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



Great news!!

Mark your calendars now for 8 November. We have arranged to have our Change of Watch on the Yorktown this year. We will be on the fantail. Come enjoy the breezes as we dine, watch the sunset and enjoy the best harbor views. The fantail is open to the water-side of the ship, but is covered in case of rain or a shower. If we have terribly inclement weather, dinner will be moved inside. Because of the long walk to the Yorktown, we plan to have transportation available, if needed, from the parking lot to the ship. A newly installed elevator will get you from the pier to the hangar bay.

Thanks to Helen Kovach we were able to keep the cost at \$30-35 per person, and we will have buffet style service. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. I will be getting all the particulars finalized this month and will keep you apprised.

Again, many thanks to all who have been working so diligently to keep our squadron on track.

Art



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



Just some brief notes and reminders this month.

Name change vote:

This will be at the 11 Sept. meeting. The resolution was published last month, and those active (voting members) that attend the Sept. meeting may vote. We hope to change the name to Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

District 26 Conference and Change of Watch:

This will be held 10 Oct. thru 12 Oct. and is sponsored by the Lake Murray Squadron. Here is the link to get more information: <http://www.lmpsonline.org/news/d26fallconf.htm>. Since we will host the District 26 Change of Watch in 2009, it would be nice if we have a large Charleston contingent supporting Lake Murray this year. For Conference information call Lt. Linda Richardson at 803-920-1857 and for hotel accommodations call *The Inn at USC* phone 803-779-7779. If you have any other questions or need more information, please contact me.

Public Relations:

The word is getting out into the boating community that we do exist. It is a slow process, but with the help of each member and the valiant efforts of our Public Relations Dept. headed by Gary Whitley we are being recognized. Our goal has been to become a resource to the boating public for safety and education, and to help people have fun on their boats. The new advertising phrase of the United States Power Squadrons is "Boating is Fun—We'll show you how!" Don't be afraid to use this and talk to your fellow boaters and would-be boaters.

Hope to see you on the water soon!

Dick

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



Well, the weather has not cooperated with us at all this year. As you may recall, our last two cruises were canceled due to unsafe weather conditions. Consequently, I have not been on the water very much this summer and I am more than ready to get WET!!! Hopefully, as the weather turns a little cooler, the normal predictable afternoon storms will slowly dissipate. That should set the stage for a more enjoyable time on the water.

We had a great turnout for our August membership meeting. Helen Kovach and her skilled staff did a fabulous job with the hamburgers and hotdogs. As many of you know, I was out of town on business and, regrettably, unable to attend. Angie Wright was the acting Administrative Officer, and everything went according to plan. Great Job on execution and Special Thanks are in order for Angie.

Our speaker for the evening was from West Marine. He provided us with information on new products and gave some enlightening demonstrations.

Our next membership meeting will be on 11 September 2008. Helen and her dedicated staff will bring back the famous “Frog more Stew” (aka: Low Country Boil). This meeting will be at Headquarters. Details are in the Log.

Gary Whitley is still building his boat. We are hoping to have a christening this calendar year. Gary claims it will be ready for the September Georgetown cruise. We shall see! How about it Gary?

BJ

September Membership Meeting

Back by popular demand, Low Country Boil (aka Frogmore Stew) will be the main course at our 11 September membership meeting. BJ and Helen will “stir the pot” to deliver the scrumptious sausage, shrimp, potatoes and corn. As usual, there will be a nominal \$10 per person charge. The dependable Jim Easley and Gary Whitley will have the drinks ready for consumption at 1800, and the meeting will start promptly at 1900.

City of Charleston Police Chief Greg Mullen is our guest speaker for this event. Chief Mullen will discuss his policing experiences, and I am sure he will be glad to take your questions afterwards. Chief Mullen was a Charleston Power Squadron Parade of Boats Judge last year—so let’s have a great turn out for him.

Please, do not miss this special occasion. **I cannot over emphasize the importance of making reservations and making reservations early.** Last year, we almost ran out of room and food. Please contact BJ Smith at smithbj@sc.rr.com or 843-514-9638. For planning purposes, make your reservations by close of business on 8 September 2008. See you there!

**Educational Officer
Lt/C Chet Rogers, P**



Listed below is the schedule of classes that we will offer this fall. Classes will be offered at our headquarters, 1376 Orange Grove Rd., beginning at 1830 on the dates listed below. We will hold a “meet the instructors” night on Monday, 15 September, when instruction materials will be distributed and instructors will talk about their classes and make initial assignments. Please plan on attending if you are signed up for a class. Those planning on taking a class should contact me, Chet Rogers, at 768-8574, 324-5066, or [rogerscb @cofc.edu](mailto:rogerscb@cofc.edu) as soon as possible so that I can make arrangements for payment for the class and order the class materials for you.

On a personal note, Elise and I are moving full-time to our place on Seabrook Island, which means that our phone number, 377-5022, will no longer be in operation. You can still contact me at 843-768-8574 (our Seabrook number) or at 843-324-5066 (my cell phone number) or at rogerscb@cofc.edu.

Chet

Schedule of Classes

Class	Beginning Date	Instructor(s)
Piloting	Monday, 22 September	Jim Bass, John VanWay
Sail	Wednesday, 09 October	Mike Fauss
Cruise Planning	Monday, 22 September	Steve Kromer, Janice Kromer
Engine Maintenance	Wednesday, 24 September	David Walsh, Art Clark and Ken Beeber
Instructor Development	Tuesday, 07 October	Chet Rogers
Junior Navigation	To be determined	To be arranged by Ed Kridler
Navigation	To be determined	To be arranged by Ed Kridler

19-21 September 2008 Monthly Cruise to Georgetown, SC

Get your boats ready for our 19-21 September 2008 cruise to historic Georgetown, SC. This will give our members and guests an experience that only a waterway trip can provide. All types of boats can enjoy this weekend as the trip to Georgetown takes less than four hours. If you do not have a boat that can go, let us know as we can get you to crew on other boats that have space available. This will also give you a chance to use your boat with other members, to provide support to one another, and to learn what cruising is all about if you have not gone on a trip before. Georgetown is also a great town to visit with the waterfront and all the places to eat and shop.

We have made the agenda to be as flexible as possible to accommodate members who can leave on Friday or Saturday. The ride up the waterway is scenic and enjoyable. Also, you get the camaraderie of boating with your mates while getting the experience of a trip like this that you might not take alone. We will dock at the Georgetown Landing Marina. For those who will not stay overnight on their boats, accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn Georgetown Marina. We have a Squadron dinner planned at a local restaurant on Saturday evening at 1830 and a Sunday morning departure. I would like to have a list ready by 31 August of those of you who plan to go, whether you will be taking your boat, and if you want reservations for the Saturday dinner. I will also need to know who will be staying at the Hampton Inn and who will need dock space. Let me know

Cruise Captain: Gary Whitley
Phone: 843 469-4782
Email: wgary44@aol.com



Aerial View of Georgetown Marina



**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE
CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON**

In accordance with Article 11 of the Bylaws of the Charleston Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee places the names of the following members in nomination for the 2009 Bridge Year. All nominees have agreed to serve in the offices listed. The nominees for Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officer have been approved by the District 26 Educational Officer. The Squadron election will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Charleston Power Squadron 9 October 2008.

Commander	Lt/C Richard E. Howells, JN
Executive Officer	Lt/C B. J. Smith, P
Educational Officer	Lt/C Chester B. Rogers, P
Administrative Officer	Lt Angela F. Wright, S
Secretary	Lt Wendy C. Walsh, JN
Treasurer	Eddie L. Hiers
Assistant Educational Officer	Michael R. Fauss, AP
Assistant Treasurer	Rick Cone

Members at Large of the Executive Committee

P/D/C Kenneth H. Beeber, SN
Lt Steven R. Poe, AP
Lt Gary L. Whitley
Eric W. Namowicz, S
Cdr Arthur D. Clark, AP

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

Auditing Committee

Lt Kirk R. Williams, JN (1 Year)
P/C Ernest F. Godshall, AP (2 Years)
P/C William H. Lynes, AP (3 Years)

Nominating Committee

P/C Janice Kromer, AP (1 Year)
P/C David E. Walsh, JN (2 Years)
To be nominated from the floor (3 Years)

Rules Committee

P/C Merellene H. Ward, JN (1 Year)
P/C Janice Kromer, AP (2 Years)
P/C David E. Walsh, JN (3 Years)

Housing Committee

Lt Raymond L. Harp, P (1 Year)
Lt Steven Ireland, (2 Years)
Dennis L. Olenwine, (3 Years)

Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Janice Kromer, AP
P/C David E. Walsh, JN
D/Lt/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN, Chair

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Welcome New Members

Lisa and Vincent Piazzola

Transfer members Lisa and Vincent Piazzola recently joined the Charleston Power Squadron, although they are still active in the Lake Murray Squadron. Lisa is a graduate of The College of Charleston, and she and Vincent moved to the Midlands to be near family after they were married 15 years ago. Now, Vincent has accepted a position as Operations Manager for the Johnny's Automotive Operation. Vincent spends lots of time on their boat,, Bella Boue which is kept at Bristol Marina. She's a 40' Express Cruiser. Lisa is very excited about moving back to the Lowcountry. She currently does training in public education, but she's thinking of switching gears and going into corporate training. Please welcome the Piazzola's when they attend our members' meeting.

Jay and Cindy Newberry

Jay and Cindy Newberry joined our squadron in July. Friends of the Howells, it was Dick & Ann who got them interested in USPS. The Newberrys live on the Isle of Palms, and they have one daughter who lives in Ohio and another daughter at USC in Columbia. Although Jay & Cindy don't yet own a boat, they are actively shopping the Internet. Jay has had his fill of sailing and is now interested in a power boat. Other interests are bicycling and motorcycle riding. In fact, Jay has just completed a 32 day solo trip to Alaska and back to South Carolina. I'm sure he'd love to talk about his adventure the next time you meet up with the Newberrys.

Bart and Ellie Franey

Now located in Summerville, new member Bart Franey is a transfer member from Nashville, TN. Bart and his wife Ellie don't yet own a boat, but they hope to have found a trawler by the end of the year. Ellie is a nurse at Summerville Medical Center, and Bart is in medical construction. His firm builds emergency rooms, patients' rooms and many other types of hospital real estate. Bart originally joined the Power Squadron to learn more about boating. So far, he has taken Marine Electronics, Seamanship and Piloting.



Happy September Birthdays

01 Sept	Robert E. McMillan Jr.
02 Sept	S. Scott Bluestein
03 Sept	Chateal N. Wright
04 Sept	Tera Melissa White
06 Sept	Eric W. Namowicz
10 Sept	Steven W. Brostoff
10 Sept	Walter F. McDonnell
11 Sept	Daniel R. Moore
12 Sept	Kirk R. Williams
14 Sept	Peggy Bass
15 Sept	Carol Ann Burgess
15 Sept	Claire Schady
16 Sept	Corrin Marinko
17 Sept	Lue Cheverie
22 Sept	Jean Clark
22 Sept	Edwin G. Kridler
23 Sept	Merle Clark
24 Sept	Natalie Bluestein
24 Sept	Joy Clarke
24 Sept	Dennis L. Olenwine
26 Sept	James H. Williams
27 Sept	C. Ray Carter
27 Sept	Deborah Turkewitz
28 Sept	Maritsa Pastis
30 Sept	Kenneth G. Ingram
30 Sept	Cindy Newberry

Ethanol Now in Marine Gasoline

Recently, I learned that all available marine gasoline now contains 10% ethanol. For years, we have been warned not to use gasoline containing ethanol in marine engines. Now, it appears that all of our local marinas are being supplied with "C-10" gasoline. C-10 gasoline contains 10% ethanol and presents several problems for boat owners. I received information from Mercury and Johnson marine engine companies regarding ethanol in gasoline. Here's what I found out.

The fuel-system components of newer marine engines (both inboard and outboards) will withstand up to 10 percent alcohol content in gasoline. This means that the fuel lines, gaskets and seals will withstand C-10. However, some older fiberglass fuel tanks may not be compatible with gasoline containing ethanol. It has been reported that, in the presence of ethanol, some resins may be drawn out of fiberglass that could cause severe damage to the engine.

Many older engine parts and tanks were not designed or tested to withstand the damaging effects of alcohol gas. Consequently, marine engines (made prior to 1992) may have plastic and rubber parts that are not compatible with alcohol in the fuel. If you have a fiberglass tank, or an older engine, contact the dealer of your boat or engine and get a recommendation regarding using C-10 for your specific marine engine.

There is also another problem. C-10 gasoline degrades with time. So, when preparing to store a boat for extended periods (two months or more), it is best to completely remove all fuel from the tank. If it not possible to remove the fuel, store your boat with a full tank of fuel. Before storing, make sure to add a marine fuel stabilizer.

There are a variety of marine fuel stabilizers available. (*MDR Stor-N-Start*, *Starbrite EZ-To-Store*, *QuickSilver Fuel Treatment & Stabilizer* and *Valvtect Marine Fuel Stabilizer* to name a few) To prepare for long-term storage, it is best to add the stabilizer to your tank at the recommended dosage, run the engine for 10 minutes to allow the system to be purged, shut off the fuel valve to

interrupt the fuel supply, and allow the engine to run until it stops. Topping off the tank until it's full, and capping any openings to reduce air exchange that might bring in condensation are also recommended.

David Walsh

Marine Engine Maintenance Instructor



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Squadron Boating Course Schedule

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

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August Membership Meeting Report

We've had our share of the summer thunderstorms recently, however, the weather for the August membership meeting turned out to be fantastic for grilling!

We had forty – six people attend our August membership meeting. As usual Helen and her staff did an excellent job on our evening meal. Tim and Marion Barnett provided plenty of support to Helen with the set up and meal preparations. Not to mention the availability and offering of crab dip and bruschetta! Tim seemed to be all over the place with that wonderful crab dip... We truly appreciate all your efforts!

The hamburgers and hotdogs were outstanding with all the trimmings. The home make cookies and fresh melons were delicious also! They all made for a great summer picnic atmosphere. Thanks again for everyone's dedication and hard work. Jim Easley and Gary Whitley did another outstanding job with the beverage department making sure we have plenty of refreshments. Our guest speaker for the evening was Eric Monson from West Marine. He discussed various new types of hand held and mounted GPS systems along with their capabilities and functions. We had a lot of fun with the hand held that he let us pass around for show and tell.

See you at the next membership meeting on 11 September 2008. Helen and her wonderfully dedicated staff are planning a 'Frogmore Stew' that you absolutely do not want to miss. The meeting will be at Headquarters. Details are in the log...

Angie for BJ

August Meeting Pictures



**Tim and Marion Barnett Serving
Appetizers to Jim Easley**



**Speaker from West Marine
Eric Monson with
Joe Bowers and Shirley Melloy**



**Basil Acock, Samuel Steinberg and
David Walsh**



Terry Melloy and Some Good Food

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