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Executive Committee -1st Thursday @ 1830

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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

**From the Commander
Cdr Janice Kromer, AP**



What an absolutely wonderful year I've had! What with our children, grandchildren and business, I lead a very full life, but I can honestly say that this past year as your Commander has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. And I think we accomplished a lot. We brought in 42 new members since last year's Change of Watch. We can now accept credit card payments from our members and public boating class students. We instituted Annual Billing from National for membership. We charted over 500 miles in the Cooperative Charting Program. We had 42 Boat Smart graduates. We performed 90 Vessel Safety Checks. And we taught over 50 of our own members in various Power Squadron courses. Really quite a year!

But most important to me was the spirit and camaraderie shared by our members. You were always there when the Bridge asked for volunteers. You came to our meetings and you joined in our cruises. So it was really you, the Charleston Power Squadron Members, who made is a successful year. Thank you – and I hope you had fun!

Janice Kromer
Commander



**Annual Holiday Party
14 December 2006 at 1830
Squadron Headquarters**

The Squadron's Annual Holiday Party will be Thursday 14 December 2006 at Squadron Headquarters, starting at 1830. This year we are planning a festive event complete with a wide array of heavy hors d'oeuvres. Food and soft drinks, punch and non-alcoholic beverages will be furnished. Beer, wine and other drinks will be available at an honor bar (donations only).

The party starts at 1830 with a social hour. The cost is \$15 per person. We will again have our famous Chinese Gift Exchange; so, bring a wrapped gift worth around \$10. The more novel your gift the more fun we will have exchanging gifts. When you arrive with your gift, you will be given a number that is used for selecting a gift from the gift table or trading a gift with another person. The limit for trading is three trades per gift.

Come Join the Fun!

Please call or e-mail Wendy Walsh by 8 December so she can plan the food for this party. Contact: Wendy Walsh, 556-3258 or e-mail wals6563@bellsouth.net.



Executive Officer
Lt/C David E. Walsh, AP



As my term of office as Executive Officer closes, it is time to reflect on the squadron's activities and thank those who helped me during the year. The Executive Department is responsible for the external services of the Squadron. These include Squadron Public Relations, Boating Safety, Vessel Safety Checks, Cooperative Charting and the Boat Show program. Here is a summary of activities from the Executive Department.

Special thanks go to Joan King who did an excellent job as our Public Relations (PR) person. You probably saw some of her BoatSmart notices published regularly in the Post and Courier, Summerville and James Island newspapers. In addition, Joan was able to place recorded radio and TV spots with local broadcasting stations during National Safe Boating Week. The PR highlight of the year was Charleston Power Squadron members Janice and Steve Kromer's television appearance on "Low Country Live" May 22, 2006 on Channel 4 WCIV. The show was hosted by Justin Lock and Ryan Nelson and featured the Charleston Power Squadron's activities during National Safe Boating Week. Segments of the show were recorded during a Vessel Safety Check of Art Clark's boat "Sunday Drive." In the live segment of the show, Janice and Steve discussed boating safety equipment and invited the public to sign up for the Squadron's safe boating classes.

Boating Safety Officer John Sikes did an excellent job writing a monthly safety column for the Palmetto Log. In addition John published a letter to the editor and was quoted in the Post and Courier regarding a local boating accident, where a boater went on the wrong side of a navigation marker at night and collided with a partially submerged jetty.

The Squadron's team of Vessel Safety Examiners was headed by Bob Gulbrandsen. Special thanks to Scotty Jeter, Tony Ward, Steve Kromer and Mike King who often on a moment's notice traveled miles and conducted Vessel Safety Checks whenever asked. Bob and Mary Gulbrandsen recently moved to Anderson, SC where they bought a home on Lake Hartwell. Best wishes to Bob and Mary in their new home.

It was a record year for Cooperative Charting at the Charleston Power Squadron. In the past 10 months the squadron charting team charted nearly 90 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway from McClellanville, SC to Beaufort, SC. Art Clark, Steve Poe, Chet Rogers, Steve Kromer, Nick Russo, Dick Howells, Nelson Hicks and Jim Bass volunteered their boats for Cooperative Charting cruises. These captains, along with crew members Jim Easley, Marge Bannon, Peggy Bass, Merle Clark, David Walsh and Wendy Walsh, submitted 16 reports to NOAA and logged 60 on-the-water-hours checking aids to navigations. Thanks for a job well done.

Jim Davis Headed up the Squadron's Boat Show program in 2006. In this program, the Charleston Power Squadron operated booths at the Charleston Boat Show in the Charleston Coliseum, the In-Water Boat Show at Patriot's Point and the Charleston Maritime Festival at the Maritime Center. Volunteers staffed the booths, handed literature and signed up boaters for our BoatSmart boating safety course. Thanks Jim for your leadership and special thanks to your team of squadron volunteers who faithfully tended our booth for many hours and made our boat show season a success.

-Dave



**Administrative Officer
Lt/C Art Clark, P**



Many thanks to Elise Jorgens and the College of Charleston for hosting us at the College faculty dining facility. Elise's presentation telling us about Cof C was terrific and amply punctuated by Fred Wichmann's historical perspective as a former student. Did he really say there were only 12 members in his class? At any rate, it was a while back. We all seemed to have a great evening and the food was superb. Thank you again Elise, it was great!

Regrettably we had to cancel the cruise to Hilton Head due to weather. In its place we had an impromptu cruise to Beaufort last weekend. The weather was great. Thanks to Art Clark for dishing up breakfast Sunday morning. Regrettably attendance was limited to the Walsh/Clark boats.

New Members

We welcome the following new member. Please help us welcome him into our squadron.
Willie D. Gamble, Ladson

Upcoming Events

We've got lots to offer this fall season. Let's mark 'em on your calendars.

3 November - Change of Watch where we welcome the new Bridge. This will be a coat and tie affair. Location is at the former Officers Club at the Naval Weapons Station. We are planning on dinner, dancing and appropriate ceremonies. There will be an open bar.

17-19 November - Bohicket Marina Cruise at Seabrook Island. There will be a potluck at the Kromer's on Friday and dinner at the Seabrook Club on Saturday. This is always a fun event where you can come by car or boat. If by boat, it's a short run to Bohicket from Charleston. Dave Walsh and I will have transportation available at the dock Saturday evening.

2 December - The Charleston Parade of Boats. This is a great event. You can either be in the parade or provide parade support. Please plan on attending the coordination meeting on October 12th. Last year we had a great time at the parade and the Sunday event (food provided by the City of Charleston). Needless to say, we would like a very big turnout for this event. So mark it on your calendars now.

14 December - Squadron Christmas Party at headquarters, a catered dinner and Chinese auction. Come prepared for a good time. Also, bring a gift valued at \$10 or less for the auction. Merle and I already have our gift and it's a gas! Let the games begin!

-Art



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Educational Officer
Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer, AP



Secretary
Lt/C Robert A. Gulbrandsen, S



The Squadron plans to offer the following courses this coming winter: Seamanship, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronic, and Cruise Planning. Courses will begin during the third week in January. More details will follow in the next edition of The Palmetto Log and online through the CPS Google groups.

BOATSMART SCHEDULE

For Updated Information See
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

| Date | Subject | Instructor |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 31-Oct-2006 | No Class Halloween | |
| 07-Nov-2006 | Rules Of The Road | Steve Kromer |
| 14-Nov-2006 | Getting Started | David Walsh |
| 21-Nov-2006 | Reading Charts | Steve Kromer |
| 28-Nov-2006 | What's Required | David Walsh |
| 05-Dec-2006 | Rules Of The Road | Steve Kromer |

-Steve

Ahoy! all my friends in the Charleston Power Squadron. This will probably be my last Palmetto Log article as your secretary. Mary and I have decided to retire to the South Carolina up state area on Lake Hartwell, to try our luck at inland boating and other adventures.

I have greatly enjoyed the interaction with squadron members that we have had over the past five years I have been in office. You have all been great friends and trusted companions. But now its time to move on and try something new. Mary and I would like to remain as associate members of the Charleston Power Squadron to keep tabs on what you are all up to. I have already been in contact with our sister squadron at Lake Hartwell and am looking forward to meeting the folks up there.

I ask that you all be as patient and helpful to the incoming Charleston Power Squadron Secretary as you have been with me over the years. They will need your support to complete the tasks ahead of them in this office. I hope they will find the job as rewarding as I have.

I would like to say how much fun it has been working with the present bridge members under Commander Janice Kromer. There enthusiasm and squadron dedication has been above and beyond.

Thanks again to all our squadron members, and I hope to stay in contact with you all and maybe even drop in on your meetings once in a while.

-Bob

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Thanks Power Squadron for your work and dedication in Boating Education and Public Safety. *Barney M. Metts*



Safety Officer

P/C John Sikes, AP

SINKING

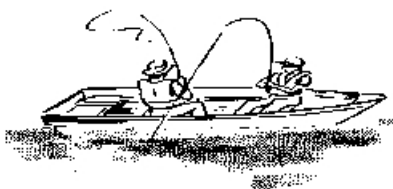
A recent article on the subject in a boating magazine reported a large number of boats that sank while underway. In each case, the operator was apparently not aware that the boat was taking on water while cruising along. One incident was caused by sea water entering the hull through engine room vents. This sank the boat with loss of two lives.

The sources of leaks are numerous and they are often small at the start. A leaking stuffing box, a loose clamp on a seawater hose, a leak at a seacock, or a splash through an open port light in the engine room have all been credited as the source of disasters.

A simple device called a bilge water alarm could have prevented all or most of these accidents. To be effective, the bilge water alarm switch must be carefully located where water accumulates when underway at cruising speed. The alarm must be loud enough to hear over engine noise and other underway sounds. Failure to observe the bilge pump light while navigating or operating in rough water can also cause a sinking disaster.

We should keep a "heads up" for this on our vessels and remember to emphasize this point on the ramp or in the classroom.

from Up Top in Operations, USCG Auxiliary, August 2006



Bohicket Cruise

It's almost time for the annual Bohicket Cruise. The fun will start on Friday 17 November 2006. The Bohicket Marina, on Bohicket Creek off the Stono River, is eager to have your boats docked at their facility, and you can make your reservations by calling them at 768-1280. We'll be having a pot luck dinner that night at our condo at 337 Beach Club. We are three miles past the gatehouse on your right. You will pass St. Christopher's Camp, then three driveways for Pelican Watch Villas, and we're the next driveway – the first for Beach Club villas. I'll provide the main course of baked ziti, but I'd appreciate it if you could bring a salad, bread or dessert. We'll end the evening with a moonlight walk on the beach.

The Piloting Class is trying to arrange an on-the-water training session on Saturday, and there will be shopping at the wonderful marina stores and at Fresh Fields Village. Transportation will be provided. On Saturday evening, we will be having dinner at the Deveau Room in the Club at Seabrook. The club is about four miles from the gate, straight down Seabrook Island Road, and the parking lot and restaurant are on your left. You can't miss the distinctive aqua roofs of the club complex. The dinner will be \$19 and will consist of either soup or salad, a choice of four entrees, and dessert. There will also be a cash bar. We will meet for cocktails at 1830 with dinner being served around 1930. Again, we will provide transportation to and from the marina for those of you on boats.

We should have a great weekend, and we hope you can all attend both Friday and Saturday's dinners. You must let me know if you are coming, however, since Seabrook is a gated community and I have to give your names to the Security Gate. Please call or email by 10 November so I can make final arrangements.

Janice Kromer
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Annual Membership Meeting 12 October 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Cdr Janice Kromer.

An Invocation was given by P/C Billy Lynes, followed by the Pledge to the Flag of the United States.

Lt/C David Walsh and Lt/C Steve Kromer gave a presentation on the upcoming Parade of Boats that we co-sponsor with the City of Charleston. Anyone who signs up and does participate will receive a hat. (These will be paid for from a gift given last year for that purpose.)

Executive: Lt/C David Walsh gave a report about the upcoming Yard Sale at the West Marine Store on Savannah Hwy. This is a fund raiser for the squadron. We will collect most anything and sell it at the squadron's table. The table has been paid for by a donation. 7:00 to 11:00 am on October 28.

Administration: Lt/C Art Clark reported that the Fall is a busy time in the Squadron.

The Annual Oyster Roast will be on October 14. This is a fund raiser, cost is \$15.00 per person. 4:00 pm – until.

Change of Watch is November 3 at Naval Weapons Station old officers club. This will be a lovely affair with fancy dress, coat and tie or a dress uniform.

The Bohicket cruise is planned for the weekend of November 17–19. There will be a dinner at the Kromer's on Seabrook Island on Friday evening. Janice will provide the main course and we should bring bread, salads or desserts. Everyone must let the Kromer's know ahead of time so they can get us through the gate. Rides will be provided from the marina. Saturday evening we will have dinner at the club at Seabrook. Again Cdr Janice will get us through the gate. The piloting class will have an activity on Saturday during the day. Janice will offer rides to Fresh Fields for shopping.

December 2 Parade of Boats.

December 14 is the Christmas party. This will be catered with a Chinese Auction.

Treasurer: Lt/C Chuck Altschul reports that we have \$15,057.00 in our two accounts. The first year of using the National billing system went very well. Also the use of the credit card system has been very successful. It is convenient for our students and members at a very small cost to the squadron. We are in the process of establishing a line of credit with a local bank of \$25,000.00 in case we need it to make repairs on the building.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election of Bridge for 2007

Cdr Janice Kromer asked the secretary if we had a quorum. 1st/ Lt. Joan King reported that we did.

P/C Billy Lynes, Chairman of the Nominating Committee read the list of nominees.

They are:

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| Commander: | David Walsh, AP |
| Executive Officer: | Art Clark, P |
| Educational Officer: | Chet Rogers, P |
| Asst. Educational Officer: | Kirk Williams, JN |
| Administrative Officer: | Jack Meyer, AP |
| Secretary: | |
| Treasurer: | Chuck Altschul, P |
| Asst. Treasurer: | |
| Members At Large: | Mike King, AP Gene Gilfillin, SN James Davis, AP Steve Poe, S |
| Rules Committee | Merellene Ward, JN |
| Auditing Committee: | Ernie Godshall, SN |
| Housing Committee: | Ray Harp, P |

Nominations from the floor.

Lt/C David Walsh nominated Jim Bass for the position of Secretary, P/CFred Wickmann seconded the motion.

Lt/C Chuck Altschul nominated Ed Arrington for Assistant Treasurer, Lt/C Steve Kromer seconded.

Lt/C Cindy Kridler nominated Cdr Janice Kromer for the open position on the nominating committee, seconded by P/C Merellen Ward.

Cdr Janice Kromer asked Assistant Secretary 1stLt Joan King if there had been any other nominations offered. There were none.

P/C Fred Wickmann made a motion that the nominations be closed and accepted. The motion was seconded by P/C Ken Beeber. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Budget: Lt/Chuck Altschul presented the 2007 budget for approval (a copy is attached to the September Executive Committee minutes. Lt John VanWay made a motion that the budget be accepted as written, seconded by P/C Fred Wickman. There being no further discussion, the motion was passed and the budget accepted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
1st/Lt Joan King,
Acting Secretary



Executive Committee Meeting

7 September 2006

The meeting was called to order by Cdr Janice Kromer at 1830 at Headquarters.

Attendees: Lt Gene Gilfillin, Carol Gilfillin, P/Lt/C Cindy Dridler, P/R/C Ed Kridler, 1st/Lt Chet Rogers, P/C Billy Lynes, Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Mike King, Lt/C David Walsh, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt John VanWay, Lt/CChuck Altschul, 1st/L Joan King, Cdr Janice Kromer, Lt/C Art Clark

A quorum was established.

The minutes from July & August Executive Committee meeting were accepted with one correction, the spelling of Elise Jorgens' name.

Executive: Lt/C Dave Walsh reported that three members are participating in Co-op Charting training. The January boat show is in the works. Lt/C Dave Walsh will get an insurance certificate so we can participate.

Education: Lt/C Steve Kromer reported that there are at least 10 people taking Engine Maintenance, and eight in Piloting.

The Parade of Boats plans are progressing. We may need two judges.

Administration: Lt/C Art Clark reported that there are 32 people signed up for the membership meeting at The College of Charleston. Lt/C Clark has been in contact with the Coast Guard Auxiliary about co-operating on safe boating classes. There are now two Coast Guard Auxiliary units in the Charleston area. The new one is in Mt. Pleasant. Their equivalent to Boat Smart has a total cost of \$55.00. They have good participation, and do mention us as a "Safe Boating" organization during their classes.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported there is \$16,000 in the bank. His report shows a \$2,172.98 income for the year. Chuck has investigated obtaining a credit line on the Headquarters building, to be used in case of an emergency need, such as the roof or air conditioner. Lt Mike King made a motion to proceed with obtaining the credit line. Motion was seconded by Lt/C Steve Kromer and passed.

Commander: Cdr Janice Kromer reported that Stf/C Harl Porter attended the Governing Board meeting in New York. The plan to discontinue membership requirements for taking courses was tabled until next year. The dues structure was changed for National membership. The initiation fee will now be \$25.00 per family instead of the old \$10.00 per person. Annual dues will be \$85.10 per person or 150% of the individual for an entire family. There will no longer be individual family memberships or second full membership within a family.

Committee reports:

Audit Committee: No report

Housing Committee: Lt Wendy Walsh reported that a new toilet has been installed in the men's bathroom. We need a piece of

flooring because the foot print of the toilet is different. The columns in the front for Headquarters building need to be changed. It was suggested that she contact P/C Steve Yeomans. The building will be washed and the carpet cleaned in the near future.

Nominating Committee: No report

Rules Committee: P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler reported that our revised By-laws have been approved but without a decision on electronic voting. Since electronic voting was the main issue that we wanted to clarify, we will wait for that decision before officially changing the By-laws.

Unfinished Business: Lt/C Chuck Altschul presented the budget for 2007 (attached). Dues income shows as a lower figure because of National billing. There is a small increase from last year's budget to cover increase costs. The expenses for the Palmetto Log and roster are down. There was a question about the cost of the Parade of Boats, Lt/C Steve Kromer said there was a donation that covered all cost associated with the parade last year. There is no plan to incur costs this year.

P/R/C Ed Kridler suggested that we hold fund-raisers and designate the funds for the building upkeep and maintenance. Lt/C Dave Walsh will seek a few people to work as a fund-raising committee.

P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler asked if we could have a line item designated for building maintenance.

1stLt Joan King reminded the group that there was a motion at the August Executive Committee to set up the Building Fund account with a transfer of \$3,544.16. This is an estimate of the amount that was in the Building Fund before the theft took place. Cdr Janice Kromer directed Lt/C Chuck Altschul to add the Building Fund as a separate balance sheet account. The \$3,544.16 that will be shown in that account will be deducted from the general operating figures shown this month. The actual monies will be kept in the regular checking and money market accounts.

Lt/C Steve Kromer made a motion to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by L/C Art Clark and passed.

Cdr Janice Kromer said if we wish to change our dues structure to match the new national structure, we must do it now. After much discussion it was determined that it is too late to do it this year. We will keep our structure the same for 2007.

New Business: There has been a complaint that people earning merit marks should attend membership meetings. Cdr. Janice Kromer said we do keep records of the number of people who attend our meetings and that information is reported to national. There is no requirement for meeting attendance but a person may not be awarded a merit mark for just attending meetings, they must be performing some job that is beneficial to the Squadron.

Lt John VanWay asked if we have ever had the Headquarters building treated for termites and if we have a termite bond. Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported that we do not pay an annual fee so we probably don't have a bond. Lt Wendy Walsh will look into this and report next month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

1st Lt Joan King,
Assistant Secretary

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- 7 December - EXCOM Meeting, Headquarters - 1830
- 14 December - Christmas Party, Headquarters - 1830

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