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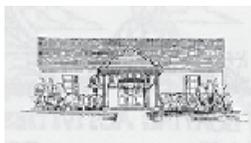
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From The Commander Cdr Harl Porter, SN



My name is Harl Porter, and on 21 November 2009 I was sworn in as Commander of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. My wife Betsy was there at the Change of Watch and will help and support my efforts as your Commander. I also need your help and support.

BRIDGE is defined by *Nautical Know How* as the location from which a vessel is steered and its speed controlled. Collectively your elected officers are known as the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Bridge. Elected to serve on your bridge are: Executive Officer Joe W. Schady, Educational Officer John Meyenberg, Administrative Officer Bill Hayes, Secretary Pat Brown and Treasurer Rick Cone. With the exception of Rick Cone, all are new to the Bridge. Previously, at another squadron, I served as the Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. We will do our best to keep Charleston Sail and Power Squadron moving in the right direction at an appropriate speed.

This new Bridge was vetted by the Nominating Committee and elected by the squadron members. They are all well qualified, willing and able to serve. If you like what your Bridge Officers and/or Committees are doing tell them "Bravo Zulu". BRAVO ZULU is a naval signal meaning "Well Done". If you do not like our direction and speed please let me know.

You have all heard that you are responsible for your wake. By looking at a wake you can see what direction a vessel is heading and estimate its speed. Your Bridge is responsible for the wake of our squadron. There are two ways not to leave a wake: one is to remain on the beach (do nothing), the other is to go "Dead in the Water" (drift with the current). Charleston Sail and Power Squadron, with your assistance, hopes to make a good wake. One of the benches in the Atlanta Aquarium has this quote: "*History is written by those who make the wake,*

not by those who watch safely from the shore." Our Bridge needs you to help us make a good wake.

Our goals for 2010 are:

Increase membership by 12% - we need your help in encouraging boaters to take our American Boaters Course (ABC) and in recruiting 20% of the ABC graduates.

Education Department to conduct four ABC courses plus seminars - we need instructors and mentors. Talk to SEO John Meyenberg if you can help.

All members to achieve the Grade of Advance Piloting (AP) by taking Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting classes. I also encourage you to take Marine Electronics, which I teach.

Have one Dinner Meeting a quarter in a Charleston Area Restaurant with the rest in our Club House. Each Dinner Meeting should include an interesting speaker. Your attendance is encouraged. Administrative Officer Bill Hayes is responsible for Dinner Meetings and Guest Speakers and would appreciate your suggestions.

Mixture of monthly lunch, raft-up or overnight cruises to include two extended cruises: one North to Georgetown with an option to continue to Myrtle Beach and one South to Beaufort with an option to continue to Savannah. Boating Activities are part of the Administrative Department.

Improve our Club House. Your Capital Improvement suggestions are requested.

Executive Officer Joe Schady and the Housing Committee are responsible for maintaining and improving our Club House.

Don't watch safely from shore. Please become active in one or more of Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's activities. Help us make a good wake.

Harl



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



Greetings everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My wife Susan and I moved to Charleston with our children Joey and Julia two years ago from New York. I have been boating practically from birth. Memorial Day (pretty much the start of boating season in New York) is three weeks from my birthday. And let's just say growing up, we never missed a Memorial Day weekend on the boat. Our family has been a member in the Power Squadron since my grandfather, and I look forward to continuing in the tradition as an officer in the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

As Executive Officer I am lucky to have people helping me in the various duties for which I am responsible. I have a veteran team of which the members have been performing their duties for multiple years. Please allow me to introduce them:

- Boat Show – Daisy Proctor
- Cooperative Charting – David Walsh
- Liaison – Joe Schady
- Public Relations – Gary Whitley
- Safety – John Sikes
- Vessel Safety Check – Cdr Harl Porter
- Homeland Security – Joe Schady
- Housing Committee – David Walsh

We will not have too much on the calendar from the Executive Officer in December and January, except for Operations Training. This training is open to the entire membership. The dates have not been confirmed as of

yet, but we will begin classes in January. I will be sending out the exact dates and times over the next couple of weeks.

Starting this year, the Housing Committee will be one of the committees under the Executive Officer, and we are looking forward to making some improvements on the club house. Please feel free to contact me on any ideas you may have for improvements on the club house.

I look forward to serving as your Executive Officer and a great year ahead of us.

Joe



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Administrative Officer
Lt/C Bill Hayes, P



Greetings to all Charleston Sail and Power Squadron members. I am looking forward to working with the other members of the newly elected Bridge as we serve the needs of the squadron and you its members.

Many of you know the responsibilities of the Administrative Department, but for the benefit of those of you who may not, I will summarize it here. In general terms it deals with operations internal to the squadron with the exception of Education. Specifically the Administrative Department “oversees” the following committees:

1. Membership:

Chairperson WENDY WALSH has graciously agreed to continue in this role for 2010.

2. Member Involvement:

Chairperson CURRENTLY VACANT

3. Boating Activities:

Chairperson CARL KLELE

4. Meetings and Programs Chairperson:

CURRENTLY VACANT

5. Operations Training:

Chairperson KEN BEEBER has graciously agreed to continue in this role for 2010.

As you can see we are in need of two volunteers to serve as committee heads.

My concept of operation is to get many people involved in each area in order to spread the workload out and provide backup in the event that someone is not available. I have been assured, by our newly elected Commander, Harl Porter, that Committee Chairs will be supported. As your Administrative Officer I sincerely endorse that concept. I envision an ADMIN TEAM with individual primary responsibilities plus the team spirit that will enable each of us to provide mutual support to other administrative areas as necessary.

I have talked with several members who are interested in helping in many of the above areas, but the USPS organization requires that a Chairperson be appointed for each committee. PLEASE CALL ME IF THERE IS AN AREA THAT INTERESTS YOU. I GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED.

Gary Whitley and Carl Klele will hold informal week day cruises for members of Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. The first Informal Cruise was on Wednesday 18 November. For details see separate article.

January Dinner and Cruise

14 Jan (Thursday) Dinner in our Club House. New Chef is Beverly Meyenberg (SEO John’s wife); dinner speaker is from West Marine. See separate article.

16 Jan (Saturday) Lunch cruise to Morgan Creek Grill. See separate article.

Bill

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Education Officer
Lt/C John Meyenberg, AP



I am excited to be your new Education Officer. I plan to schedule all the advance and elective courses this year, so those of you working toward a full certificate will have available the courses you need.

The Education Department has been busy scheduling the spring classes. We have instructors available for each course but always welcome anyone that would like to help out or teach a lesson or two and of course earn a merit mark.

The following is a schedule of the spring courses:

- 15 December 2009 ABC Instructor Recertification
Cost: N/C
- 02 January 2010 ABC Public Course
Cost: \$50
- 12 January 2010 Instructor Development Course
Cost: N/C
- 17 February 2010 Advance Piloting Course
Cost: \$65
including Weekend Navigator
Cost : \$80
- 01 March 2010 Piloting Course
Cost: \$65
- 02 March 2010 Sail 101 Course
Cost: \$65
- 03 March 2010 Cruise Planning Course
Cost: \$60

Those that are interested in taking JN and N, please let me know.

I need to know who would like to take the Instructor Development Course by 11 December 2009 so I can order the materials.

We are looking forward to having our members take advantage of the courses offered. The instructors put in a lot of time and effort preparing to teach the courses. I would like to encourage our members to take the Ad-

vance Piloting Course. It is a lot of fun and not difficult as you may perceive. With the tides and currents in our area, the course can be very beneficial and may save you a call to Sea Tow or Boat US. Also, I would like as many members as possible to have AP on their certificates. Seamanship, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronic, and Weather Courses are planned for next fall.

To sign up for a course, contact me at captjohnm@gmail.com or call my home 843-873-0321.

John

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Secretary
Lt/C Pat Brown



From One Desk to Another

Retirement comes with many new adventures. After thirty-five years of teaching and just a few months into retirement, I consented to have my name placed into nomination as secretary for the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. The secretary's job description is really quite interesting and let's me know how my students must have felt throughout the years when they received units of work to be completed. I do, however, look forward to performing the many duties required as secretary. I have a great team of committee chairs! Steve Poe will continue as webmaster, Steve Brostoff and Wendy Walsh will serve as editor and assistant editor, respectively, of the Palmetto Log, and Glen Workman will continue to man the ship's store at meetings. What a wonderful crew they are. It is their experience that will mentor me through this learning period.

Throughout the year, we hope to have interesting items for purchase in the ship's store and an interesting and informative Palmetto Log. We will ask your input about the use of available technology and develop ways to economize and still serve you in royalty. As I leave the desk of the classroom, I will proudly serve at the secretary's desk of the Sail and Power Squadron.

Pat

Treasurer
Lt/C Rick Cone, P



By now, most of you know me as the member who collects your money at many of our events. I joined CSPS about 2 years ago in order to get myself up-to-speed (again) on many aspects of boating, and after several super classes, I feel I have accomplished most of my mission. As your treasurer since June 2009, I've had to quickly learn the many internal workings of CSPS business since almost everything we do has either a direct or indirect link to our monthly financial statements. Our recent October District 26 Change of Watch weekend and October oyster roast were both financial successes thanks to our many volunteers and members who participated, not to mention the good time had by all attending. December/January is a busy time for all of us, but try and find the time to attend our annual 10 December Christmas party, the 5 December Christmas Parade of Lights, and our January monthly dinner/speaker. Lastly, just a friendly reminder of our CSPS reservation rule: If you make reservations for a planned event that involves a cost, we spend \$\$ based on those reservations, so if you do not cancel in advance of the event, we do expect your payment. As a small 501c3 organization, we operate with a very tight budget.

Rick

December 2009 and January 2010 Calendars

3 December	Executive Meeting
5 December	Parade of Boats
10 December	Christmas Dinner at Club House
No Cruise in December	
7 January	Executive Meeting
12 January (Tues)	ABC class starts
14 January	Dinner Meeting at Club House
16 January	Lunch Cruise to Morgan Creek Grill

Squadron Christmas Party Dinner and Gift Exchange 10 December 2009

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Annual Christmas Party (Dinner and Gift Exchange) will be on Thursday 10 December at our Headquarters building (1376 Orange Grove Road).

Happy Hour will start at 1800 with the catered Dinner at 1900. **Please bring one \$10 wrapped gift to exchange and your favorite dessert to share.**

Cost for the catered dinner, by The EcLectic Chef, will be \$15.00 per person. RSVP by Friday 4 Dec to Harl Porter at either 843.832.9423 or 107Harl@sc.rr.com. Seating will be limited to 60. Because of the external caterer we must pay for all ordered meals. **No-shows will be billed for their ordered dinners.**

Menu

Eclectic House Salad

Mixed Greens with Grape Tomatoes, English Cucumbers, Walnuts, Mandarin Oranges, Dried Cranberries and Toasted Parmesan Croutons with Balsamic Italian Vinaigrette

Pork Marsala

Tender Slices of Pork in a Rich Marsala Sauce served with Mashed Potatoes and a Dinner Roll

or

Creamy Bacon and Ranch Chicken

Sliced Chicken with a zesty ranch sauce, bacon, red onions, and cheddar cheese served over a bed of Wild Rice Pilaf and a Dinner Roll

Shared Dessert - Bring your favorite Dessert to share (Betsy will probably share her German Chocolate Cake, what will you share?)

Gift Exchange – When you walk in and pay, you will be provided one ticket per family or couple (only bring one wrapped gift per family/couple). After dinner we will start the Chinese Auction. In the past anything for a boat or wine were very popular with several gifts exchanging hands many times.

Dinner is being catered by The EcLectic Chef and advanced reservations are required. Seating will be limited to 60 people. Reservations are required by Friday 4 December and **no-shows will be billed for their ordered dinners.**

14 January Dinner Meeting

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron January Dinner Meeting will be on Thursday 14 January 2010 at our Headquarters building (1376 Orange Grove Road).

Happy Hour will start at 1800 with the Dinner at 1900.

Cost for the dinner, by our new Chef Beverly Meyenberg, will be \$10.00 per person.

RSVP by Sunday 10 January to Bill Hayes at 843.261.8322 or billsflyfishing@mac.com. Seating will be limited to 60.

Guest Speaker will be from West Marine.

16 January 2010 Lunch Cruise

Meet Charleston Sail and Power Squadron for Lunch at the Morgan Creek Grill on Saturday 16 Jan 10 at 1200. Come by boat, weather permitting, or come by car.

Our 16 January 2010 Lunch Cruise will be to Morgan Creek Grill (843.886.0209) in the ICW North of Charleston at statute mile 457 (32 48.3 North by 079 45.6 West). There are courtesy slips for boats under 30 feet at Morgan Creek Grill; larger boats will have to pay for an hour at the Isle of Palms Marina (843.886.0209) next door.

Reservations are NOT required at Morgan Creek Grill. Please let Cdr Harl Porter know if your intentions are to come by boat. Either call him at 843.832.9423 or 107Harl@sc.rr.com. On Saturday 10 Jan he can be reached either on his cell phone 843.408.8596 or, weather permitting, on *Palmetto Elephant* (VHF channel 16). Boats wanting to run in the ICW should meet as a group in Charleston Harbor Middle Ground near buoy Red "2" (Fl R 2.5 sec) at 1100.



Happy December Birthdays

01 December	Stanley H. Whitman
05 December	B. J. Smith
08 December	Michael R. Fauss
08 December	Lane D. Jefferies
09 December	Richard A. Day
14 December	Steven B. Rustin
16 December	Lisa Piazzola
17 December	Tom Dougherty
18 December	Jeff Bowers
19 December	Angela F. Ireland
27 December	Steven Ireland
28 December	Steven R. Poe
28 December	Janice Kromer
29 December	Joyce M. Wichmann
30 December	Mary U. Workman

Happy January Birthdays

03 January	James J. Easley
05 January	Ernest F. Godshall
05 January	Jenny Reves
06 January	Sheryl T. Shields
09 January	Ted E. Erskine
10 January	Robert E. Shields
12 January	Dona Jean Dorminy
17 January	Patrick Keegan
18 January	Wendy C. Walsh
21 January	William C. Robinson
29 January	Charles F. Rogers
30 January	Willie D. Gamble
30 January	Robert A. Kovach

First Informal Weekday Trip by Gary Whitley

On Wednesday 18 November we had four boats and 15 members on the cruise up the Ashley to view the plantations, and two boats did a little fishing also. This first informal week day trip is what we plan to do next year at least twice a month, and of course we will still continue our weekend monthly cruises that we do during the year.

Carl Klele will be in charge of our cruises next year, and Gary Whitley will assist in the day outings. We hope to get a lot more members involved with on the water activity on the monthly cruises as well as the weekday outings.

For your future planning, we will have day outings and most likely just have everyone pack a lunch and raft up and visit. We will also try to plan a sail boat day so our power boaters can enjoy a day sail with all our great sailboat captains. We have some beautiful sail boats and power boats, and we hope to also have a trawler day or large boat day so our smaller boat owners can enjoy a day on the water on a larger boat. All suggestions will be appreciated on what you would like to do or where you want to go.



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