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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

From the Commander Cdr Janice Kromer, AP



By now, I'm sure you've gotten the hint that I like to communicate with all of you to let you know what's going on in the squadron. When there is news that needs to be communicated quickly, I usually do this via email. I think communication is the spearhead of keeping the spirit of the squadron alive. And to optimize its effectiveness, it needs to be two-way.

At the Executive Committee Meeting in May, we decided to take advantage of today's technology and move our communications one step forward. To that effect, we will be setting up a "Group" of all of our Charleston Power Squadron members who have email. We will be using Google as the host of this email Group. When we want to communicate with all of our members, all we will have to do is access that group, and each of you will receive the communication. Each and every one of you will be able to take advantage of this communication method to post valuable information that might be of interest to our members. If you hear of a problem on the Intracoastal Waterway – post it to the email group and we'll all know about it. If you want to take a cruise next weekend and are looking for other boaters to sail along – just let us all know with one easy email.

I know this concept is new, and anything new is intimidating. But the Bridge is here to help you along. Each member who has shared his email address with us will be added to the Charleston Power Squadron Google Group. You will receive an initial email that looks like this:

skromer@telecomdb.com has added you to the Charleston Power Squadron group with this message:

Here is the group's description:

The Official Website of the Charleston Power Squadron

————— Google Groups Information —————

The owner of the group has set your subscription type as "Email", meaning that you'll receive a copy of every message posted to the group as they are posted.

Visit this group on the web by using this URL:

<http://groups.google.com/group/Charleston-Power-Squadron>

You can unsubscribe from this group using the following URL:

http://groups.google.com/group/Charleston-Power-Squadron/unsub?u=JG6Y7QgAAACeKtKrOITRjQEtItMC_7RI

————— Information About This Message —————

If you feel that this message is abuse, please inform the Google Groups staff by using the URL below.

<http://groups.google.com/groups/abuse?direct=MQAAABZ7KQA%2Fj1AB4xdOAQ>

There are two important facts to remember. You have to do absolutely NOTHING to activate the mailbox or start an email to post to all members. Although there is a way to visit the group web site and set up an account by clicking the Visit This Group link in the email, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO DO SO.

If you want to read an email, just click on it as you would any other incoming email. If you want to post an email to all members, the power squadron group email address is:

charleston-power-squadron@googlegroups.com.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS ADDRESS AND PUT IT IN YOUR ADDRESS BOOK.

If you want to respond to an email you receive, click "Reply to Sender" or "Reply to All Recipients".

If you don't want to participate in the Group at all, you will have the option to opt out. To do this, click on email link to unsubscribe in the original email.

We will be setting up the email group starting the week

of June 12. . We wanted to give you the opportunity to read all about it in the Log first. You will receive you initial email, and then you will be receiving emails as they are posted. However, if you prefer to receive a daily digest of postings instead of individual emails, or if you want to proactively visit the our group's web page to read the emails rather than having them delivered to your email box, just let Steve or me know. We can easily change your settings. Remember, Steve Kromer, Bob Gulbrandsen and I are available to answer any of your questions.

And to those of you who do not have an email account, it's still very important to keep the channels of communication open. Please, feel free to call me at any time with your issues and concerns. The Bridge is always ready to listen.

-Janice



Executive Officer Lt/C David E. Walsh, AP



Recently, I received an important e-mail message from Claiborne Young. His message was an alert to the boating community of a funding problem that threatens to close the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) at "Hells Gate" in Georgia. Young was notified that because of lack of funding the US Army Corps of Engineers is unable to maintain the minimum required depth of the ICW in this area. If the Corps of Engineers does not get funding soon, the navigation markers will be removed and the ICW south of Savannah and Isle of Hope will be cut. This is serious situation because there is no good way for boaters to go around this problem area.

Lack of Federal funding is the reason we are having this problem. Federal funding for maintaining the ICW is based on a formula established in 1890 that allocates ICW dredging funds according to commercial tonnage traffic alone. Recreational boating is not considered in this formula. This outmoded formula ignores the fact that since 1970, most of the traffic and economic activity generated on the ICW is due to recreational boating.

As recreational boaters and users of the ICW, we need to let our US Senators and Congressmen know that additional funding is needed to preserve and maintain ICW. The ICW is a priceless boating resource that generates business, helps our economy and provides enormous recreational benefits to South Carolina. Cutting the ICW in Georgia will severely impact the recreational boating in our area.

I am asking Charleston Power Squadron Members to help save the waterway by communicating with their elected officials. Send them e-mail, letters or call them asking them to support supplemental funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the Intracoastal Waterway and keep it open. Address you letter or e-

mail to Dear Congressman _____ or Dear Senator _____. Be brief and specific. Ask them to help secure funding to maintain the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Be sure to provide your contact information and thank them for their help. Each Senator and Congressman has a web page with contact information.

The following is a list of addresses and phone numbers for all our US Senators and Congressmen from South Carolina.

Senator Jim DeMint, 340 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, Phone: (202) 224-6121

Senator Lindsey Graham, 290 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, Phone: (202) 224-5972

US Congressman Henry E. Brown, Jr., United States House of Representatives, 1124 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, Phone: (202) 225-3176

US Congressman James E. Clyburn, United States House of Representatives, 2135 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, Phone: (202) 225-3315

US Congressman John Spratt, United States House of Representatives, 1401 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, Phone: (202) 225-5501

US Congressman Joe Wilson, United States House of Representatives, 212 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, Phone: (202) 225-2452

US Congressman Bob Inglis United States House of Representatives, 330 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, Phone: (202) 225-6030

US Congressman J. Gresham Barrett United States House of Representatives, 1523 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515, Phone:(202) 225-5301

Please take the time to contact one or more of your Senators and Congressman and ask them to support dredging of the Intracoastal Waterway. If you need help with your letter, please call or send me an e-mail and I will send you a copy of the letter that I sent to my Congressman.

David Walsh contact information: Phone number: (843) 556-3258, e-mail: wals6563@bellsouth.net.

-Dave

Administrative Officer Lt/C Art Clark, P



Membership continues to rise and we have met our District goal of 141 members for this year. However, we need to keep on with encouraging new memberships and certainly making sure our current members are informed and satisfied. At the moment we are very much involved in member renewals and will be calling current members who have not yet had a chance to renew. For the first time, we can renew on-line using a credit card. I gave this a try and it worked quickly and efficiently; my membership card is in hand

New Members – Come one, come all.
David Hueske

Our thanks to Boo and Tony Ward for setting up the shopping trip to Savannah. Attendees were Boo and Tony Ward, Merle and Art Clark, Herb and Faith Wendling, Ray and Alice Harp, and two guests, Andy and Cathy Paulik. Most of us shopped although Merle and I opted to go to the Wheel of Fortune Try-outs. Merle made it to the stage....we'll see. Dinner was a great event at Churchill's in Savannah. The food was excellent and the company superb. Most met for brunch on Sunday morning and then returned to Charleston. It was an excellent way to visit Savannah once again.

Our member meeting this month featured Dr. Fred Scott, Director of the NOAA Environmental Lab here in Charleston. It was amazing to learn just how involved the lab is in our daily lives; everything from urbanization to marshland preservation. We were especially pleased to note the role the lab plays in abating pollution, mostly in the coastal areas. Here's a picture of Wendy Walsh, Maria Sindram, Joan King, Mary Workman, Mike King, and Glen Workman totally enraptured by our guest speaker.



are about \$5 from the Marina to the festival. The Marina has an excellent restaurant and a motel. Last year Merle and I brought our grandchild and his parents...we had a blast!! Be sure to get your marina and hotel reservations soonest.

July 13th – We have asked Lt. Colonel Paul McInnis, U.S. Army, to be our guest speaker. Paul Commands a unit at the Naval Weapons Station that ships supplies to our troops around the world, a great deal of which is headed for Iraq. This should an interesting insight into how the Army manages its logistics. He will also tell us a bit about port security from his perspective.

July 22nd - Le Ann Meyer is arranging for a luncheon cruise to the Aquarium. This should be a great cruise for all including “grands” and the kids. After lunch there will be plenty to do including the Aquarium and the IMAX theatre. So join us for lunch and take advantage of close by attractions and activities.

-Art



Upcoming Member Events

June 8th –A change in speakers. Justin Lock, Channel 4 weatherman, has committed to be our guest speaker for this meeting. The topic will be hurricanes, a timely topic as we enter the hurricane season. Justin has been in the low country for four years and has aspirations of staying. He will also be interviewing us on Low Country Live for National Safe Boating Week. So bring your questions and let’s see what these hurricanes are all about. Dinner will be at the Sunfire Grill & Bistro in West Ashley where will have enough seating for sixty. We regret that Mike Murray has resigned his position with the South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology.

June 23-25th – Jack Meyer is putting together our cruise to Georgetown. The Harbour Walk Festival will be on that weekend and is always a lot of fun. Cabs



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Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 4 May 2006

The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Janice Kromer at 1838 at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were: Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Joan King, Lt Mike King, P/C Billy Lynes, Lt/C Art Clark, Stf/C Harl Porter, and Cdr Janice Kromer. A quorum was established. The minutes from the February Executive Committee meeting were accepted as published in the April Palmetto Log.

Executive: Lt/C David Walsh was absent, Per Cdr Janice Kromer: David said thanks to everyone that help make the In Water Boat Show event a success. There has been no cooperative charting done as of this date, we plan to get things started soon. Membership Chairperson Wendy Walsh has presented David Huski for membership; Cdr Janice Kromer nominated David and the Executive Committee vote to accept David for membership.

Educational: Per Lt/C Stephen Kromer: The Spring courses are doing their examinations and the fall course schedule is being worked on.

Administrative: Per Lt/C Art Clark: Will write a short article asking members if they would like the squadron to have a formal party this year. Suggestions would be for a Christmas Party or the Change of Watch to be formal or even an onboard formal on the water. The Administrative department will spearhead an effort to have bridge members call non-renewal members during the month of June.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen: Nothing new to report from the Secretaries department.

Treasurer: Per Lt/C Charles Altschul: We have \$12700.00 in the squadron's joint account, the squadron is on budget.

Commander: Per Cdr. Janice Kromer: The squadron properties audit has been completed and reminder letters have been mailed to the membership about renewal of dues. Bob Gulbrandsen is working on programming of the thermostats of the Headquarters building. We received a deal from Bank America for our credit card usage and the fact that they are a local dealer made the offer more attractive than earlier venues. An emergency communication has been received from the Lake Thurmond Squadron concerning the next District event. They only have 18 people signed up and are concerned about attendance. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Lake Thurmond Squadron.

District Report No new business to report on District level.

National Report No new business to report on the National level.

Old Business: The Google Charleston Power Squadron Group is up and running, we will begin inviting the membership into the group. A letter will be posted in the Palmetto Log explaining the email group concept with instructions on what they will see. For National Safe Boating week the Charleston Power Squadron will be participating with the TV program Low Country Live on the 17th of May and the 22nd of May for airing to the general public on the 22nd of May. The Myrtle Beach Power squadron will be joining us on our cruise planned to Short Stay to share the cruise.

New Business: Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen motioned that the Charleston Power Squadron again be a sponsor of the Charleston City Parade of Boats for 2006. Lt/C Steve Kromer seconded the motion and the Committee voted to accept the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1928.

We Need Your Input

Boo Ward has suggested a formal white tie affair afloat which they would like to sponsor. In contemplating this, it appears we could do this or we could make the Change of Watch or the Christmas Party a formal function depending upon membership desires. The questions on the table are whether our members want a formal function and when. We are asking that you respond to this article soonest. Contact is Art Clark at 849-9467 or adclark1@bellsouth.net.

Member Boat

This is Wendy and David Walsh's boat "Reely Fun." We named this boat in honor of David's love of fishing and Wendy's love of fun. The boat is a 2000 model of the Classic Bayliner 2452. It is 24 feet long and has all the comforts of home, stove, refrigerator and air conditioning. We purchased this boat in Bradenton, Florida last July. We considered driving our newly acquired boat from Bradenton, across The Okeechobee Waterway to Stewart, FL and take the ICW home to Charleston. However, wisdom got the better of enthusiasm and we had it hauled by trailer to Charleston. We keep "Reely Fun" at Dolphin Cove Marina in the dry stack. Our next cruise will be to Georgetown for the Squadron's outing June 23-25. If the weather is good the Georgetown cruise will be "Reely Fun."



We Need Your Help

The Charleston Power Squadron will need Volunteers to man the Boating Safety Booth for the Maritime Festival on June 9th to 11th.

Member Boat

Wind Elephant is a 38-foot 2001 Hunter 380 Sail Boat. It is documented with home port of West Chester, PA. Before Charleston, it was a upper Cheasapeake Bay Sail Boat. Marina is Charleston City Marina.

Have always liked Elephants. Many sailboats have "Wind" as part of their boat name; therefore - "Wind Elephant". Technically should be Wind Elephant II, Wind Elephant I was a 34-foot Hunter sail boat.

Betsy and I will move Wind Elephant down the ICW to Charleston in May and June. Expect the trip to take approximately 21-days (plus weather and any sightseeing days).

Harl Porter
Owner and Captain of Wind Elephant



Georgia on my Mind

By P/C Boo Ward, AP

For those of you, and there were many, that did not make it Savannah, you missed out on a great time. If the weather kept you away I hate to be the one to tell you this but we had just a few sprinkles in the afternoon which was replaced by sunshine and a soft breeze coming up the river.

The first group met up at the parks along the river then decided to grab a quick bit of lunch first. After all, who can shop on an empty stomach? Then we started down River Street shop by shop. Well some of us went into shops and some of us went into pubs. If you haven't been to Savannah you need to know one thing, you can drink anything you want as long as it is in a plastic cup. I think the reason they do this is to loosen you up so you'll spend more money, and I must say it works pretty well. After an afternoon break some of us tried the business district where we found fewer crowds and great stores. I went into one shop and found over \$2000 in furniture I still don't think I can live without. Talk about pressure, but I persevered and walked out of there wishing we didn't have to buy a new ac unit for the aft cabin. By the way Ray and Alice, you weren't helping me by offering to take that table home for me in your truck.

Most of us got the message about the change in restaurants for dinner. After a few phone calls the whole gang found their way to Churchill's roof top bar. We had reservations but Churchill's told us to take our time and come down when ever we were ready. They took very good care of us and the food, service, and atmosphere was enjoyable but the companionship was outstanding.

On Sunday everyone had things to do so we all decided to go our own way. It was a beautiful day so after coffee Tony and I decided to take a drive out to Tybee Island but we didn't stay very long because after all, I still had money and wanted to shop but you know us, lunch first and yes, Cat and Steve, we had lunch at your favorite pizzas place Vinnie A Go Go.

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After some well need nourishment we managed to buy a few inexpensive prints within the art district at the City Market and then it was time to head home.

I hope everyone that went enjoyed themselves as much as Tony and I and I hope we schedule this cruise again. Oh, I almost forgot just more thing for Ray and Alice Harp, "Just a swinging." Sorry folks, inside joke. All I can say is come with us next time come with us.

Thank You Port Captains

By Cdr Janice Kromer

I recently received the following email and wanted to share it with all of you.

Just a note of thanks for your Port Captain's support.

My daughter decided to buy a boat last year, and she turned it into a family affair. We were all required to go to the Power Squadron boating classes! Not only did we learn a lot of valuable information, but recently saw just how the network works.

We picked her boat up in Ft. Pierce, Florida on the 26th of April; planning to arrive in Annapolis 5 days later. Unfortunately we had some mechanical difficulties and weather wasn't very cooperative. We only made it as far as Charleston and had to leave the boat since all of us needed to be at work on Monday! We spent the next few days calling haulers and using the internet to fill out questionnaires with a promise of being contacted in 24 hours (some still haven't called back). Finally I called Rick Baker, our PS instructor in Virginia. He gave me the names of Nelson Hicks and Robert Gulbrandsen. Nelson was away, but did return my call. Robert took my call immediately and ten minutes later called back with a couple numbers. Before the day was over we had the transport company lined up for that week! The boat is now in Annapolis and we're looking forward to a fun summer! Since she is a new boater, I'm pleased she will have help if she needs it from other Power Squadron members.

Thanks so much! I'm very appreciative of the quick response and genuine interest.

Carol Newgaard

Nelson, Bob, and all of our other Port Captains – thanks so much for what you do!

New Member

Meet new member, Wendell Ford. Wendell grew up on a lake in Kansas, so he's been a boater for most of his life. Wendell's been in the Charleston area for over 10 years, and he currently lives in Goose Creek with his wife, Virginia. The Ford's have two grown daughters and Wendell is very proud to tell you that he has one granddog – but no grandchildren yet. Although he started out in Charleston with a small fishing boat, he has graduated to his current 25' Catalina, "As the Wind Blows". Wendell learned a little bit about sailing while he was a boy scout, but he honed his skills when he acquired "As the Wind Blows" by taking the six-week sailing course offered by the College of Charleston. When he's not on the water, you can find Wendell at Fireside Hearth and Home where he is the Service Manager. Before taking that position, Wendell owned his own fireplace company. Already an active member, Wendell manned our booth at the In Water Boat Show and showed his expertise at promoting boating.

In case you haven't seen him for several weeks, this new member practices what he preaches. Wendell's plan had him leaving from Charleston on May 26 and taking the Intracoastal Waterway to Cumberland Sound where he will spend several relaxing days kayaking and photographing nature. He then plans to single hand an ocean route for the trip home. He'll take it in short legs and spend several days in Beaufort resting up. He should be back safely in Charleston by June 17, and then he'll join us for another weekend of boating on our Georgetown cruise.

Welcome to the Charleston Power Squadron, Wendell. We're looking forward to getting to know you and sharing our boating experiences with you!



Wendell Ford's vessel *As the Wind Blows*

BOATSMART SCHEDULE

For Updated Information See

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

| Date | Subject | Instructor |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 06-Jun-06 | Getting Started | David Walsh |
| 13-Jun-06 | Reading Charts | Steve Kromer |
| 20-Jun-06 | What's Required | David Walsh |
| 27-Jun-06 | Rules Of the Road | Steve Kromer |
| 04-Jul-06 | No Class - Holiday | |
| 11-Jul-2006 | Getting Started | David Walsh |
| 18-Jul-2006 | Reading Charts | Steve Kromer |
| 25-Jul-2006 | What's Required | David Walsh |

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Upcoming Events For June and July

- 1 June – EXCOM Meeting – Headquarters – 1830
- 8 June – Member Meeting – Sunfire Grill & Bistro – 1830
- 23-25 June – Cruise – Georgetown Landing Marina
- 6 July – EXCOM meeting – Headquarters – 1830
- 13 July – Member Meeting – Location TBD – 1830
- 23 July – Aquarium Cruise – Location TBD

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