

**VOLUME 60 NUMBER 10  
DECEMBER 2007/JANUARY 2008**

**Cdr Art Clark, P**  
849-9467  
ADClark@bellsouth.net

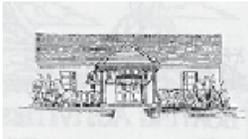
**Lt/C Dick Howells, AP**  
216-9866  
RHowells5@comcast.net

**Lt/C Chet Rogers, P**  
577-3022  
RogersCB@cofc.edu

**Lt/C BJ Smith**  
767-1491  
SmithBJ@sc.rr.com

**Lt/C Jim Bass, AP**  
278-0687  
JamesBass1@comcast.net

**Lt/C Chuck Altschul, P**  
388-0680  
ChuckAlt@aol.com



**Squadron Headquarters Bldg.**  
1376 Orange Grove Road  
Charleston, SC 29407

**MEETINGS**

**Executive Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 1830**

**Editor's Mailing Address**  
2637 Anchor Watch Dr  
Wadmalaw Island, SC 29487  
Phone: (843) 559-1622

e-mail: sbrostoff@alspinc.com  
web site: www.usps.org/localusps/cps

## **INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

**Christmas Party Announcement**  
Page 7

-----  
**Oyster Roast Report**  
Page 8

-----  
**Change of Watch Ceremony Report**  
Page 14

-----  
**Change of Watch Picture Gallery**  
Page 15

**SAFE BOATING THROUGH  
EDUCATION**

**From The Commander  
Cdr Art Clark, P**



Thank you all for this grand opportunity to serve our Charleston Power Squadron. And thank you to the new bridge members, committee chairs and other volunteers who have also agreed to serve this year. After all is said and done this is a volunteer organization that depends upon its members to get things done. That said, I encourage each member to participate to the degree possible.

As you probably are aware, we have over 180 members and will probably grow again this year. While that is an important statistic, it is not nearly as important as the change in our boat demographic wherein most members have open boats not suited for the longer or overnight cruises. Consequently you will see our cruise planning change accordingly; more fun things to do close to home.

All of this is consistent with two of the three things I would like to emphasize this year: 1) membership and 2) member involvement (participation). I would like all our members to feel welcomed and never disenfranchised. The third is education. We have wonderful courses being offered and taught by experienced instructors. Remember our motto “ safe boating through education”. We will all have an opportunity to expand our boating knowledge as the boating courses begin in February. So please take advantage of this opportunity. I will be taking Advanced Piloting.

**Art Clark**

**Betty Walton  
Administers  
the Pledge to  
Incoming  
Commander  
Art Clark at  
the Change  
of Watch**



**Executive Officer  
Lt/C Dick Howells, AP**



Our new year for the Squadron is starting and I hope we can continue the progress made last year under Commander David Walsh. My main wish for the new year is to increase our membership. To me the best way to do this is to publicize The Charleston Power Squadron at every opportunity. So I am asking every member to take it upon himself or herself to promote the Squadron.

We have so much to offer the boating community. Our educational opportunities are outstanding. We have fantastic instructors and our course materials are first rate. Also, we are a social organization. New members are immediately made to feel welcome and are quickly involved with Squadron activities. As a group we should all feel proud of who we are and what we do. So—brag about it. Talk about the Squadron. Invite guests to join us in our activities. You do not need a boat to be part of the boating community.

Here are some of the members that will be helping out in the Executive Department this year.

Daisy Proctor has agreed to head our Boat Show efforts. She is a real dynamo. If you thought BJ Smith was a ‘spark plug’ last year, you ain’t seen nothin’ yet! (Daisy is BJ’s mother.) She will work closely with Gary Whitley who is again handling Public Relations and Marketing. Gary has done a remarkable job building good press and community relations for the Squadron and has agreed to continue this year. He has some great ideas for networking and promotions to make sure that The Power Squadrons are no longer ‘the best kept secret in boating’.

Past Commander David Walsh is taking care of Co-op Charting. We are getting awards for this because of the work Steve Poe and David did last year. John Sikes will continue as our guide on radio and safety issues. He wrote some of the most interesting and useful articles last year.

If you see his byline in the 'Log' definitely read his work. Harl Porter will also continue as head of the Vessel Safety Check program. This is potentially our most public community service. We do this for free! We are not a law enforcement group. We just want boaters to be safe! If we find anything wrong with a boat we provide a list of what is needed and offer to come back and repeat the 'check' when the captain is ready. We do not issue tickets and we do not report the results to anyone. All we do is provide a sticker for the examined boats that pass.

I am going to head up the Professional Visitation program. At this time we have Commander Art Clark, Lt/C BJ Smith, Gary Whitley and myself trained to call on business establishments. We will provide them with boating information in the form of our own knowledge and free brochures from several sources. If you know of any boating related business that would like us to call on them, let me know.

That's enough! Keep up the good work and recruit—recruit—recruit.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

**Dick**



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



**A**t the recent Change of Watch ceremony, important educational award were made to squadron members.

**The Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching** recognizes outstanding USPS instructors. Once a year, each squadron nominates one outstanding instructor to its district. The District Educational Officer forms a committee to select one nominee within their district for national judging. In the final judging, the Chapman Award Selection Group of the Instructor Development Committee recognizes the five winners who represent the organization's most effective volunteer instructors. **Steve Kromer** was awarded both the squadron and the district Chapman awards. The five national awards have yet to be made, but we think that Steve is a strong candidate for one of them.

**The Student of the Year award** is given to the squadron member who has passed the most classes during the year. This year there was a tie, and so both **Helen Kovac** and **Steven Poe** received this award.

**The Educational Proficiency Award** is presented to members for successful completion of Advanced Piloting plus three elective courses. **Ross Burgess** and **Nelson Hicks** each received this award.

Please congratulate our award winning members the next time you see them.

It is time to start thinking about winter classes. Classes will begin either the third or the fourth week in February. The normal schedule for winter includes the following classes.

### **Seamanship**

Building on the basics of recreational boating presented in the public boating courses, Seamanship adds founda

tional information for continuing boater education. The course contents should facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats and provide the basis for completion of USCG licensing examination. Emphasis within the course has been placed on higher level boating skills, rules of the road, and marlinspike.

### **Advanced Piloting**

This all-new course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student’s skills through hands-on practice and learning. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

### **Cruise Planning**

Designed for members who plan to cruise for just a day or for a year—in either a sail or powerboat—this course covers the following topics:

- Cruise preparation and planning
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning
- Voyage Management

- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

The manual includes a twelve-month cruise planning timeline. The course is non-modular with one final exam.

### **Marine Electronics**

The Marine Electronics course consists of three modules: ME 101, Boat Electrical Systems, ME 102, Marine Radio Communications, and ME 103, Marine Electronics for Navigation. There are no prerequisites for any of these modules; however, it is suggested that a member take ME 101 before taking ME 102. All three modules must be successfully completed to receive credit for Marine Electronics.

ME 101, Boat Electrical Systems, provides information about properties of electricity, electrical power requirements and wiring practices, direct current power, alternating current power, galvanic and stray-current corrosion, lightning protection, and electrical interference.

ME 102, Marine Radio Communications, delves into radio waves and transmitters, receivers and transceivers, antennas and transmission lines, FCC Rules and Regulations, FCC Frequency Plan, marine radiotelephone operating procedures, and other communication services (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB), Digital Selective Calling (DSC), Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), satellite communications, amateur radio, and more).

ME 103, Marine Electronics for Navigation, presents information on depth sounders, RADAR, LORAN-C, GPS Navigation, and two new chapters: Electronic Charting, and Computer-Assisted Navigation (CAN). Members may take this module independent of any other ME module.

#### **Weather**

The Weather course will furnish basic weather knowledge for safer and more enjoyable boating. The student will learn to make weather predictions based upon observations of the sky, upon barometer and wind info-

mation, as well as weather data provided by maps, satellite images, and radio and TV broadcasts. Wx 101 and Wx 102 use a USPS supplement manual together with The Weather Book from *USA Today* (second edition 1997) as the textbook.

Wx 101 - Basic Weather - topics include:

- Effects of Heat and Cold
- Wind and Pressure
- Storms and Fronts
- Rain, Humidity and Fog
- Floods, Droughts, and Winter Precipitation

Wx 102 - Advanced Weather - topics include:

- Thunderstorms and Tornadoes
- Tropical Weather
- Atmosphere and Clouds
- Forecasting
- Climate

If you are interested in taking any of these courses or would like further information about them, please contact me at 577-3022 or [rogerscb@cofc.edu](mailto:rogerscb@cofc.edu)

**Chet Rogers**

**Greeter Program**

This program was started by then Executive Officer Art Clark. The purpose is to meet and greet potential new members taking the 'Boat Smart' class. Even though USPS has decided to try a 3-year program that allows membership without the boating class, we still feel this is a great time to recruit new members. Under the direction of Betsy Porter the program has been a great success.

Betsy needs volunteers. The volunteers come to the Squadron HQ on a Tuesday night, put on a pot of coffee and lay out some cookies and snacks for the Boat Smart students (and anyone else who is there). Then they socialize. The whole idea is to make personal connections with the students in the hopes of recruiting them. There is a break in the class at 1930 for 10 minutes and then the students go back to class and the volunteers clean-up and go home. With more volunteers, the less often each needs to work. So if you would like to help, please call Betsy or me.

**Lt/C Dick Howells**  
Executive Officer

**BOATSMART SCHEDULE**

For Updated Information See  
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Location</i>
04-Dec	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer	West Ashley
11-Dec	What's Required	John Sikes	West Ashley
18-Dec	Rules Of The Road	Ernie Godhsall	West Ashley
25-Dec	Christmas	No Classes	
01-Jan	New Years Day	No Classes	
08-Jan	Getting Started	John Sikes	West Ashley
15-Jan	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer	West Ashley
22-Jan	What's Required	John Sikes	West Ashley
29-Jan	Rules Of The Road	Ernie Godhsall	West Ashley



**Rental Properties**  
Apartment, Homes and Offices  
**Appraisal – Property – Rental Management**

**We help people buy and sell property**

**843-556-2100**

## Administrative Officer Lt/C BJ Smith



Following in the footsteps of Lt/C Dick Howells as the Administrative Officer will be a real challenge, but one I am eager and anxious to accept. Dick and I worked very closely together last year, and we plan to continue that effort in the future. Our Squadron has generated a lot of excitement and momentum, and we are well positioned to accomplish great things next year. I am honored to serve our membership, and I look forward to working with the new Commander, Art Clark, and my fellow Bridge Officers.

As the outgoing Cruise Director, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the 2007 Cruise Captains. They did an outstanding job of organizing, coordinating, and executing our cruise schedule. We had a lot of fun and expect more of the same next year. On that note, Angie Wright has accepted the position of Cruise Director for 2008. She has made excellent progress with appointing a committee and developing the cruise schedule for next year. I can assure you that Angie and her committee, Bill and Renee Wright, will develop an exciting cruise schedule this year. It appears we are going to team up with another squadron on one cruise. This is another opportunity to share our love of the water with like-minded people

The first "Cruise" of 2008 is scheduled for 19 January. We will traverse up the beautiful ICW to Morgan Creek restaurant on the Isle of Palms for a wonderful lunch. The Cruise Captain for this event is Bill Wright, and relevant information appears elsewhere in the "Log". In February, we have the annual pilgrimage cruise to the Cape Romain Lighthouse. More information will follow as the plan develops. Once the entire schedule is finalized, we will publish it in the Log and on the WEB so that everyone can plan ahead.

We are very pleased that Stan Whitman will once again serve as Chairman of the Program Committee. We can expect a continuation of great programs next year. I have seen a "sneak" preview of next year's schedule and I can assure you it is of "All Star" quality.

Jim Easley has volunteered to operate the bar for us this year. My bartender skills are limited to how to spell beer so I welcome Jim's expertise and knowledge. Gary Whitley has agreed to assist Jim with this effort and will continue to be the "go to" guy for many squadron requirements.

Helen Kovack has agreed to manage the member meeting food requirements. We plan to continue special meals such as the Frogmore stew and Brisket we served last quarter. Helen has some dynamite surprises for you in the near future.

Gene Gilfillin has accepted the membership calling position, and we look to improve that function this year by using Goggle Groups for our members who find that notification process adequate for their needs. We will continue to call our members who prefer the telephone notification method.

Janice Kromer has agreed to serve as Chair of the Membership Involvement Committee and will continue with her wonderful articles on new members.

Wendy Walsh does a fantastic job tracking and maintaining our membership. She has agreed to continue her work with the Membership Committee.

As you can see, a lot of planning is going on "behind the scenes" and this significant effort should serve to make this year even more fun and more successful than last year. If you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call or contact me. Let's get excited and work together to make 2008 the "**BEST YEAR EVER**" for the Charleston Power Squadron.

See you on the water soon!

**BJ Smith**

## **Upcoming Program Events** **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2008**

**10 JANUARY 2008:** Dr. Malcolm Meaburn (from NOAA) will address the subject of mercury contamination in sea life & in man, its source & effects. A recent article in the Post & Courier (28 Oct. 2007) reported that SC has some of the worst mercury hotspots of any place in the nation. Most of these hotspots are in the coastal plain. The bar will be open at 1800 and the meeting will commence at 1830. This meeting will be at headquarters.

Helen Kovach will prepare seafood chowder with cornbread and dessert. This entree should be perfect for the beginning of the New Year. Cost is \$7.00 per person. To ensure we have enough food, please make reservations with BJ Smith by 4 January 2008. You may e-mail BJ at [smithbj@sc.rr.com](mailto:smithbj@sc.rr.com) or contact him by cell 843-514-9638.

**14 FEBRUARY 2008:** J.E. "Dewey" Teske will talk about recent updates pertaining to the Spirit of South Carolina. This meeting will be at headquarters and will include another culinary delight with a surprise theme

**13 MARCH 2008:** John Evans, General Manager of Hiller Systems, Inc., will address the appropriate use of the various types of fire extinguishers as a first line of defense against the various types of boating fires and how to insure that they remain fully serviceable while mounted aboard the boat. This meeting will be at headquarters. Get ready for a "pig pickin".

**Stan Whitman**

## **Christmas Party**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Low Country, and that means it's time for the Squadron's annual Christmas Gala. We will convene for the festivities on 13 December 2007 at 1800 at Headquarters with a Happy Hour. The catered dinner will be followed by the infamous Chinese Auction. In addition, Helen Kovach has made Christmas tree decorations and they will be available for a small donation. All donations will be presented to the local Marine Corps sponsored "Toys for Tots" program on behalf of the Charleston Power Squadron.

Cost for the event will be \$15.00 per person and a wrapped gift for the Auction. We suggest something around \$10.00 in value and just one gift from each family or couple. In the past, wine or anything for a boat was very popular. When you walk in and pay, we will provide one ticket per family or couple and then draw numbers to start the auction frenzy after dinner. BJ Smith does not know it yet but he has volunteered to be the auctioneer. Please make your reservations for the party with BJ, the new Administrative Officer. His phone number is 843-514-9638. And his email is [smithbj@sc.it.com](mailto:smithbj@sc.it.com). Please do so by 6 December 2007.

### **Commander Art Clark**



**Marina Diving Services**  
KEVIN KERNS  
US NAVY Diver, Retired  
**843-478-3633**  
Performance Hull Cleaning and Maintenance  
Prop and Zinc Changes  
In Water Repair  
Salvage and Recovery  
LICENSED and INSURED

## Oyster Roast 2007

Our Oyster Roast Fund Raiser for the Squadron was a great success. Ninety-five people attended and donated to the Squadron. We went through fourteen bushels of oysters, ten cups of cocktail sauce, three pounds of crackers, fifty hamburgers, forty-five hotdogs, cases of drinks and tables loaded with salads, deserts and chili. Our members were great to bring all the extras. What a feast. We had a large number of invited guests and others who came because of the extensive public service advertising that Gary Whitley was able to obtain for us.

There are a lot of “Thank You’s” due for this and I hope I do not miss anyone. First off a special Thank You to Fred and Joyce Wichmann for graciously allowing us to use their home for the party. They epitomize Southern Hospitality.



**What a view we had from the back yard of Toad Hall**

Our oysters were some of the best ever, and we can thank Commander Dave Walsh and his helpers Mike and Judy Fauss for bringing the honored guests and getting them ready. Of course, our cooks were the greatest. Steve Rustin and Terry Marinko arrived at noon on Saturday and stayed until there were no more oysters, appetites or any of Steve’s special sauce. Thanks Gentlemen!



**Terry and Steve**

Commander Walsh, Gary Whitley and Art Clark built new oyster tables, and BJ Smith provided new barrels. Nick Pastis was in charge of the drinks, and no one went dry. Thanks Nick! BJ Smith and Anne Howells cooked the hotdogs and hamburgers. They both were well smoked by the end of the party. Gary Whitley ran for more food when we ran low because of the huge turnout. Thank you all. Wendy Walsh collected money and kept track of who paid what. Thank you Wendy.

From me to all of you-Thank You! This was a great Oyster Roast because of the Squadron’s members. You are the Best!

**Lt/C Dick Howells**  
Cruise Captain



**Happy December Birthdays to the  
Following Members**

Harry J. Garner	01 Dec
B. J. Smith	05 Dec
Michael R. Fauss	08 Dec
Steven B. Rustin	14 Dec
Angela F. Wright	19 Dec
Brooks S. Fullerton	22 Dec
Steven Ireland	27 Dec
Janice Kromer	28 Dec
Steven R. Poe	28 Dec
Joyce M. Wichmann	29 Dec
Mary U. Workman	30 Dec

**Happy January Birthdays to the  
Following Members**

James J. Easley	03 Jan
Ernest F. Godshall	05 Jan
Jenny Reves	05 Jan
Keith Arthur Gannett	10 Jan
Patrick Keegan	17 Jan
Wendy C. Walsh	18 Jan
Richard L. Behling	30 Jan
Willie D. Gamble	30 Jan
Robert A. Kovach	30 Jan

**For Sale**

**2001 Sea Ray 260 Sundancer**

5.7 EFI 260 HP Bravo III Mercruiser engine  
240 hours, A/C, GPS, Vacu-flush Head, Full  
Galley, Luxurious cabin that sleeps four. Bimini  
tops and full camper package. Excellent con-  
dition. \$48,900

Call Chuck Altschul 367-6425



## CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

### Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 06 September 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cdr David Walsh at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, P/C Anthony Ward, P/C Merellene Ward, P/C Janice Kromer, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C Jim Bass, P/Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Steve Poe, B. J. Smith, Gary Whitley, Mike Page. A quorum was established.

P/Lt/C Steve Kromer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

P/C Janice Kromer made a motion to approve the minutes of the August Excom Meeting, and P/Lt/C Steve Kromer seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the minutes for the August Excom Meeting were approved.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

**Executive:** Per Lt/C Art Clark: Cooperative Charting – Lt/C Art Clark reported that Stf/C Horst Boetige led a depth sound training session for our Squadron. Those attending were Cdr David Walsh, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, B.J. Smith and Patrick Keegan. Special thanks to Patrick Keegan for providing his boat for use during the training session.

P/Lt/C Steve Kromer made a motion to co-sponsor the Holiday Parade of Boats with the City of Charleston. The motion was seconded by Gary Whitley. A vote was taken and the motion carried. B. J. Smith made a motion to budget a maximum of \$500.00 to order hats for all members who participate in the Holiday Parade of Boats as well as the Parade Commodore and the Judges. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Art Clark. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Educational:** Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that 16 people have signed up for Squadron courses Seaman Ship – 3,

Piloting – 5, Junior Navigation – 2, Engine Maintenance – 3, and Instruction Development – 3. There was considerable discussion about the manuals to be used with the BoatSmart course. We only have 8 BoatSmart manuals remaining, and Lt/C Chet Rogers has ordered the Squadron Boating Course manuals as a replacement since the new BoatSmart manuals will not be available until next year.

**Administrative:** Per Lt/C Dick Howells: Lt/C Dick Howells reported that the general membership meeting is coming up on 13 September, and that the Squadron is providing Frogmore Stew, salad and desert. Cost for the event will be \$5.00 per person and there will be a cash bar. Georgetown Cruise begins on 14 September. Planning for the annual oyster roast is on going. Cost for the event will be \$15.00 per person.

Lt Wendy Walsh reported that we have an application for a new member Steven Charles Kemp that needs to be voted on by the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Lt/C Art Clark approve the membership, and B. J. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Secretary:** Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Articles that you want posted in the Palmetto Log must be submitted to Steve Brostoff no later than 14 September.

**Ship's Store:** Lt/C Jim Bass reported that the Ship's Store will be open for business at the general membership meeting.

**Treasurer:** Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: Lt/C Chuck Altschul provided a Profit and Loss statement for the Squadron from December 2006, through August 2007. The total income for the period is \$ 20,618.27, and the total expense for the period is \$18,640.89. The net income for the period is \$1977.38. Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported that we have \$8,804.00 in our checking account and \$9,200.00 in our money market fund for a total of \$1,8004.

Lt/C Charles Altschul reported that the Cooper River Yacht Club would like to continue to use our Headquarters Building for holding their monthly meeting and proposed that we accept a donation of \$50.00 per month. Lt/C Art Clark made a motion that we accept the proposal of \$50.00 per month donation from Cooper River Yacht Club for use of the Headquarters Building for their monthly meetings. The motion was seconded by P/C Janice Kromer. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Commander:** Cdr David Walsh reported that the District 26 Fall Conference and District Change of Watch will be in Hilton Head and is scheduled for 19-21 October 2007, at the Hilton Head Holiday Inn.

Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch is scheduled for 10 November 2007 at the Storm Point Conference Center at the Naval Weapons Station *vice* the Redbank Club. Cost of the event will be \$30.00 per person.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit, Nominating and Planning Committees: No reports**

**Housing Committee:** Gary Whitley reported that they are still investigating getting a contract for termite protection for the Headquarters Building.

Lt/C Art Clark made a motion that we donate 2 TVs and one old computer, which are no longer used by the Squadron, to Habitat for Humanity. The motion was seconded by P/C Janice Kromer. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Rules Committee:** P/C Merellene Ward submitted to Lt/C Jim Bass a copy of the proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Charleston Power Squadron. P/C Merellene Ward agreed to meet with Robert Gissel and insure that the changes reported by him are the same as the changes she had documented. Cdr David Walsh agreed to make it an agenda item for discussion at the October Excom Meeting.

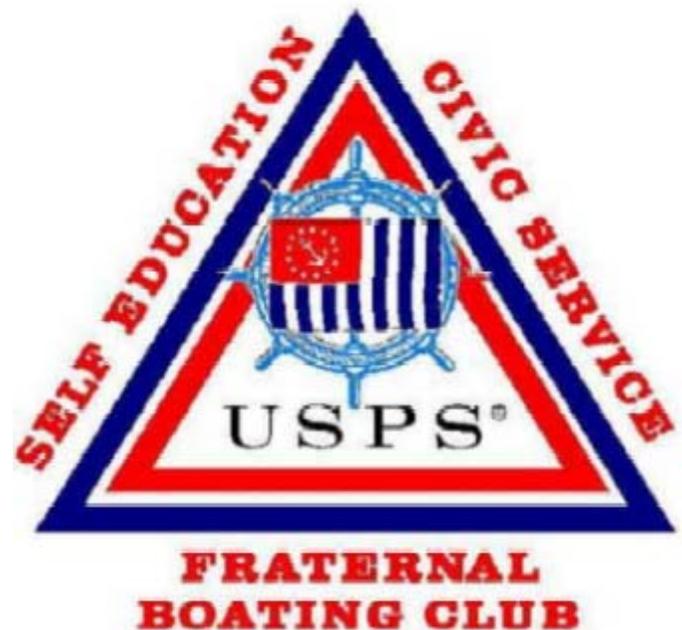
**Communications:** Cdr David Walsh was asked to speak at the East Cooper River Fishing Club on 10 September

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

The meeting adjourned at 1958 hours.

Submitted by,  
**Lt/C Jim Bass**  
Secretary



## CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

### Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 04 October 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cdr David Walsh at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, Stf/C Harl Porter, P/R/C Ed Kridler, P/D/C Bob Gissel, P/C Janice Kromer, P/C John Sikes, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Chet Rogers, Lt/C Jim Bass, P/Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Steve Poe, Lt Gene Gilfillin, B. J. Smith, Gary Whitley, Betsy Porter, and Carole Gilfillin. A quorum was established.

**Invocation:** Lt/C Jim Bass

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by P/Lt/C Steve Kromer

P/C Janice Kromer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September Excom Meeting, and B. J. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the minutes for the September Excom Meeting were approved.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

**Executive:** Per Lt/C Art Clark: Lt/C Art Clark reported that the Spirit of South Carolina has agreed to be the judges boat for the Holiday Parade of Boats.

P/Lt/C Steve Kromer reported that B.J. Smith had lined up a great slate of judges for the event. B. J. Smith reported that the Honorary Commodore will be Congressman Henry Brown. The judges will be Chief Greg Mullins of the Charleston Police Department, Fred Jordan, head baseball coach at the citadel, Paul Thurman, attorney and member of the Charleston County Council, Gary Griffin, of WEZL, Brad Rustin, CEO of Charleston Federal Credit Union.

**Educational:** Lt/C Chet Rogers reported the change over date from the BoatSmart manuals to the Squadron manuals for teaching the BoatSmart classes will be 30 October 2007. Lt/C Chet Rogers also reported a need

for a new projection lamp for one of the projectors and an additional computer for training classes.

Lt/C Chet Rogers reported that the Public Boating Proctor Program aims at being more welcoming than we are to BoatSmart students. Betsy Porter has agreed to coordinate the program. Fifteen members have volunteered to help with the program. The duties of the volunteers would be to provide name tags, coffee and cookies, and get to know the new students better. Hopefully this would increase the number of BoatSmart students who will continue their relationship with the Power Squadron by joining the Charleston Power Squadron.

**Administrative:** Per Lt/C Dick Howells: Lt/C Dick Howells reported that the annual general membership meeting is coming up on 11 October 2007, and that the Squadron is providing the food. Cost for the event will be \$7.00 per person and there will be a cash bar. We will be holding the election of officers, approval of budget for 2008, and approval of the modified Squadron Bylaws. The annual Oyster Roast is scheduled for 27 October 2007.

Lt Wendy Walsh reported that our membership is now at 179, of which there are 133 active and 46 family members.

**Secretary:** Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Articles that you want posted in the Palmetto Log must be submitted to Steve Brostoff no later than 15 October.

**Ship's Store:** Lt/C Jim Bass reported that the Ship's Store will be open for business at the annual membership meeting.

**Treasurer:** Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported that the Cooper River Yacht Club had not had a meeting to approve the donation of \$50 per month for using the Headquarters Building for their monthly meetings. Consequently the Cooper River Yacht Club sent us a check for \$60. They were advised that, if they approved the \$50 per month donation, \$10 of the current check would be applied to next month's donation.

The Trinity Bible Church that has been using our Headquarters Building for their Sunday Worship Services will soon have their building permit approved by the City and will not use our facility after their building is available.

Lt/C Chuck Altschul provided a statement for the Squadron from December 2006, through September 2007. The total income for the period is \$22,271.69, and the total expense for the period is \$19,750.73. The net income for the period is \$2,520.96. Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported that we have a \$9157.00 in our checking account and \$9,107.00 in our money market fund for a total of \$18,264.

**Commander:** Cdr David Walsh reported that Stf/C Harl Porter attended the Governors Board Meeting. Stf/C Harl Porter reported the meeting was basically relaxed and successful meeting. One bit of bad news was that the USPS membership is now under 40,000 and we are getting smaller. However, the membership in the Coast Guard Auxiliary is dropping faster than in the USPS which means that the loss in membership is not unique to USPS.

Cdr David Walsh reported that the District Fall Conference is scheduled for 19-21 October 2007. He requested a list of those who were planning to attend. P/R/C Ed Kridler reported that the Educational Department is having a teaching aids exhibit and judges and a presentation on leadership development and squadron improvements. Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch is scheduled for 10 November 2007 at the Storm Point Conference Center at the Naval Weapons Station *vice* the Redbank Club. Cost of the event will be \$30.00 per person.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit, Nominating, Housing Committee, and Planning Committees: No reports**

**Rules Committee:** Lt/C Jim Bass reported that after reviewing the written documented modifications to the Charleston Power Squadron Bylaws it was noticed that the Invocation had been removed from Article 10, Section 10.1, that is the order of business and rules of order for our meetings. After considerable discussion, it was

decided that the correct way to amend the current proposed changes to our Bylaws to include the Invocation was to do so at the annual meeting. Stf/C Harl Porter suggested that the desired amendment be written down and copies made available for each table. If the amendment was approved and the modified changes approved then the Invocation would be put back into the proposed changes of our Bylaws and be submitted to National.

**Communications:** Cdr David Walsh received a call from Captain Michael McAllister of the Coast Guard inviting him to lunch on 22 October 2007. He was not sure of what the Captain wanted to discuss.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

The meeting adjourned at 1930.

Submitted by,  
**Lt/C Jim Bass**  
Secretary

**BARGAIN MART**  
**USED BOATING SUPPLIES**  
4662 Rivers Ave. N. Charleston, SC 29405  
Phone 843-747-4144

INSIDE THE USED FURNITURE STORE  
HARDWARE - PLUMBING - BRASS  
ROPE - RODS - REELS - GAS TANKS  
MOTORS - OUTDRIVES - SAILS  
ANCHORS - ELECTRIC  
HARD TO FIND BOAT PARTS

CONSIGN OR SELL US YOUR USED PARTS

## **Change of Watch Ceremony 11 November 2007**

The Charleston Power Squadron held its annual Change of Watch Ceremony on Saturday, 11 November 2007 at the Storm Pointe Center at the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek, SC. Outgoing Squadron Commander David Walsh, AP reviewed the progress the Charleston Squadron made during the past year. Walsh cited progress the squadron has made with recruiting new members and building financial reserves. He introduced District 26 Administrative Officer Betty Walton, JN who gave the keynote speech and presided over the swearing in ceremony. Walton said that District 26 is one of the most active and growing districts in USPS. He congratulated the Charleston Squadron on its progress in 2007. Incoming Commander Art Clark addressed the group and presented his agenda for 2008. He said that squadron membership involvement and new member recruiting were among the top goals for 2008. During the awards ceremony, Betty Walton presented 25-Year pins and Order of Mariners pins to Squadron members. She also presented the Charleston Power Squadron a Membership Growth Award and a Cooperative Charting Honor Roll Award. Eric Pearson, D26 Educational Officer, was on hand to present the District Chapman Award to Steve Kromer. The Chapman Award is the highest educational award of the Squadron. Pearson said that Steve will represent District 26 in the national Chapman Award Competition. A complete list of award recipients follows this article. Many members stayed after dinner for dancing to music provided by Smokey Weiner's Band, "The Hot Links." All had a wonderful evening of fellowship, good food and dancing. Here are the list of awards and some pictures from the Change of Watch.

### **District 26 Awards**

Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching – Steve Kromer

Order of the Mariner – Jim Hackett and Joe Schady, Jr

25 Year Pins – Steve Rustin, John Sikes, Jim Hackett and Bob Kovach

Membership Growth Award – Charleston Power Squadron

Cooperative Charting Honor Roll – Charleston Power Squadron

### **Charleston Power Squadron Awards**

Student of the Year – Helen Kovach and Steve Poe

Educational Proficiency Award – Nelson Hicks and Ross Burgess

Cooperative Charting Honor Roll – Marge Bannon, Steve Kromer, Mike Page, Art Clark and Steve Poe

Wallace C. Till Award for Service Beyond the Call of Duty – Gary Whitley

Fred Taylor Education Award – Steve Kromer

Bronze Propeller Award for Squadron Boating – Steve Poe

Fred Wichmann Award for Story Telling – Fred Wichmann

Commander's Award for Service throughout the Year – Harl Porter

Boner Award for "Being Towed to His Cruise" – Steve Ireland

Spark Plug Award – B.J. Smith

### **New Bridge**

Commander: Art Clark

Executive Officer: Dick Howells

Administrative Officer: B.J. Smith

Secretary: Jim Bass

Treasurer: Chuck Altschul

Educational Officer: Chet Rogers

Assistant Educational Officer: Steve Poe



**New Brige Pledging: Left to Right, Jim Bass, Dick Howells, BJ Smith, Chet Rogers and Art Clark**



**BJ Smith Shows His Sparkplug Award**



**David Walsh Displays His Past Commander Flag**



**Steve Ireland Receives an Award from Past Commnader David Walsh**



**Betty Walton Presents Order of Mariner Award to Joe Shady**



**Steve Kromer Receives Chapman Award from Eric Pearson**

The Palmetto Log  
Steven Brostoff, Editor  
Wendy Walsh, Mailings  
5223 Old Washington Course  
Hollywood, SC 29449

NON PROFIT ORG.  
US POSTAGE PAID  
CHARLESTON, SC  
PERMIT NUMBER 1599

Return Service Requested



---

**THIS IS YOUR PUBLICATION**  
**MEET THE DEADLINE** for February  
**18 January 2008**

**BJ Smith**  
**Cruising Activities**  
**Phone: 843-767-1491**

### Upcoming Events

1 December - Parade of Boats  
13 December - Christmas Party - 1800  
10 January - Member Meeting HQ 1830  
19 January - Morgan Creek Cruise

**SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION**