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**From The Commander
Cdr Dick Howells, JN**



We are closing in on the end of what has been a busy and difficult year for our Squadron. Our membership numbers have held in the face of difficult times and declining national interest in the United States Power Squadrons. Nationally, membership is below 35,000. To have held our own is remarkable.

We have 2 major events left for this bridge: our annual meeting Saturday 24 Oct 09 and the Squadron Change of Watch Saturday 21 Nov 09. Because we are hosting the District 26 Change of Watch the first weekend in October, the Executive Committee decided to combine our annual meeting with our oyster roast fund raiser. There will not be a meeting on the 2d Thursday of October.

At the annual meeting, we elect the new bridge and executive committee for 2010. To be clear, you may attend the meeting and vote if you do not wish to donate to the fund raiser and eat. Because we will have guests at the meeting we will give active (voting) members a colored card to indicate that they may cast a vote. We will hold the meeting at around 1700 and then start on the food afterwards to accommodate those members who do not wish to pay for the Oyster Roast.

In accord with Article II of our bylaws, the slate of candidates from the nominating committee will be placed in nomination by a seconded motion from the floor. A simple majority vote of a membership quorum present serves to elect all of those nominated. Any vacancies that were not filled or nominated by the committee may be filled from the floor.

There are provisions in Article II for contested nominations and I would draw your attention to the bylaws for those. If you do not have the bylaws, call me and I will tell you how to obtain them from the national site.

Dick

**Administrative Officer
P/C David Walsh, JN**



Administrative Officer is one of the most demanding positions in the squadron. The Administrative Department is responsible for the internal operation of the squadron. This includes boating activities, monthly meetings, and membership recruiting and member involvement. This year's nominee for Administrative Officer is Bill Hayes. Bill is a relatively new member to our squadron, but not new to boating. He has worked as a professional fishing guide, is an experienced off-shore sailor and has served as a crew member for long-distance off-shore sail boat races. Since joining our squadron, Bill has volunteered for squadron work on many occasions, including the recent Squadron Clean-up day. Bill has become the person-to-go-to when the squadron needs someone who can get things done.

Our membership Chairman, Wendy Walsh, has been very active lately. She has made it a point to attend our America's Boating Course, promote Squadron membership and tirelessly follow up on potential member leads. She reports that the new offering of the Squadron's Piloting Course for non-members has been a successful recruiting tool. Of the five non-members who signed up for the Piloting Course, all five have now joined the squadron.

October is a busy month for the squadron. Charleston is hosting the District 26 Change of Watch. This event is an excellent chance for all Charleston Squadron members to participate in seminars, social events and the formal Change of Watch. On Friday 2 October 2009 a series of seminars is being offered by D26 Officers and staff. One seminar that you don't want to miss is the Squadron Leadership Seminar being given by our own Past Commander Ed Kridler. The Leadership Seminar starts at 1130 in Edisto Hall at the James Island County Park. At 1300, also at Edisto Hall, will be a Sales Training Seminar that gives us information on how to market USPS educational courses to the public. A Seminar on the USPS

Boater Certification program will be held at Squadron Headquarters on Friday at 1300. These seminars are free and of great interest to squadron members. Please plan to attend at least one of these seminars.

Our Annual Meeting and Oyster Roast will be held on Saturday 24 October 2009. As in the past, the Oyster Roast will be at the Wichmanns' home, Toad Hall on James Island. The cost is \$20 per person for all-you-can-eat oysters, hotdogs and burgers. Side dishes will be pot-luck. Please bring a dish to share. This year we are combining the Oyster Roast with our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Members are strongly encouraged to attend this event. Remember, this is our only major fund-raising event. So please plan to attend and bring lots of your friends to share in this excellent eat-out.

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's Change of Watch ceremony is scheduled for 21 November 2009 aboard the Yorktown at Patriot's Point. This is the last function of the 2009 Squadron Bridge and the only formal event of the squadron year. The ceremony involves installation of the new 2010 Bridge Officers and presentation of awards earned by our members in 2009. So, please mark your calendar for this event and plan to attend.

Dave



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Secretary
Lt/C Wendy Walsh, JN



In accordance with Article 11 of the Bylaws of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron, candidates may be nominated by the Nominating Committee or "by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election."

The slate of candidates as proposed by the Nominating Committee (Janice Kromer, Art Clark and David Walsh) is repeated below:

Slate of Candidates (As Previously Reported in the Sept. Palmetto Log)

Commander	Harl Porter, P/C, SN
Executive Officer	Joseph W. Schady, P
Educational Officer	John Meyenberg, P/C, AP
Administrative Officer	Bill Hayes, P
Secretary	Patricia Brown
Treasurer	Rick Cone, 1/Lt, P
Assist. Educational Officer	Joseph L. Schady, P/C SN

Members at Large of the Executive Committee

- Richard Howells, Immediate P/C, JN
- Gary Whitley, 1/Lt
- Ross Burgess, AP
- Elise Jorgens, S
- Arthur Clark, P/C, AP

Only those names in bold face type for the positions below are placed in nomination

Auditing Committee

- Ernest Godshall, P/C, AP – Chair – 1 Year
- Kirk Williams, JN – 2 Year**
- Chuck Altschul, P/Lt/C – 3 Year**

Nominating Committee

- David Walsh, P/C, JN – Chair – 1 Year
- Arthur Clark, P/C, AP – 2 Year

To Be Nominated From the Floor – 3 Year

Rules Committee

Janice Kromer, P/C, AP – 1 Year

David Walsh, P/C, JN – 2 Year

Arthur Clark, P/C, AP – 3 Year

Housing Committee

Dennis Olenwine, Chair – 1 Year

Steven Ireland, Lt – 2 Year

David Walsh, P/C, JN – 3 Year

Membership Report

I am happy to report that our squadron is doing very well in membership. We have had 31 new members and 6 transfer members since the first of this year, a gain of 37 members. That is more than we have lost. We lose our members for the usual reasons – they move out of the area, they sell their boat, they are no longer interested in boating, took up a new hobby, family and work responsibilities interfere, and so forth.

I want to thank all of you for renewing your memberships. We had one member who rejoined after letting his membership lapse years ago. I asked why he decided to renew. He said it was because he heard our squadron is actually doing something. And so we are. We have an excellent cooperative charting program and vessel safety check program. We have added on-the-water training as part of our public boating course. We co-sponsor the City of Charleston Christmas Parade of Boats. We have booths at various boat shows, we have an excellent education program with great teachers. And we can do these things because of the tremendous support from our members who volunteer their time and effort.

We were calling our members to remind them of the D26 Conference in Charleston. One woman said, “Oh, we never attend any squadron functions. We just support the squadron through our membership.” And that is important, too. We need them to provide a broad base of support, so that those of us who want to do things, can.

Wendy



Happy October Birthdays

03 October	Mary C. Acock
04 October	Eleanor H. Parker
07 October	Maria T. M. Sindram
14 October	Brian C. Paige
14 October	Anthony C. Ward
17 October	John C. Stolp
20 October	Chester B. Rogers
23 October	Carol F. Gilfillin
24 October	John Barnes III
24 October	Melva W. Bible
25 October	Russell Farran Smith
26 October	Richard K. Bible

Ship's Store

Ship's Store now has official Charleston Power Squadron burgees. The burgee or pennant goes on the bow of the boat. On sailboats, it can also go on the halyard.

The size of the burgee is approximately 12 in. X 18 in. It is suitable for power and sail boats from 20 feet up to 40 feet in length. The price is \$28.00 each.

We won't have the Ship's Store open until the January 2010 meeting. If you would like a burgee, let me know. I will be at the 02 October Wild West Party.

Contact Wendy Walsh, 843 556-3258 or wals6563@bellsouth.net



Squadron Headquarters Clean-up Day Report

If you have driven by the Headquarters building lately, you will notice a big difference in appearance. Our Squadron Housing Committee held a clean-up day, 16 September 2009, when squadron members converged on Headquarters armed with rakes, saws, weed trimmers, mops and buckets. Gone are the overgrown shrubs, leaves and accumulated debris along the building front and parking lot. The interior floors were vacuumed and thoroughly scrubbed, and the kitchen cabinet shelves were cleaned. Thanks go to Samuel Steinberg, Housing Committee Chairman, for organizing the event and working to the very end. Special thanks go to Wendy and David Walsh, Gene Corbett, Mike and Judy Fauss, Harl Porter, Charlie Smith, Ross Burgess, B J Smith, Bill Hayes and Rick Cone who all worked so hard to spruce-up squadron headquarters. Here are the photos from Clean-up Day at Headquarters.



Bill Hayes climbs a tree to cut branches overhanging the squadron roof while Dave Walsh holds the saw.



The crew takes a lunch break of pizza and pastrami sandwiches. Right to left are Harl Porter, Ross Burgess, Judy Fauss and Mike Fauss.

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Upcoming Events:

2-4 October 09: District 26 Change of Watch.
See Schedule on next page.

9 October 09: No meeting. See 24 October below.

17 October 09: Wooden Boat Show, 1100-1800,
Georgetown, SC

24 October 09: Toad Hall Oyster Roast and Annual
Meeting at 125 Riverland Drive, 1500

21 November 09: Squadron Change of Watch, USS
Yorktown. Details to follow.

5 December 09: Parade of Boats

Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, 24 October 2009

Place: Toad Hall, the home of Fred and Joyce
Wichmann

125 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC 29412

Time:

1600 Social Hour

1700 Annual Meeting

1715 Serving of First Batch of Oysters

Cost: \$20.00 per person. This is our major fundraiser
of the year. The squadron will be providing oysters,
hamburgers, and hot dogs. **Please bring a side dish
to share.**

Reservations: We need a head count so we know
how many oysters to order. Make reservations with
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**District 26 Fall Conference 2-3 October 2009 Charleston, S.C.
SCHEDULE**

Friday 2 October 2009

1130-1530 Leadership Seminar, James Island County Park, Edisto Hall
 1300-1600 Educational Dept Sales Training, James Island County Park, Edisto Hall
 1300-1600 Boat Operator Certification, Charleston Squadron Headquarters Building
 1830-2130 Social, Dinner and Entertainment, James Island County Park, Edisto Hall

Saturday 3 October 2009

0800-0930 Registration, Sheraton Lobby , 4770 Goer Rd., N. Charleston, SC 29406

0900 Call to Order D/C Ron Osburn, SN

Pledge of Allegiance D/F/Lt Barbara Pearson, AP

Invocation P/R/C Jack Wilson, AP

Last Horizon P/R/C Jack Wilson, AP

Introduction of P/D/C's & Guests P/D/C John Powers, SN

Announcements Charleston PS Cdr Dick Howell, JN

0915 Program – Sea Scouts Success Story P/C Wilford Ross, SN

0945 Convene Council D/C Ron Osburn, SN

Establish Quorum D/26 Secretary

Explanation of Voting Procedures, Old Business, New Business

1040 Adjourn Council

1045 Seminars

1045-1140 Cdrs/XOs

1045-1140 Educational Officers

1045-1140 Membership

1145 Convene Conference D/C

Establish Quorum D/26 Secretary

Explanation of Voting Procedure, Approval of Spring Conference Minutes

1150 Introduction of C/C's Representative D/C Ron Osburn, SN

Comments — National Treasurer V/C Dick Peoples, SN

1215 Recess for lunch D/C Ron Osburn, SN

1330 Reconvene Conference D/C Ron Osburn, SN

1330 Treasurer's Report D/Lt/C Bob Boal, JN

1340 Secretary's Report D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN

1350 Administrative Officer's Report D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN

1405 Educational Officer's Report D/Lt/C Joe Warren, JN

1420 Executive Officer's Report D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP

1435 Commander's Report D/C Ron Osburn, SN

Old Business / New Business D/C

D/26 Nominating Committee Report P/D/C Dick Erler, AP

Election of new D/C, bridge, chairs V/C Dick Peoples, SN

1455 Saturday Evening Information Charleston Cdr Howell

1500 Benediction P/R/C Wilson, Adjournment

1800-1900 Reception Yorktown

1900-2130 COW Banquet

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