sep-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes

Time: 1830 to 2030  
 Course Taught at Squadron Headquarters  
 1376 Orange Grove Road  
 Charleston, SC 29449  
 Contact: David Walsh, 556-3258

## For Sale

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## July Meeting Pictures



**Helen Kovach and new members  
Jay and Cindy Newberry**



**David Walsh, Kevin Bryant and  
new member Joe Bowers**



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**Larry Dorminy, Tim Barnett and  
Dona Jean Dorminy**



**Our Speaker, Lt Miles Greenway, USCG**



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**Upcoming Events**

- 14 August - Member Meeting at Headquarters 1800
- 23 August - Sandy Point Raft Up
- 11 September - Member Meeting at Headquarters 1800  
Vote on Squadron Name Change
- 09 October - Member Meeting at Headquarters 1800  
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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