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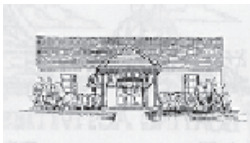
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Executive Committee - 1st Thursday @ 1930

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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

**From the Commander
Lt/C Charlotte F. Yeomans, P**



By now, the May Membership Meeting at the Marina Variety Store, the Cocktail Welcoming Party for our out-of-town Squadron guests has passed and the District 26 Summer Council and cruise and rendezvous is underway! Please check further in The Palmetto Log for details pertaining to the June cruise. Along with dues time, it is a busy time of the year for Charleston Power Squadron!

I would like to personally thank all of you who have renewed or reinstated with CPS. The Squadron means a great deal to Steve and me; it means so much to see others enjoying it just as much!

Thus far, I have ten (10) people signed up for the First Aid / CPR course. Anyone who is interested in participating in a Saturday course on First Aid and CPR, please contact me. For all first mates and captains, this course should be topmost on your list. Baby-sitters, family, and members from other squadrons are welcome to attend, also. The course will be all day with a lunch provided. As soon as a sufficient quantity of people has signed up for the course, we can figure out a cost (should be between \$15-\$20 per person which will include morning coffee, a lunch, and all materials needed for the course). I really need to know if there is an interest within the membership before scheduling this event so *please* let me know. Thank you!

The Bridge is asking that one or more people step forward to run the Ship's Store as well as someone else to step into the role of Property Officer. There is still no salary involved – just a lot of fun and a wonderful opportunity to meet new people within the Squadron. It is also a very good way to work towards your yearly Merit

Mark!! For more information, please contact me. Please, everyone, think of what you will help out with on this year's committees and activities. The Squadron always has openings in many different departments which need filling. If you don't know what you want to do, take a peek at the Squadron Job Descriptions that the Bridge Officers have – that should help with decisions, also.

And, as always, for any more information on anything mentioned in this article, or anything else, please feel free to contact me at (843) 875-0510, or at cfyedisto@aol.com. Thanks and see y'all soon!!

Cat



June Members' Meeting

Our June Members' Meeting will be held on Thursday, 10 June 2004 at headquarters. The social hour will start at 1830 and we will share a potluck supper at 1930. The cost will be \$5 per person. We hope to have Bridget Lyle, a sail maker who is new to the area, speak to us about her adventures, but I don't have a confirmation from Bridget yet. If she can't make it, be assured we will have an interesting program for you. Please let me know as soon as you can if you plan to attend. You can reach me by email to jkromer@tariffs.com or call me at 821-1861 and just leave a message if I'm not there.

Janice Kromer

Executive Officer
Lt/C Edwin G. Kridler. SN



The Charleston Maritime Festival will take place from 17 June through 20 June at the Charleston Maritime Center Complex and Ansonborough Field. There are a number of activities including a visit by several tall ships, which will be open for tours. There is no charge for visiting the festival. For more information on the event, try visiting the festival's web site, charlestonmaritimefestival.com.

We are working on getting a booth at the exhibit associated with this event. This four-day event should provide very good exposure for our squadron, with some 20,000 visitors expected to attend. We will need help manning our booth. The booth must be manned according to the following schedule:

- Thursday, 17 June: 1300 – 1800
- Friday, 18 June: 1000 – 1800
- Saturday, 19 June: 1000 – 1800
- Sunday, 20 June: 1000 – 1600

We will also need help with booth set-up prior to 1300 on Thursday, and booth breakdown after 1600 on Sunday. Please contact me if you can help. The choice times will be going fast, so make your reservations as soon as possible. You can reach me at 762-3986, or drop me an e-mail at ekridler@charleston.net.

Ed



Educational Officer
Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer,
AP



The good news for this month is that we are starting to get results back from the spring classes. P/C Vince Lombardo, P/D/C Ken Beeber, David Walsh and Wendy Walsh have all successfully completed the new Instructor Development course. We expect to have the results from most of the other classes for next month's Log. Also, the schedule for the fall classes should be ready for publication in next month's Log.

I know other people have written about the Beaufort trip a couple of weeks ago but I am going to add my two cents anyway. What a weekend! On Friday as *No Sense* approached Beaufort we got to watch the Blue Angles practice for the show the following day. Very difficult to drive the boat and watch the planes. They flew directly overhead several times, what a thrill. Then Saturday we went to the air show. It was great. I've see the Blue Angles fly several times but this was the first time that I was able to be right at air show center and be up close to the flight line. Got to see things about the performance I had never seen before. Each pilot made sure that he acknowledged the ground crew as he taxied for takeoff and only then acknowledged the crowd. I don't know how many people watching the show realized it but there was a plane missing. The Blues planes are numbered from one to six but there was no number 3 at the show. Sunday coming back was as nice a day as we've ever had on the *No Sense*. Except for the pinhole leak in a gasket on the fresh water-cooling system the boat ran great. Of course just to make life interesting we had a cruise ship and two long barges to deal with on the way back. Luckily enough we did not meet any of these folks in a narrow cut. Overall the weekend got an 11 on a scale of 1-10.

Steve

**Administrative Officer
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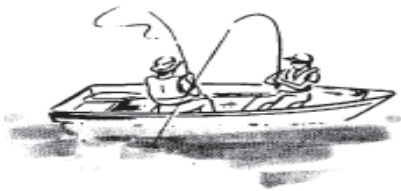


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We are in the process of making arrangements for the Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard to speak to us at our July Members' Meeting, which will be held on 8 July. More information will be in the next edition of The Palmetto Log and by then, we should have firmed up a time and location.

We'd like to introduce our newest member, Mike Coble, who recently finished our BoatSmart class. An Isle of Palm resident, Mike owns a 44-foot powerboat, the Twocan. Welcome, Mike. We hope to see you at our meetings and classes.

Janice



Well, I hope you have made it to one of our Cruises this year. The May Cruise to Beaufort was real pleasure. At least eight boats made the run from Charleston to Beaufort, the fast boats only taking a few hours and us slow boats taking two days. Hey, what can I say; when our cruising speed is 6 knots, you have to just sit back and enjoy the ride. The weatherman really kicked in for some beautiful sunny days. And my hat is off to our Cruise Committee and Administrative Departments for all their hard work and organization, job well done folk's. If you have not yet been on one of the Squadron Cruises, it's something you should consider. Even if you have an open boat, on a cruise like the Beaufort Cruise there are land accommodations available for sleeping within a short walk of the marina. While flying your squadron colors on the trip, you would be surprised the folks that just want to talk boating with you. The icing on the cake for this last cruise was sunset barbeque aboard the *No Sense 3*, our cruise captain's boat. But don't give up hope, there are more great cruises coming up this year. Come on, grab your partner and cast off for some great times and good friends. Join us aboard the Charleston Power Squadron 2004 Cruising Season.

HELP! We need help to get this project off the ground. You could be the right contact for our advertisement campaign. Mention this opportunity to your local boat dealer or repair facility. Do you know of someone interested in targeting over 200 boat enthusiasts with their product or services? The Palmetto Log has made space available to run advertisements for a nominal donation. We have two types of space available. The first is a business card size for \$50.00 per year or the second is a 3 inch by 3 inch for \$100.00 per year. Other options can

be made available by request. Interested parties should contact Bob Gulbrandsen at Morningstar804@msn.com or 804 Law Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. Donations from our advertising space will go into the Charleston Power Squadron fund for future programs such as headquarters building repairs, or as deemed by the governing executive committee. We need your help to keep our Squadron up and running, get involved, give us a hand!

Bob



Editor's Note

The Palmetto Log editor, Nelson Hicks, is planning an extensive cruise to Maine and back during the summer of 2004 in his Albin 32+2, "VICTORY" with wife JoAnne.

In the editor's absence, The Palmetto Log will continue in the experienced hands of John VanWay through the September issue. Articles for the July issue should be sent to both Nelson and John and articles for the August and September issues to John only. John VanWay can be reached by e-mail at jwvan02@Comcast.net. John's telephone number is 849-7130.

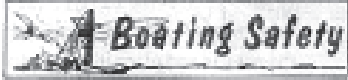


MEMBER'S BOAT



This month's Member's Boat is named "*Sea Tonic*" and belongs to Tom and Deb Morinelli. "*Sea Tonic*" is a 17-foot SeaPro with a 90 HP Yamaha. Tom reported the following about their boat and use: "It's not a great picture, but it was taken when we first brought the boat home last November. It's the first boat that we have owned in a long time, the last one being a 15 ft run-about that we had for a couple of years, back in the early 80's. I've also attached a picture of the best "catch" that we've had so far. I'm sure that there will be many more like it!" We hope so too, Tom and Deb.





Safety Officer
Lt Kirk Williams, AP

Summer Thunder Storms

Beyond a certain age, nothing stops fun on the water better than unexpected soakings, suddenly violent waves, or any activity that can lead to a serious risk of falling out of the boat. And few events can end a good time on the water as precipitously as being hit by lightning.

These are all summertime risks, but they can vary greatly in degree of probability depending on your knowledge of - and respect for - the weather.

There may have been a time, way back before Odysseus, when ignorance of the elements was an excuse for mishap or disaster. But incredible modern-day refinements in satellite-based forecasting and communications technology have removed the last traces of an alibi for being caught on the water unawares. These days, if you didn't know what to expect it was because you didn't ask - or you just didn't take the time to learn.

Ask where? Learn what?

The Weather Channel is a good place to start. Along with its local forecasts, it provides good radar tracking, notification of small craft advisories, and other pertinent information that boater's can use. In most coastal areas, VHF broadcasts provide accurate, timely, local marine data on wind direction and speed, temperature, wave height, tides, and special advisories of both long-term and sudden changes. In the summertime, this service includes notification of current thunderstorm activity along with estimates of its future probability. In addition, with direct downloads from weather-mapping satellites, along with your VHF radio, CBs, ship-to-shore, portable AM-FM radios and cellular telephones, you're only a moment away from everything you should ever need to know.

And that's not all. For the technology-deficient, toy-deprived or electronically unprepared, there is another reliable resource in the form of accumulated lore and common sense. Since thunderstorms usually travel from west to east, boaters should keep an eye on the western sky. Calm usually does precede a storm, so can a mackerel sky. And yes, red skies at morning are a sailor's warning.

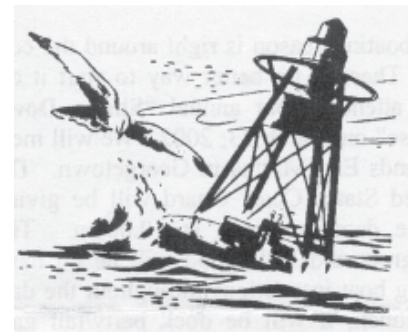
If you don't have a phone, can't hear the crackling on the AM radio and there is haze in the path of the roiling clouds, one of the best indicators of increased electrical activity in the area is still the hair on your forearms or on the back of your neck: when it starts to rise, it's well past time to get moving.

You say you shave your arms and there isn't enough hair left on your head to throw a shadow? Well, when caught in foul weather, you should immediately put on your life jacket, reduce the speed of the boat and head for the nearest lee shore or safe harbor. Point the bow at a slight angle into the waves, keeping your passengers low and near the midship point to reduce the risk of battering from the seesaw motion of the boat.

If the engine fails, anchor by the bow or, in deep water, deploy a sea anchor (anything that will slow your drift with underwater drag, such as a bucket or an empty bait box) from the stern.

Prayer is permitted. Learn from the experience.

By: American Boating Association



Boating Safety Songs

“WHEN YOU ARE RIDING IN A BOAT”

sung to the tune of *B-I-N-G-O*

When you are riding in a boat
Remember this rule
Wear your PFD, wear your PFD,
wear your PFD
That is your life jacket.

When you are riding in a boat
Remember this rule
Keep your fanny down,
keep your fanny down
keep your fanny down
It could save your life.

“SIT, THROW, YELL, AND POINT”

sung to the tune of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*

Sit down, sit down
Do not tip the boat.
Throw a cushion overboard.
Yell and wave for help.

Sit down, sit down
When someone's in the drink.
Throw a cushion, yell and point,
Then they will not sink.

Lymey2 Publishing, May 2002

The author gives everyone permission to copy and distribute these songs for the furtherance of safe boating for children. If additional verses are developed, please send the author a copy to ad for everyone – email: Lymey2@aol.com. Thank you!

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STILL MORE NAUTICAL TERMINOLOGY

The Old Salt will again draw from Olivia Isil's book *When a Loose Cannon Flogs a Dead Horse There's the Devil to Pay*.

Although this column is being written early in the day, I know some of our readers are waiting until the *sun is over the yardarm*. This term for happy hour arose from the practice of officers on ships in the North Atlantic to wait until the sun was above the main yard (about 1100) to nip below for a tot of rum. This term is related, in spirit at least to *splicing the main brace* referred to in last month's issue. Not only the officers but perhaps the skipper might partake in such refreshment. The skipper comes from the Dutch word *schipper* for captain that was derived from the Dutch word *schip*, for ship.

Now, lest anyone have any doubts about these explanations, and would like to *tell it to the marines*, this term arose with King Charles II who had great confidence in the skill and truthfulness of his Marine infantry regiment. He is quoted as saying "henceforth, ere we cast doubts upon a tale that lacks likelihood, we will first tell it to the marines." As the phrase spread, it's meaning changed to the current one of skepticism and might be applied to rumors one heard through *scuttlebutt*. Water was a precious but vital commodity aboard sailing ships. A cask or butt of water was placed

on deck for the sailor's use but to prevent excess use a small hole or scuttle was cut in the side so that it could only be filled half way. This precursor to the office water cooler was a good place for sailors to exchange gossip.

And now we come to the *bitter end*. The anchor line on a ship was attached to a heavily reinforced post on the bow, known as a bitt. As the anchor line was paid out, the part nearest to this bitt was naturally referred to as the *bitter end*. This term came ashore and was recruited to have another meaning because of another meaning to the word bitter.

OT BITS

Operational Training by Bob Gissell

(A series of important bits of information about USPS in the next several issues of The Palmetto Log)

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The scheduling of squadron meetings is controlled by the squadron bylaws. Section 9.1 specifies that the regular business meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month except the Executive Committee may change this with proper notice to membership. Section 6.7.1 directs that the Executive Committee shall meet on the first Thursday of each month or when convened by the commander. Section 9.2 allows the Executive Committee to waive this requirement or to reschedule the meeting if a holiday or other circumstance makes it impractical to hold the meeting with the membership being notified accordingly. Section 9.5 allows for the calling of special membership or Executive Committee meetings but written notice of such meetings shall be mailed to all members so that it is received at least 10 days prior to the special meeting.

Bob Gissell

June Cruise to Georgetown Landing **25-27 June 2004 at Georgetown, SC**

Come join us for a cruise to historic Georgetown, SC. The Charleston Power Squadron's annual cruise to Georgetown is special this year. We will be cruising to Georgetown during the Harborwalk Festival. Starting Saturday morning the festival features food, music, arts and crafts, a boat show and an antique auto show. Saturday we will go downtown to join in the festivities at Harborwalk Festival. It is about a 20 minute walk from the marina to downtown. So, bring your walking shoes. Those coming by car are asked to transport boaters from the marina to downtown. Saturday evening we plan to meet for dinner at 1830 at a restaurant (TBA) that is within walking distance from the marina. Tunnel boat races are on Sunday from 1300 to 1500. The boat race can be viewed from downtown or on the water. You won't want to miss this unique chance to visit historic Georgetown, take part in the Harborwalk Festival and enjoy dinner with good friends.



Georgetown Landing Marina

Directions

Georgetown Landing is located on Pee Dee River's western shore just south of the U.S. 17 bridge, some 1.1 nautical miles northeast red/green of #W (Standard Mile 403). This is the Harborwalk Festival weekend so call the marina and get your slip reservations in early. Georgetown landing gives a 25% discount on slip fees for Boat US members. The Dock Master monitors VHF Channels 16 and 10. For those not sleeping on a boat, there is a Hampton Inn at the marina. The room rate is \$89/night. For a room reservation call Hampton Inn at 843 545-5000.

Address and Phone Numbers:

Georgetown Landing, Hwy 17 at the Black/Pee Dee River, Georgetown, SC 29442

Phone: 843 546-1776

For the dinner we need a head count. Please contact: Cruise Captain Ken King 308-9937 or 762-0130, E-Mail: kenmking@aol.com or Cruise Chairman David Walsh, 556-3258, E-Mail: wals6563@bellsouth.net

David Walsh

SEA ISLAND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On 3 April, eight members of the Charleston Power Squadron, and one guest, worked for the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity. Instead of hoisting sails, we hoisted roof trusses onto a house, among other things such as setting windows and doors and putting *Tyvek* wrapping over wall sheathing. We all got to work for P/C Steve Yeomans, the construction manager for Sea Island. The members participating were:

- Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen, S
- Cdr Charlotte Yeomans, P
- 1st Lt Wendy Walsh, JN
- Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN
- P/C Billy Lynes, AP
- 1st Lt David Walsh, P
- P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler, AP
- P/D/C Ken Beeber, SN

In addition, Billy Lynes' grandson, Kevin, was a big help to us. P/C Fred Wichmann, AP and Joyce had planned to help, but had other things come up. They made a nice donation to Sea Island in lieu of labor.

All of our participating members had a good time while helping to provide quality, affordable housing to a family that otherwise would be in substandard housing. I haven't heard of many of our members complaining of aches and pains the next morning. To all who helped, a big **THANK YOU**.

Ed Kridler



THE SQUADRON CALENDAR JUNE 2004

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Upcoming Events For June

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Potluck Supper Contact Janice Kromer 821-1861**

**25, 26 and 27 June - Weekend Cruise to Georgetown, SC
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