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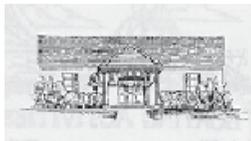
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**Safe Boating Through  
Education**

## From The Commander Cdr Harl Porter, SN



The look forward to our next Change of Watch is shorter than the look backward to our last Change of Watch when I was sworn in as your Commander. Your Bridge, Executive Committee, Various Committees and Members are working together as an effective team. We can be proud of what we have accomplished, and I thank every member for his or her contribution.

Our Nominating Committee is working on candidates for next year's Bridge and Executive Committee. If asked, I hope you will say yes. Shortly our incoming Bridge officers will be looking for members to serve on appointed committees. Again I hope that if you are asked, you will say yes. We need your help to make a good wake. You are permitted to volunteer, before being asked.

Our new padded red chairs have really improved both the comfort and appearance of our Club House. They were not budgeted, but were paid for by member contributions. THANKS members!

Currently we have 25 students in our July ABC class and have seven members in our summer Junior Navigation class. Thanks instructors! The reason we have over 20 students in our ABC class was due to the publicity arranged by Gary Whitley and his publicity committee. P/C David Walsh, SN was nominated as our Outstanding Instructor for the Chapman Award this year. We have lots of outstanding instructors, but could only nominate one.

Our July Picnic and Auction was a success. Thanks AO Bill Hayes for making the picnic happen and thank XO Joe Schady for the auction that raised \$403 for the squadron. We are currently showing a profit for the year to

date; however, we have a \$2,000 insurance bill coming due in October. We need your help in making our October Oyster Roast (and fund raiser) a success.

On the water we recently had two successful events: our June Raft-Up and our July Cruise to Beaufort. In this issue there are separate articles and pictures on both of these events plus information on the coming August Cruise to Myrtle Beach. Thanks Carl Klele for being our cruise chair. Speaking of pictures – check out our web site for pictures of all of this year's events.

I believe Charleston Sail and Power Squadron is on course and making a good wake. Our biggest problem is that our membership is declining. This quarter we lost 35 members due to non-renewal and only gained seven new members. As Commander, I write to all non-renewals and ask them to reconsider and renew their membership. We have greeters /mentors at each of our ABC classes talking up CS&PS membership to the students. But to grow our squadron we need everyone to be a recruiter and talk up CS&PS memberships to all our fellow boaters. Invite them to our next dinner meeting and show them our Fraternal side. All of our classes are now open to the public. Talk up our classes and instructors and invite the public to take one of our classes so they can see and benefit from our Educational side.

**Harl**



**Executive Officer  
Lt/C Joe Schady, AP**



We had a great turn out for the auction held at our July dinner meeting. I would like to thank everyone who donated items for the auction and everyone who bid on items to make this a very successful and fun event.

Other than that, I do not have much to report from the Executive Office. It has been a quiet summer as it relates to external activities, but things will be ramping up as we head into the fall. The Oyster Roast will be here before you know it.

Also, I know it is a long time off, but we will start working on the Parade of Boats very soon in an effort to increase participation. I will be starting a committee to organize this event and am looking for any volunteers to head that committee or just be a part of it. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas.

For now, let's enjoy the remainder of the summer and get out on the water as much as possible. Before you know it, summer will have passed us by.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of my committee heads for their continued work and support, and thank the membership for their active and continued involvement.

**Joe**



**Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Bill Hayes, AP**



The July picnic at James Island County Park was well attended by the Squadron faithful. It was warm but not really uncomfortable. The bugs failed to show up as was feared by some, yours truly included. Sir Richard Howells performed magic with his spatula producing custom grilled burgers and “dogs” for the attendees. I personally tasted every one of the side dishes brought by members and can attest to the high quality of all.

Joe Schady, auctioneer supreme, conducted a great auction that raised a nice sum for our treasury. With great cooperation the Stono Shelter was left cleaner than when we arrived and all departed to Betsy Porter's plaintive query, “Why did Harl buy that dingy?”

**Bill**



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## Education Officer Lt/C John Meyenberg, AP



**N**ow is the time to start signing up for the fall courses. Send me your name by August 13<sup>th</sup> so I can order your course material.

The following courses are being offered this fall. They will start at 1900 at the squadron building.

### Advance Courses

Piloting, Monday, 13 September 2010  
Seamanship, Wednesday, 15 September 2010

### Elective Courses

Weather, Monday, 23 September 2010  
Electrical Systems, Tuesday, 5 October 2010 \*  
Engine Maintenance, Wednesday, 22 September 2010

\* Note: the Electrical Systems Date has been changed.

Mark your calendar for the course(s) you plan to take and do not forget to sign up.

The Junior Navigation Course is rolling along. D/Lt/C (and P/C) Ed Krieder, SN is doing a great job in helping students understand the information.

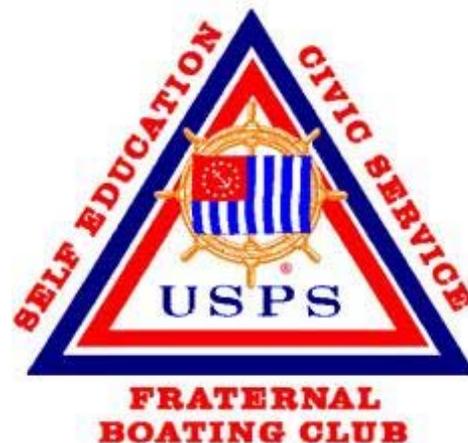
The July ABC course now has 25 students. On the water orientation is scheduled for Saturday 14 and 21 August. If you can help, please contact P/C Art Clark at 843.849.9467.

Do not forget to sign up for the SAILANGLE. Available at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

## Nautical Definitions:

- Abreast            An object searched for by male lookouts.
- Azimuth Bar      Where Azimuths hang out.
- Bar                1) Long, low-lying navigation hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbor entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Sailors can be found in large numbers around both. (2) Land based nesting and pre-mating habitat frequented by sailors when they force themselves to go ashore.
- Can Buoy         (Pronounced Can Boy) Male with diarrhea.
- Chine              (1) Word used after "rise and ...".  
(2) What the sun does.
- Eight Bell        Are heavy.
- Flying Jib        Any jib when the sheets have gone overboard.
- Foreguy          First guy to the bar.

## John



**Treasurer**  
**Lt/C Rick Cone, AP**



**SALE SALE SALE!**

Looking for a nautical gift for someone special or something for yourself? Our Ship Store is open for business at every monthly meeting and is stocked with many cool items: We have all sizes of white/red banded CS&PS Polo's for \$30, CS&PS hats for \$15, CS&PS Burgees for \$25, and CS&PS coffee mugs for 2/\$15.

Last but not least, we thank Glenn Workman for being our dedicated Ship Store salesman every month. Thanks Glenn!

**Rick**

**Secretary**  
**Lt/C Pat Brown**



Time and time again, month after month, we have been able to depend on the services and efforts of several of our squadron members. From the secretary's desk, we would like to give special thanks to those who have kept the lines of communication open and current. Special thanks this month go to Wendy Walsh for her non tiring efforts in keeping up with membership and for her role in making sure that the Palmetto Log is distributed. We give special thanks to Steve Brostoff for the magnificent job that he does in publishing The Palmetto Log. Because they so diligently and efficiently volunteer their time and services, the squadron surely benefits.

If you change your phone number, e-mail address or other CS&PS Roster items, please let Wendy Walsh know so she can keep our data base (DB2000) current. Her e-mail is [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net).

Please remember that there are items for purchase at the Ship Store. The Ship Store is open prior to each dinner meeting and if you just must have items in between meetings, check with Commander Harl to see how you can purchase them. Ship store items not only are great for personal use, but they also make great gifts.

**Pat**

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## Stay Sun Smart

From Safety Officer P/C John Sykes, AP

### Tips for safe summertime fun

Boating and summertime go hand in hand, but a fun day on the water under a blazing sun has its dangers. Learn how to protect yourself from the effects of too much sun and fun.

### Save your skin

Scientists believe that sun exposure is the primary cause of skin cancer. Protecting your skin from the sun's harmful rays is especially important on the water, where reflected rays can do twice the damage they do on land.

Use sunscreen with an SPF between 30 and 50 that offers both UVA and UVB protection.

Apply sunscreen before exposure to the sun, and reapply it every two to four hours or after every immersion in water, even if the label says it's waterproof.

Wear protective clothing, paying particular attention to the head, ears, nose and eyes. This goes for infants as well.

### Wet your whistle wisely

Staying hydrated is critical, especially in the summer, so drink plenty of water. Sport drinks, which help restore electrolyte balance, are another good choice. Steer clear of alcoholic beverages, which can lead to dehydration and impair physical and mental performance before you realize there's a problem. What's more, wave motion, engine vibration, sunlight, heat and engine noise can intensify alcohol's effects, increasing fatigue.

### Have a backup plan

Finally, designate a capable crew member who can take over the helm in case the captain becomes incapacitated. Remember, the captain is responsible for the safety of the vessel, crew and other vessels sharing the water.

**Galveston Bay Sail & Power Squadron Safety Committee, published in USPS *Compass*, July 2010**

## Look Ahead Calendar

5 Aug – XCOM at 1830

12 Aug – Dinner Meeting at Club House

13 – 15 Aug – Cruise to Myrtle Beach

2 Sep – XCOM at 1830

9 Sep – Dinner Meeting

13 - 15 Sep – Fall member classes start

## 12 August Dinner Meeting

By popular demand BBQ Chef James Rowe has agreed to cook again for us at our 12 August Dinner Meeting. Dinner will be his special recipe Ribs, two sides (slaw and beans), bread/rolls and desert. Location will be at our Club House, 1376 Orange Grove Road in West Ashley. Refreshments will start at 1800 with dinner served at 1900.

Cost will be \$15 per person. RSVP by noon Monday, 9 August to Bill Hayes at [billsflyfishing@me.com](mailto:billsflyfishing@me.com) or 843.261.8322. Seating will be limited to first 60.

Our after dinner speakers will be our own David and Wendy Walsh who will talk about their recent trip to the Galapagos Islands.

## August Cruise to Myrtle Beach

Our August Cruise to Myrtle Beach will depart Charleston on Friday 13 Aug for Myrtle Beach and depart Myrtle Beach for Charleston on Sunday 15 August. Cruise Captain will be Carl Klele; contact him at either 843.697.1540 or [CKlele@comcast.net](mailto:CKlele@comcast.net). He will need to know who is going by 1200 on 4 Aug.

Boats wishing to travel together will depart from the Charleston Harbor Battery, buoy RG "BP", at 0900 on Friday 13 Aug. Cruise working frequency will be Channel 71. There will be a fuel stop in Georgetown and boats are expected to make the Marina in Myrtle Beach before 1700. Myrtle Beach Marina will probably be at Barefoot Landing (details to follow latter via e-mail). Hotel rooms should be located near the marina. There will be a Squadron Dinner Saturday night at a time and location to be determined (again details to follow latter via e-mail). CS&PS Cruise will conclude Sunday, 15 Aug, morning. At least one boat is planning on spending Sunday night in Georgetown on the return trip to Charleston.

Kenny Rogers is the Guest Artist at the Alabama Theater Friday, August 13 at 7 PM.



**June Dinner Meeting was at The Red Lobster**

## June and July Dinner Meetings

Our June Dinner Meeting was at the Red Lobster and was well attended. Our plan is to eat out at a Charleston area restaurant once a quarter (and do the other two dinner meetings at our club house).

In July AO Bill Hayes arranged for a picnic at Johns Island Country Park (don't know if it counted as an eat-in or as an eat-out dinner meeting). We had traditional picnic food - hot dogs and hamburgers. Weather, food, fellowship and auction were good. XO Joe Shady was our auctioneer, and we made \$403 from the auction. We thank the members who contributed items for the auction.



**L to R Rick Cone, Bill Hayes, Dick Howells and Gary Whitley cooking at July Picnic**



**XO Joe W. Schady was the Auctioneer at our July Picnic**

## June Raft-up

Our 26 June Raft-up was held in Bass Creek on the east end of Kiawah Island and was a success. Eight boats were at the Raft-up, but not all at the same time. Refreshments, snacks, lunch and fellowship were shared. There was a nice cooling breeze for the raft-up and all had a good time. Cruise Captain was Carl Klele.

Boats at the raft-up were:

*Cool Runnins* (Stewart and Anita Darby)

*Mobjack* (Fred and Joyce Wichmann) with augmented crew

*Palmetto Elephant* (Harl and Betsy Porter) with Jim and Nancy Hackett

*Bum Chum* (Tom Dougherty and Sharon)

*Spook* (Carl and Jerry Klele) with Dewey and Cathy Howell and two other guests from Florida

*Victory* (Nelson and JoAnne Hicks)

*Follow Me* (Bill and Debra Hayes)

*Ham and Letters* (Ross and Carol Ann Burgess)

*Shady Lady* (Joseph L. and Claire Schady Jr.)



**26 June Raftup from Raftup – Joe L. Schady, Jr in foreground and Cruise Pennant on Cdt Harl’s *Palmetto Elephant* (not visible) in background**

## July Cruise

Our July Cruise was to Beaufort on Friday 9 July and returned to Charleston on Sunday 11 July. Seven boats made the cruise; Cruise Captain was Cdr Harl Porter on *Palmetto Elephant*.

The trip down to Beaufort was uneventful. Friday night Harl and Betsy Porter hosted a dock party. Betsy had so many goodies to eat that afterwards no one went to dinner Friday night. Saturday we enjoyed Beaufort on our own. Three boats were repaired Saturday, one by CS&PS and two by a paid mechanic. Saturday night we had a nice meal upstairs at Panini’s Café. One couple joined us by car for the Saturday night dinner. The Sunday return was uneventful for all boats except *Palmetto Elephant*. *Palmetto Elephant* blew a water hose and had a bilge pump failure about 10 minutes away from her Marina and had to be towed. P/C Dick and Anne Howells on *Katie-Ell* stayed with the disabled boat till help was on the way.

Boats on the Cruise were:

*Palmetto Elephant* (Harl and Betsy Porter)

*Katie-Ell* (Dick and Anne Howells)

*Sunday Drive* (Art and Merle Clark)

*Spook* (Carl and Jerry Klele) with Dewey and Cathy Howell

*Bum Chum* (Tom Dougherty and Sharon)

*Cool Runnins* (Stewart and Anita Darby)

*Ham and Letters* (Ross and Carol Ann Burgess)

By car were Chet Rogers and Elise Jorgens.



**Dock Party on Friday Night (note some of the food provided by Betsy Porter in foreground)**



**L to R P/C Art Clark, Cdr Ken Wright (Beaufort) and Cdr Harl Porter; Beaufort Commander visits Charleston Cruise**



**Palmetto Elephant being docked by Tow Boat (note that both Betsy and Harl Porter are wearing their life jackets)**

## **JN outing on *Tangent***

On Wednesday morning 14 July, a planned outing got underway as *Tangent* (Rick Cone's sailboat) was gently maneuvered from the dock at the Ashley River Marina and picked up the ebb tide. Don Todd and skipper Rick Cone raised the main, pulled the jib, and with Stephen Cofer-Shabica at the wheel, *Tangent* headed offshore for a day of sailing. We had two objectives today - actually three if avoiding a thunderstorm was considered an objective - to enjoy the ocean and get to know each other a little better, and to make a sun shot with Stephen's Plath Sextant given to him by his brother in 1965. The three of us are in and enjoying Ed Kridler's Junior Navigation course and wanted to try our hands at bringing the sun to the horizon on a moving and rolling boat. On our way east we kept looking for the sun to appear but unfortunately the cloudy skies prevented us from taking a good sight by obscuring it even as we tried. One thought is that with more practice and a greater speed of taking a sight, a few clouds should not stop the sight. Returning against the tide, we had a fresh southeast breeze and made good time back to the marina, beating the thunderstorm. A good time was had by all.

by Stephen V. Cofer-Shabica



**Stephen Cofer-Shabica attempting a Sun (Sextant) Shot from pitching deck of *Tangent*.**

## No Wake Zones

Here is a brief warning about a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources rule that I did not know.

*In South Carolina, vessels may not be operated in excess of idle speed within 50 feet of an anchored vessel, wharf, pier, dock, or a person in the water. Vessels may not operate in excess of idle speed within 100 yards of the Atlantic coastline (Sec. 50-21-870).*

I got pulled over by a DNR boat in Elliott's Cut just after leaving the Stono River because of this. There were no boats anchored or docked nor were there any swimmers in the water or on docks. I was not at cruising speed but did have a wake and did move over to starboard to allow two oncoming DNR boats running side by side to pass to port. Anyhow, all I got was a warning but it could have been a \$165 fine.

So be aware and be careful.

P/C Dick Howells, JN



## Electrical Systems Class

The Fall Electrical Systems class will start on Tuesday 5 Oct, not 13 Sep. This class is taught by P/C (and P/D/C) Ken Beeber and Cdr (and Past Stf/C) Harl Porter. Harl is the immediate Past Staff Commander for Marine Electronics and is the principal author of this course.

This class is a complete rewrite of what was ME 101, and is recommended for anyone who took ME 101 more than five-years ago or who has not taken Electrical Systems. A new chapter on Basic Troubleshooting and Repair has been added, and there is an optional Saturday class on electrical troubleshoot aboard Harl's Sailboat.

Class overview – Chapter 1 covers Properties of Electricity and how to select and use a multimeter. Chapter 2 is on Boat Electrical Wiring Practices with emphasis on wire selection and its proper termination. Chapter 3 is dedicated to Direct Current (Boat Batteries) and includes battery selection, installation, maintenance and chargers / inverters. Chapter 4 is on Alternating Current (Shore Power) and also covers on-board generators. Chapters 5 and 6 cover Corrosion and Lightning Protection. Chapter 7 is on Troubleshooting and Repairs to include recommend hand tools and test equipment. It also covers Electrical Interference, their identification, location and mitigation.

### Good Web Site (from P/C Dick Howells)

This is a great free site that really covers a lot of info on boats. All you need to register is your email. Check out the info on the Volvo IPS joy stick for twin sterns.

[www.boattest.com](http://www.boattest.com)



### Happy August Birthdays

- 04 Aug Glenn F. Workman
- 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
- 22 Aug Debra Hayes
- 23 Aug John C. Champion
- 23 Aug Dwana M. Meisenhelder
- 23 Aug Victor B. Schwartz
- 28 Aug Lauren Merriken
- 30 Aug Shawn P. West

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