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**Safe Boating Through
Education**

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



It's that time of year when we have our Change of Watch. This month you will vote for the new Commander, his staff and department heads. We celebrate this event with the annual Change of Watch. This year it will be on the USS Yorktown. Our district guests will be Erick Pierson (District Education Officer), Ed Kridler (District Secretary) and their guests.

Please see the article regarding the Change of Watch in this issue for details. Sign up with me as soon as possible. Cost is \$35 per person.

Art

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



Here I am in the Business Center of the Hampton Inn at Georgetown Marina doing my article. There will be more later on the cruise, but we had 6 boats come up and a total of 25 for dinner Friday night

The name change resolution passed by unanimous vote of the active members present at the 11 September 2008 meeting. A quorum was present. We still need to get USPS approval but go ahead and refer to us as the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

The Holiday Parade of boats is gearing up. Sign up now with BJ Smith or me. We only had 35 boats in the parade last year, and we want at least 50 this year. The people of Charleston really look forward to this unique way of starting the Holiday Season. If you have questions about what is involved call us. It is not that difficult, and we have plenty of on the water help and guide boats.

I'm on the water now and wish you were here.

Dick

**Administrative Officer
Lt/C BJ Smith, P**



We have had our share of bad weather this year, but the fall season is almost upon us, and the weather should be much better in the weeks ahead. As you know, our cruise schedule ran into numerous negative weather events this year. Consequently, we did not have much opportunity for fun on the water this summer. However, it is best to be safe, and as disappointing as it is to cancel a cruise—boating safety is our primary concern. So get ready to participate in our October and November cruises!!

Our next membership meeting will be on 9 October 2008. This meeting will be at Headquarters—details are in the Log.

Please mark your calendar for the annual Oyster Roast and October cruise. This event is our annual fundraiser and will be held at Joyce and Fred Wichmann's Toad Hall residence on the beautiful Stono River. This fun filled evening will be held on 25 October 2008, at 1600. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. More details are in the Log and posted on the web.

Hope to see you on the water soon!

BJ



September Membership Meeting Report 11 September 2008

We had 48 people attend our September membership meeting. Thanks to Helen, we had a delicious batch of Frogmore Stew and topped it off with tangy lemon squares.

Our speaker for the evening was Chief Gregory G. Mullen of the City of Charleston Police Department. He provided us with information on new policing techniques, the inclusion of technology to track and prevent crime, and general information about community services, such as the volunteer program for the Police Department.

Chief Mullen is an experienced leader with a proven record of community involvement, cultivating relationships, and using teams to create opportunities and solve problems. He strives to establish strong community relationships throughout the City with a goal of strengthening relationships between the citizens of Charleston and their Police Department. We are very appreciative of his time and service to our community.



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October Membership Meeting 9 October 2008.

Our next membership meeting is 9 October 2008. This is our annual business meeting, and we will conduct the election of our 2009 Officers. Consequently, we will not have a speaker. Helen and her staff will prepare a great meal for us that includes: scrumptious roasted pork tenderloin with rosemary and peach marmalade, macaroni and cheese, squash casserole, escalloped apples, tossed salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing, and double decadence brownies

As usual, beverages will flow at 1600 and the meeting will commence at 1700. This meeting is at Headquarters. Please contact BJ Smith at 843-514-9638 or at smithbj@sc.rr.com to make reservations. Don't miss this one!!

Change of Watch 8 Novembre 2008

Come on out for a great evening. We will have our event on the USS Yorktown fantail at Patriots Point. Dinner will be buffet with chicken or beef presented by the Yorktown caterer. There will be an open bar. Come see the sunset and enjoy a great time with fellow boaters!

Date: 8 November 2008

Time: 1800

Place: USS Yorktown fantail, Patriots Point

Cost: \$35 per person.

Cut off: 30 October 2008

Contact: Art Clark (849-9467,
adclark1@bellsouth.net)

We will have a golf cart to get folks to and from the Yorktown who desire assistance. There is also a new elevator that can get you up to the hangar bay from the pier. Parking will be in the visitor parking lot.

Charleston Sail & Power Squadron Annual Oyster Roast 2008 Fund Raiser

It's that time of year again everyone, so get your oyster knives out and ready!!!

- When: Saturday, 25 October 2008
- Time: 1600 – 1900 (4 to 7 PM)
- Where: Toad Hall
Home of Fred and Joyce Wichmann
125 Riverland Drive
James Island, SC 29412
- Price: \$20 per person including oysters (all you can eat)
Proceeds will go to the building fund.
- Menu: Oysters, hotdogs, burgers, chili, pot-luck snacks, sides and desserts, ice tea, soft drinks, and our very own bar!!!!.
- RSVP: BJ Smith - smithbj@sc.rr.com or 843-514-9638

The Annual Oyster Roast is a much anticipated Squadron Event. Fred and Joyce Wichmann are so gracious to sponsor this event again. This is always a fun event on

the beautiful Stono River at Toad Hall. The Squadron will provide the oysters, hot dogs, chili, burgers, and soft drinks. The Squadron bar will be there as well. There will be beer, wine, and mixed drinks (do it yourself) for donations. If you would like to bring a salad, snack, or dessert, please do so.

Steve Rustin and Terry Marinko will be roasting the oysters, and they always do an OUTSTANDING job!

The event will be outside, so dress appropriately because it may be cool in the evening. Don't forget to bring your oyster knife and gloves!

COME BY CAR OR BOAT.

If coming from the Charleston side, take Folly Rd to Maybank Hwy, turn right onto Riverland Drive, and follow until you reach 125 Riverland Drive. There will be a Power Squadron Ensign at the Wichmann's driveway on the left.

If coming by boat through the Elliot Cut, turn to port into the Stono River, and you will see the Mobjack and Distant Isle at Fred's dock on your port side.

COME ON OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!! HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE!!!

BJ Smith
Cruise Captian

Squadron Boating Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chapters New Book</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
23-Sep-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
30-Sep-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
7-Oct-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailering, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
14-Oct-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	David Walsh
21-Oct-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
28-Oct-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes

Course Taught at Squadron Headquarters
1376 Orange Grove Road
Charleston, SC 29449

Time: 1830 to 2030
Contact: David Walsh, 556-3258

Welcome New Members

Amanda Ford

Amanda Ford left Ohio and came to Charleston in 1983. The history of the South attracted Amanda to the Low country. Amanda grew up on the water and learned boating from her father who was a sailor and a yachtsman. The family spent their summers on the York River in Virginia and on Chesapeake Bay. Although she currently does not have a boat, Amanda is toying with the idea of buying a 16' or 19' Cape Dory, which is a New England workboat. Currently taking the squadron's Boating Course, Amanda knew about USPS since her uncle was an instructor in a squadron in Maryland. When she's not boating or studying for her Boating Course exam, Amanda keeps busy as a free lance Physical Fitness Instructor.

Adam Barwick

Adam Barwick was advised by several people to join the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron, so he did! His grandparents were responsible for getting Adam started in boating. They had a pontoon boat on Lake Murray, and Adam often joined them on their boat. He now owns a 10' trimaran sailboat, a 14' aluminum canoe which he inherited, and his latest, a 7.7 meter sailboat, which he lives in while he is in Charleston. Adam officially lives in Cameron, SC, but he keeps his boat at Dolphin Cove and spends as much time as possible on her. He currently works with American Heritage Ambulance here in the Low country, and he spends most weekends in Cameron. Adam has found that the more he learns, the more he wants to learn about boating. He took our boating course and now plans to take many other of the squadron's offerings.

Angela & Steven Tie The Knot



Friends Forever We Will Be...

Whether riding our bikes, camping, HAMing,
or sailing in the harbor...

Please be our guest as we,

Angela Wright & Steven Ireland

Join together on:

November 1, 2008 at 5:00 pm

at

Toad Hall

125 Riverland Drive – James Island

Charleston, SC

Social Hour at 5 PM

Ceremony at 6 PM

Reception Following Ceremony

No Gifts Please, The Pleasure of Your Company Will
Be Our Gift

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September Meeting Pictures



Wendy Walsh Presents a Squadron Name Tag to New Member Amanda Page



Cindy Newberry and Dick and Joy Clarke



Johan Prins with Dave Walsh and PFD Dave Won for Doing More Than Five Vessel Safety Checks



Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen Speaks at the Squadron's September Meeting



Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy

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Cruising Activities
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Upcoming Events

9 October - Member Meeting at Headquarters 1800
Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
25 October - October Cruise and Annual Oyster Roast
Toad Hall, James Island
8 November - Change of Watch on USS Yorktown
Patriots Point

BOATING IS FUN...WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW