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**Safe Boating Through  
Education**

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



This has been a great month for our squadron with more new members and terrific participation at our member meetings. Our next big near-term challenge will be membership renewals between now and the end of June. Wouldn't it be fantastic if we had just a few non-renewals?

Just so you know, we are still working to fill some critical positions in the Squadron, but we have already had a number of members step forward to fill some as well. This is a really positive step for our squadron. Now that our Squadron is about to top 200 members, we really do need more volunteers to keep ourselves going; I'm talking basics here, not frivolous activities. So, if you are ready to take that step, please give me a call at 843-849-9467.

For your information, we have made arrangements to have our 8 November Change of Watch on the Yorktown this year. For us, this will be a momentous event. Please mark this on your calendars.

**Art**



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



The Boat Show Season is in full swing. We have 2 to go and by the time this edition of the 'Log' is published, we will be down to Harbor Fest. Please help the Squadron by volunteering your time to help. Because of our Volunteers, we have a very special relationship with the *Spirit of South Carolina* and the South Carolina Maritime Heritage Foundation. We were able to use the 'Spirit' as the judges' boat for the 2007 Parade of Boats, and most recently we were graciously welcomed aboard to host our cocktail party with the folks from Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron.

The National Safe Boating Week is fast approaching (17-23 May) and overlaps with the Charleston Harbor Fest (16-18 May). We intend to make a major public awareness effort during these events and will be counting on our members to help when they can. We will send out posters for you to place as we did for the Vessel Safety Check program. We will be helping to staff the Harbor Fest and our own booth at the 'Fest'. This is all important and your willingness to volunteer is vital to a successful effort. Gary Whitley is working on print and broadcast media presentations for the Squadron, but your support brings it all together.

There is a lot going on with the Squadron, and it is exciting to see the enthusiasm with which the various departments in the organization are working. If you have not joined in please do so! We do have fun! No one could ask for a nicer, more sociable and caring group of people than the Charleston Power Squadron. I feel privileged to be a part of the Squadron. We have so much to offer.

So—invite someone to join us! Remember, it is no longer necessary to take “Boat Smart” or the “Boating Course” to join. Help us grow! Help us promote safe boating!

Hope to see you on the water soon,

**Dick**



## **2008 USPS Membership Dues** **Reminder**

June is the largest dues renewal cycle month of the year. Out of the 198 members in our squadron, 139 have dues pending the first of June and should have received their invoices in mid-April. A good number of those have already renewed by mail or on-line at [www.usps.org/dues](http://www.usps.org/dues) with a credit card.

For those who have not yet renewed, remember, dues are tax deductible. USPS members get membership discounts with Boat US, discounts on computer software and hardware, discounts with Maptech, Nobel Tec, and DELL Computers, and so on.

Remember our theme:

**“Boating is fun - we’ll show you how!”**

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



**H**ere we are in May and the weather is awesome! The lake is up and the rivers are getting warmer. You can always tell when it is time to get on the water by following Dave Walsh’s fishing excursions. Dave claimed he actually caught **two** fish the other day! I went to Wendy and verified his claim. Unfortunately, I am still waiting to catch a fish. Perhaps the new fishing club will change my luck.

Our April Cruise was absolutely fantastic. Our Lake Hartwell cruisers arrived at the maritime center on Friday by water taxi and went aboard the Spirit of South Carolina for a personal tour by Captain Arrow. We ended up at the Coast restaurant downtown for a fantastic dinner. The cruise up to Gilligan’s in Monks Corner was absolutely beautiful. We made record time and our bridge tender was quick to respond to our early arrival.

Our picnic at Short Stay was well attended as Dick Howells turned out some delicious hamburgers and hotdogs. Dinner at Gilligan’s was a fun event, and our Lake Hartwell members got an early start on Sunday morning for the return trip home. Harl Porter and Jim Hackett, with some minor distractions, traversed the return route back to Charleston via the beautiful winding Cooper River. All in all, a very successful cruise with a lot of logistics ferrying cruisers back and forth to different locations and much behind the scenes work effort. Thanks to all who contributed to the many hours of planning and scheduling. I would like to extend a special thanks to Angie Wright and Steve Ireland for arranging the tour on the Spirit of South Carolina. Also, Lynn Solesbee, the Lake Hartwell Cruise Captain, did a fantastic job of coordinating this event for his membership. He clearly had done this a “time or two” and his “can do” attitude is very refreshing. I look forward to working with the Lake Hartwell Squadron again.

Our cruise for May is the Morris Island cruise. Last year, we had over 50 people attend this cruise, and Angie

Wright and Steve Ireland did a great job of coordinating this event. Last year the wind did not cooperate with Steve, as he had to be towed to Morris Island on his catamaran. I wonder if Steve will lead the flotilla from the "rear" again this year.

Our next membership meeting will put Helen in charge of "Cinco De Mayo". Expect great cuisine at a fantastic price. More details will follow on Google Groups.

Once again, membership renewal is coming due. Wendy Walsh can address any questions or concerns you may have. See you at Morris Island!

**BJ**



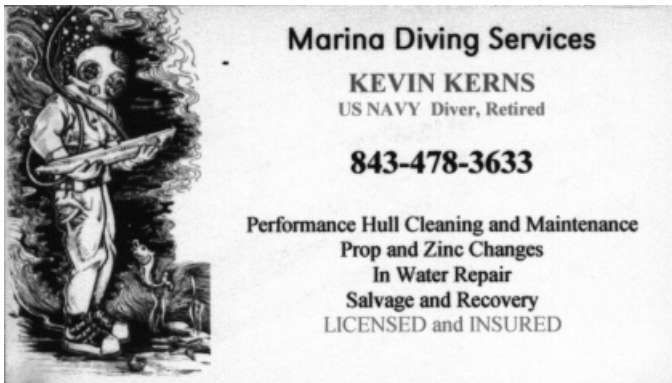
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**May Cruise to Morris Island**

We had such a great time; we decided to do it again. On 24 May, bring your entire family as we cruise to Morris Island for food and a fun filled beach day. We will rendezvous at the Charleston Harbor Marina at the outer dock (A) at 1100. The caravan will begin to head to the Island at 1130. It will take approximately 30 minutes to reach the Island. Since low tide is 1449, we should all have plenty of draft to get there without any problems. If you want people to meet you, they can be at dock A for pick up (it is about 1/2 mile walk from the parking lot). We will go past Fort Sumter and then past the range light, and turn to the Starboard, then head up the channel between the Islands. Fort Sumter is on the right and Morris Island is on the left. From the range light, looking at Morris Island, our landing point will be to the right side of Morris Island. Last year, several boats headed toward Dynamite Hole and found better water depth. They came to Morris Island and followed it around counter clock wise to the beach and landing area. Be sure to anchor about 30 feet off the beach because it is shallow for quite a ways out. BJ Smith has offered taxi service for those needing a ride to the island from their boat anchorage.

We are planning to bring a few tables and have a potluck on the beach. There will be a small grill available if you want to toss on a couple of hot dogs and/or hamburgers. So bring on the goodies!!!

Afterwards, from eating all of the wonderful food and goodies everyone has brought, a stroll around the island may be required. If you're not up to a stroll, we'll have volleyball, ring toss, and frisbees to play with.

Things to consider bringing for your comfort: ice cold drinks, blanket/chair, bug spray, suntan lotion, and umbrella. Don't forget, this is a beach setting with lots of sand.

See you at the Island!

Sailor Steve  
Straggler.net



## Fishing Outing Scheduled

**Date: Monday 19 May 2008**

**Rendezvous Time: 1100**

**Fishing Location: Charleston Nearshore Fishing Reef**

### About this Event

The first fishing event of the new Charleston Power Squadron Shrimping and Fishing Club is scheduled for Monday 19 May 2008. All Squadron members and guests are invited to this fishing event. Our plan is to have participating boats rendezvous at 1100 near Fort Johnson in Charleston Harbor. From there we will proceed to the Nearshore Reef. It takes about 45 minutes to get there. Fishing is planned from about 1200 noon to 1500.

### About the Reef

The Charleston Nearshore Reef is located just north of Charleston Jetty Entrance Buoy R14 (L 32 42.5326 N, Lo 79 45.610 W). The reef attracts many species of fish

and marine life. Fish such as black sea bass, grouper, snapper and flounder can be caught by fishing the bottom with cut bait, squid or live bait. In addition, pompano, jack, mackerel, shark and spade fish are also common at the reef.

### About Boats, Fishing Gear and Crew

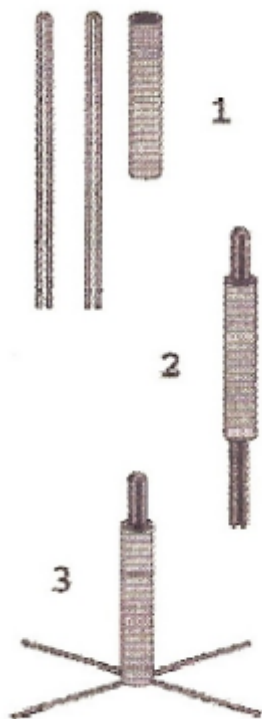
The recommended minimum size boat length and motor size is 18 feet and 50 HP.

For this event you will need a valid South Carolina salt-water fishing license, fishing rod, tackle, bait and a reef anchor (see directions for constructing a reef anchor below). A minimum of two people (captain plus one crew member) are needed on each boat. To join in this fun-filled fishing trip (and for more information about crew, tackle and bait) contact:

David Walsh, Chairman, Charleston Squadron Fishing and Shrimping Committee

Phone: 556-3250

E-Mail: [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net)



## CONSTRUCTING A REEF ANCHOR

1 When anchoring over structure on an artificial reef the possibility of fouling and losing a valuable boat anchor always exists. To prevent this from happening, boaters can construct their own inexpensive but effective anchors for mooring over reef structures by following the instructions below.

1. Bend two 4-foot sections of 3/8" concrete reinforcing rods double.
2. Slide a 12" section of 1 1/2" pipe over the bent rods.
3. Complete the anchor by bending the ends of the rod to form a grapple.

Concrete may be packed into the pipe around the rods to add weight if desired. The resulting anchor will hold most boats in position once it snags on a solid structure. A strong pull on the anchor line will straighten the 3/8" rod and allow the anchor to dislodge easily.

Never tie to artificial reef buoys.

## April Cruise Report

Notwithstanding the sad news that the locks at Lake Moultrie were broken and it would take three months to make the repairs, the April cruise turned out to be an outstanding and memorable event. Our lake Hartwell cruisers came in on Friday and set up shop at various locations in Charleston. Some stayed in hotels and some remained on their boats. On Friday evening, they went via water taxi from Mt. Pleasant to the maritime center for a special surprise tour of the Spirit of South Carolina. Angie Wright and Steve Ireland were our hosts aboard the “Spirit” and the crowd was very excited as they toured this elegant vessel. At around 1830, off to dinner we went and arrived at the “Coast” restaurant in downtown Charleston. We had a little logistics issue (imagine that) relative to our reservation numbers, but our perseverance paid off and 35 people were provided a great evening meal. (except for 1)

On Saturday morning, Harl and Betsy Porter in the Palmetto Elephant met up with the Lake Hartwell cruisers at the Charleston Harbor Marina and headed to Navigation Marker 90 on the Cooper River. Jim and Nancy Hackett in the Minnow met the flotilla at 0900 sharp, and we traversed up the Cooper River as a group. We made much better time than last year and made the trip from Bushy Park to the Strawberry Bridge in about 50 minutes. No pit stops for the Lake Hartwell crew. They “get it” done! The bridge tender responded to our early arrival, but believe it or not we had just one small problem: the bridge would not open. UGH! We all meandered around for a while and believe it or not, after much encouragement and making us take measurements, Harl Porter got brave and went under the Strawberry Bridge with plenty of clearance to spare. The bridge operator called me shortly after we proceeded up river and indicated that the bridge started working as soon as Harl cleared the bridge. I just love these Power Squadron challenges.

We met Steve Ireland at Gilligan’s docks and secured all six boats. Jim Hackett had worked with the Gilligan’s management team to allow us to use their dock facilities for the remainder of the day and to spend the night as well. We loaded all of the baskets, food, coolers and

people into several vehicles and made the quick run over to the Navy Recreation facility known as Short Stay. Dick Howells and Gary Whitley were hard at work getting the hamburgers and hotdogs ready for human consumption. The picnic was great. Volley ball games were in full force, classes on how to use flares were given, a past Commander ignited smoke upwind of the training session, and the crown jewel of the picnic was Betsy Porter’s famous German Chocolate cake. Her cake was UNBELIEVABLE! Not one piece was left.

As is normal in Charleston, a thunderstorm came up with a lot of wind so we ferried everyone back to Gilligan’s and to Charleston as well. As you can imagine, when the wind picked up, Gary Whitley quickly volunteered (begged) to take any Lake Hartwell cruisers back to Charleston and away he went like a Saturn rocket.

Saturday night at Gilligan’s was well attended; we had 37 people and the dinner and camaraderie were wonderful. On Sunday morning, our Commander fixed breakfast for the folks who stayed at Short Stay, and the Lake Hartwell Cruises departed for home. Harl and Betsy Porter in the Palmetto Elephant, and Jim and Nancy Hackett in the Minnow, headed out at mid morning for the beautiful ride back to Charleston. We always seem to have a little drama on our cruises and this cruise was no different. Ask Harl about our rice fields and be sure to question Jim Hackett about our pluff mud. They both have a great story to tell and all I will say is: Thank goodness for TowBoat US!

Despite the disappointment of not being able to go through the locks, our Lake Hartwell cruisers had a marvelous time. They want us to do this again next year and I wholeheartedly agree. I do hope more of our membership will join us the next time as we traverse up the beautiful Cooper River, and into the vast boundaries of Lake Moultrie. You will have an opportunity to meet other Power Squadron members and to experience the “best kept secret” in the United States Navy — Short Stay. See you on the water soon!

Cruise Captains  
**BJ Smith and Angie Wright**

## Squadron Boating Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chapters New Book</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
06-May-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
13-May-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
20-May-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailering, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
27-May-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
03-Jun-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
10-Jun-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
17-Jun-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailering, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
24-Jun-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
01-Jul-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer

Time: 1830 - 2030

Course Taught at Squadron Headquarters

1376 Orange Grove Road

Charleston, SC 29449

Contact: David Walsh, 556-3258

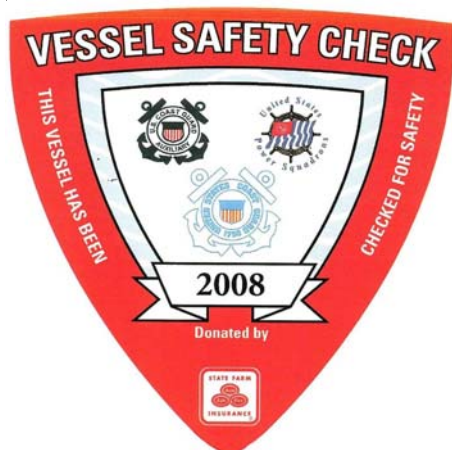
### USPS University Seminars

The Charleston Power Squadron will be offering seminars which will cover GPS, VHS radio, and how to use a chart. The seminars will be taught from 0930 to 1130 and 1300 to 1500 on 7 June and 14 June at squadron headquarters. These seminars are open to members and also to the general public. For more information or to register for the seminars, email [wgary44@aol.com](mailto:wgary44@aol.com) or call 843-469-4782

### Happy Birthday!

2 May	Michael S. Merriken
6 May	Edward H. Fetner III
8 May	Eugene E. Corbett
11 May	William Marinko
17 May	Donna R. Fleming
18 May	Denise V. Byrnes
18 May	Harl Porter
19 May	Mark Russell Rutter
19 May	Catherine B. Smith
22 May	Robert M. Turkewitz
25 May	Rawlins Lowndes
25 May	Ted McCormack
27 May	Matthew D. Zender
31 May	Gary L. Whitley

**Remember to get a Vessel Safety Check  
Call Harl Porter at 843-832-9423**



### New Members

#### Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy

Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy recently retired from teaching in Pennsylvania and are living at the City Marina aboard their trawler, AMILADO, with their dog and two cats. They have done extensive cruising in the Chesapeake aboard both sailing and power vessels; they have done the ditch from Maryland to Florida three times. They are long-time members of MTOA and BoatUS, but this is their first experience with USPS.

## Dinner Meeting

**Date & Time:** 08 May 2008                      1800 Social Hour                      1900 Dinner

**Location:** Squadron Headquarters, 1376 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407

**Menu:** Mexican Fiesta                      \$9 per person  
 Icy cold Margaritas in fiesta glasses, beef tacos with all the trimmings, frijoles, chicken quesadillas, and flan for desert

**Speaker:** Dr. Malcolm Meaburn from NOAA

**Topic:** Mercury Contamination in Sea Life and In Man, Its Source and Effect

**\*RSVP\* by Monday, 5 May 2008** to BJ Smith at [smithbj@sc.rr.com](mailto:smithbj@sc.rr.com) or 843 514-9638

## Charleston Power Squadron Calendar May 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				EXCOM 1830 HQ	D26 Cruise	D 26 Cruise
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D 26 Cruise	RSVP For Dinner			Dinner Meeting 1800 HQ		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day					Harbor Fest	Morris Island Raft up
18	29	20	21	22	23	24
Harbor Fest	Nearshore Fishing Trip					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day					



## For Sale

**2003 Triton 1650SC** with 50 hp Yamaha 2-stroke oil injection. The motor is also a 2003 model. The boat is mossy oak shadow grass with a galvanized drive on trailer. Some options are: 43 lb motor guide trolling motor foot control, Lowrance depthfinder/fishfinder, livewell, dry storage, 12 gal gas tank, 2 batteries, 4 seats, in-line fuel filter, stainless steel prop. This is a great boat at a great price. Asking \$6000.00

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**Upcoming Events**

08 May - Member Meeting HQ 1830  
19 May - Shrimping and Fishing Club Outing  
24 May - Morris Island Cruise

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