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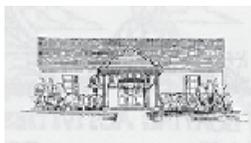
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**Safe Boating Through  
Education**

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



A special thanks must go to PC Art and Merle Clark and Helen Kovach for planning a wonderful Change of Watch 2008. What a setting! (I felt like George C. Scott in front of that Flag.) The food was equally spectacular. It was a great evening all the way around.

There are some special awards to be noted that I hope to be able to present at our Christmas Party, 11 Dec. Fredrick C. Wichmann, AP will receive his plaque for 50 years of membership in the United States Power Squadron. Receiving 25 year pins are James J. Easley, James W. Page, Ira V. Davis, Edwin G. Kridler, Cynthia L. Kridler, Raymond L. Harp and Alice A. Harp. Wow!

This is going to be a busy year for the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. We intend to grow our membership and expand our visibility as the 'Go to Source' for boating education and fellowship in the Charleston area. This will happen if members help by talking about the Squadron and volunteering their skills and experience when they can. It may be a cliché, but you really do get from an organization what you put into it.

I am proud to serve as your Commander. It is a great honor and privilege that you have bestowed upon me. Thank you!

Hoping to see you on the water soon;

**Dick**

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



I look forward to serving as your Executive Officer this year. As many of you know, I will be out of town a lot this year, but I am told that should not be a problem. As a result of my job, I will miss many of our wonderful events. However, I will do my very best to keep up with all of the Squadron events. Even if I am on the West Coast, the wonderful world of technology should keep me connected.

On a very positive note, I am delighted to announce that Daisy Proctor has agreed to be the 2009 Boat Show Chairman. Harl Porter will continue as our Vessel Safety Check Coordinator. Gary Whitley has agreed to remain as our Public Relations Officer and will be assisted by Dick Clarke. I am very pleased to report that David Walsh will head up the Cooperative Charting efforts. John Sikes will continue to manage the Safety and Radio Technical programs for the squadron. This year our legislative and liaison officer will be yours truly.

Furthermore, I encourage all of you to get involved this year. We need to promote the squadron more in the public arena through programs like the Vessel Safety Checks and Cooperative Charting. Also, Boat Show participation will allow us to be viewed in a positive manner by the general public. So pick a program, and help us support the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron!

Have a safe and happy holiday. Hope to see you on the water soon!

**BJ**



**Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Angie Ireland, S**



Following in the footsteps of Lt/C BJ Smith as the Administrative Officer will be a real challenge, but one I am eager and anxious to accept. BJ and I worked very closely together this past year, and we plan to continue that effort in the future. Our Squadron has generated a lot of excitement and momentum, and we are well positioned to accomplish great things again next year. I am honored to serve our membership, and I look forward to working with the new Commander, Dick Howells, and my fellow Bridge Officers.

As the outgoing Cruise Director, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the 2008 Cruise Captains. They did an outstanding job of organizing, coordinating, and executing our cruise schedule. We had a lot of fun and expect more of the same next year. On that note, James Rowe has accepted the position of Cruise Director for 2009. He has made excellent progress with appointing a committee and developing the cruise schedule for next year. I can assure you that James and his committee will develop an exciting cruise schedule this year. As last year, we plan on teaming up with more joint cruises with other boating groups. Just another opportunity to share our love of the water with like-minded people.

The first “Cruise” the year is scheduled for 10 January 2009, and will take us to one of the area’s most picturesque locations, Vickery’s at Shem Creek.

We are very pleased that Larry Dorminy will be serving as Chairman of the Program Committee. We can expect a continuation of great programs next year from Larry and his committee. I have seen a “sneak” preview of next

year’s schedule, and I can assure you it is of “All Star” quality.

Bob Kovach has graciously volunteered to operate the bar for us again this year. My bartender skills are ‘very’ limited to how to pour beer and wine, and to mix gin and ginger ale, so I welcome Jim’s expertise and knowledge.

Helen Kovack has agreed to manage the member meeting food requirements again this next year. We plan to continue special meals such as the Frogmore stew and pork medallions that were served last quarter. Helen has some dynamite surprises for you in the near future.

Janice Kromer has agreed to serve as Chair of the Membership Involvement Committee and will continue with her wonderful articles on new members.

Wendy Walsh does a fantastic job tracking and maintaining our membership. She has agreed to continue her work with the Membership Committee.

As you can see, we have a lot of planning going on “behind the scenes”, and this significant effort should serve to make this year even more fun and more successful than last year. If you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call or contact me. Let’s get excited and work together to make 2009 the “**BEST YEAR EVER**” for the Charleston Power Squadron.

See you on the water soon!

**Angie**

## Annual Toad Hall Oyster Roast Revisited

Is it just me, or does the oyster roast just keep getting better each year? With experienced oyster cookers, Steve Rustin and Terry Morinko, perfecting their craft for lo, these many years, the main thing certainly can't be much improved upon. Dave Walsh has 'em washed clean as a whistle, and those slurpy bi-valves don't have a chance.

Enter B.J. Smith, and details never even considered turn the roast into an EVENT! Course, he had ample help from Angie Wright Ireland and Helen Kovach and a host of others; charging fearless and undaunted through flooded areas to get to the oyster tables and barrels; and keeping up a blistering pace until it was all over, clean up was done, and the last chair was loaded and returned to headquarters. Talk about the Eveready Bunny!

Mega-thanks to EVERYONE who helped in any way: those muscle-men who helped hoist the oysters, Jessica Altschal for helping cook those succulent hamburgers and hot dogs, everyone who brought the delicious side dishes, those who helped clean up, Bob & Helen Kovach who helped man the bar, and to all those who helped in all sorts of unseen ways.

It definitely takes a team.

And a fun time was had by all.

### The Wichmanns

## Bohicket Cruise Report

Once again, the weather did not cooperate with the Charleston Power Squadron's cruise plans. The rains came into Johns Island on Friday evening. Even with the inclement weather, we had 24 members participate in the open house at the Kromer's. As usual, the conversation and the good times rolled. Art and Merle Clark, Dave and Wendy Walsh and Harl and Betsy Porter had planned to cruise into Bohicket Marina on Saturday afternoon. The day saw high winds, and the boaters decided to cancel their plans. It turned out that they made a wise decision as, in addition to the winds, Bohicket saw very heavy rain in the afternoon. The boats would have been trying to dock in the midst of the storm. But spirits were not dampened as all drove to the dinner at Up Da Creek and were joined by eight more members.

### Janice Kromer





## CSPS Annual Christmas Party

James Island Yacht Club on Thursday  
11 December 2008  
734 Wampler Drive, Charleston, SC  
29412

It's time for the Squadron's annual Christmas Gala. Join us for the festivities!

We have moved the Christmas soiree to the James Island Yacht Club so as to be able to comfortably seat all those who want to attend. There is also plenty of parking available for everyone.

At 1800, the Squadron Bar will be open and the evening festivities will begin with some special Holiday appetizers. It will be followed by a mouth watering Dinner of Greek flare prepared by Helen and her Staff, which includes:

- Tomato-lentil soup
- Greek salad
- Spanakopita (Greek Spinach Pie)
- Pasticio (beef-pasta with tomato sauce)
- Lemon Chicken and rosemary roasted red potatoes.

Desert will be an assortment of homemade Christmas cookies.

As always, the annual "Chinese Auction Gift Swap" will be the highlight of the Holiday event. Bring one wrapped gift per family for the swap. The gift should be \$10.00 or less and don't forget - the funnier the better.

Make your reservations by calling or emailing Angie Ireland at:

843-729-3311

[Awright4you@yahoo.com](mailto:Awright4you@yahoo.com)

The cost of dinner is only \$ 15.00/person.

Directions:

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Turn LEFT onto Wildwood Road

Turn LEFT onto Wampler Drive

End at 753 Wampler Dr Charleston, SC 29412

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## January Membership Meeting

Get ready! We are planning to kick off the new year at Headquarters on 8 January 2009.

Be prepared to be 'Warmed to the Toes' as Helen and her able staff prepare and serve her award winning "Wussy Chili", which was recently voted 'most popular' at the First Annual CORA Chili Cook Off. It will be accompanied by cornbread and salad. It will be followed by a very special, and just as warming, sweet treat.

We'll start the evening off at 1800 with our very own Bob Kovach serving beverages with a smile. The meeting will start promptly at 1900.

Our guest speaker for this event will be John Keenan from Keenan Marine Insurance.

John will be teaching us some new tricks to the rotten insurance mess that we all deal with daily for our boats. You will not want to miss this valuable information.

Please contact Angie Ireland at 843-729-3311 or at [angelawright.ireland@yahoo.com](mailto:angelawright.ireland@yahoo.com) to make your reservations.

Angie Ireland, Lt/C



## 10 January Cruise to Vickery's at Shem Creek



Our first cruise of the year is scheduled for 10 January 2009, and will take us to one of the Low Country's most picturesque locations, Shem Creek, Mt. Pleasant. Vickery's is located at 1313 Shrimp Boat Lane in Mt. Pleasant. The restaurant is perfectly positioned at the edge of "restaurant row" with an unimpeded view of the south side of the Shem Creek and the surrounding marsh. With water views on three sides, there's no way we can go wrong since all tables are good tables at Vickery's. You can even stroll outside onto the deck where there is the 'Shark Bar' and telescopic viewers for a closer look at nature. Vickery's also provides "first-come-first-serve" public docking. Vickery's serves a variety of dishes from simple and creative to complex from various regions and ethnicities.

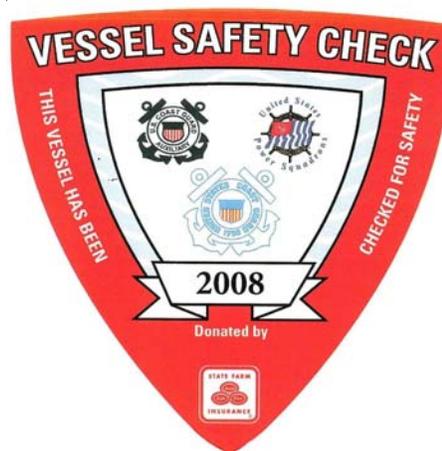
Please plan to arrive at the restaurant by 1200 (noon). We will need a fairly accurate count of those attending in order to provide information to the restaurant for table set up. Since we will be ordering from the menu, our taste buds will not be limited. Yummy!

Directions by car from the Ravenel Bridge:

- Follow US-17 N toward Mt Pleasant/ Georgetown
- Merge onto W. Coleman Blvd toward Sullivans Island
- Just before the Shem Creek Bridge, turn right onto Shrimp Boat Lane.
- Follow to Vickery's

**Angela Ireland,**  
Cruise Captain

**Remember to get a Vessel Safety Check  
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**Change of Watch Pictures**



**Art Clark accepts Bowsprit Award for Charleston Power Squadron from D26 Officer Eric Pearson**



**Dave Walsh, BJ Smith and Steve Poe receive Cooperative Charting Honor Roll Awards**

## Change of Watch Pictures



**Art Clark presents Helen Kovach the Power of 1 Award for new member recruiting**



**New Commander Pledged in. Left to right, Ann Howells, Dick Howells and Eric Pearson**



**New bridge installation. From left to right, Mike Fauss, Eddie Hiers, Wendy Walsh, Chet Rogers, BJ Smith and Angela Ireland.**



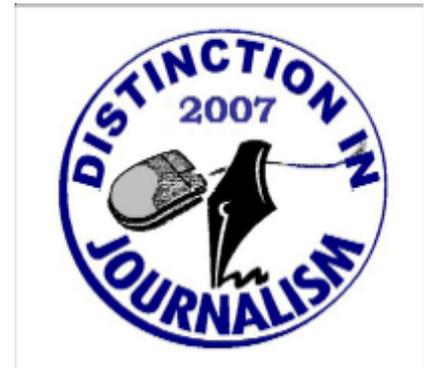
**Art Clark presents Commander's Award to Wendy Walsh**

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- 08 January - Member Dinner Meeting at Headquarters 1800
- 10 January - January Cruise to Vickery's at Shem Creek

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