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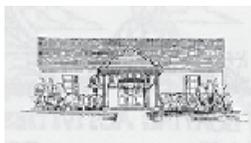
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**Safe Boating Through
Education**

From The Commander Cdr Art Clark, AP



Time for my last article as Commander! It has been a wonderful and exciting year for our squadron with increased membership and exciting events. By the time you get this, we will have had our annual oyster roast which I trust will have been its usual resounding success.

Please let me thank all of you who have worked so hard to make this a great year. I apologize for being out of sorts for three months, but it was unavoidable. None-the-less, our organization continued on and, except for a couple of cruises that were cancelled due to weather, things went very smoothly. With Dick Howells at the helm, I am confident we will have an even better year next year.

Many thanks to our Bridge which really did make this year a success. They and their teams worked hard to keep things on track. By the way, for those of you who are still looking to participate, please step forward and let Dick know of your interest. It takes a lot of effort to keep things going and we have plenty of opportunities.

Art



Executive Officer Lt/C Dick Howells, JN



Iwould like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Executive Department for their efforts this year. Daisy Proctor did a great job organizing the Boat Shows and sometimes staffing them by herself. Her energy and willingness to get the job done were admirable. John Sikes has kept us out of trouble on safety issues and informed on current radio technology. Gary Whitley is remarkable for his efforts to secure media coverage for us and in doing so has built a group of media contacts that we depend on to get the word out about the Squadron. Harl Porter has been tireless in his efforts to train examiners, expand and support the Vessel Safety Check program. He brings so much knowledge to the program that he has become a resource for many boaters in the Charleston area and those visiting.

Upcoming Events

6 Dec 2008 **The Charleston Holiday Parade of Boats-** Applications to participate in the parade or work as a marker boat are available on line or from me. I will post them again soon on the Google Group, and they are currently on our web site. We want to have 50 boats in the parade this year, and we need 12 marker boats. This is a fantastic event. There is something so great about calling out Holiday Greetings across the water to fellow boaters that is different from anything else you might do on land. We are fortunate to have this opportunity because of where we live. Don't miss it!

11 Dec 2008 **Squadron Christmas Party** at James Island Yacht Club- This takes the place of our regular December meeting and is on the second Thursday of the month. Because these parties have been so successful the last 2 years we decided to go where there was more room and parking. Last year we were busting the seams of Headquarters. The food will be catered; we will have our own bar and our Chinese auction. Bring one wrapped gift per family. The cost per person will be \$15.00, and we will start the Festivities at 1800 as usual. More details and the menu will follow on the Google Group and the web site as well as the December 'Log'.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

Dick



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



I cannot believe how fast this year went by. It was a **I**very FUN year for me. I had the opportunity to work with some great folks, and their efforts certainly benefited the squadron in a huge way. Helen Kovach and her very able staff put on some absolutely fantastic menus with lots of decorations. The Whitmans were so dependable in the programs area and setting up for the meetings. Jim Easley and Gary Whitley did a fantastic job with our bar. Wendy Walsh was always “up to the minute” on our membership information. Janice Kromer wrote the best new member articles and was always there to give me guidance and support.

We had a tough cruise year with all of the bad weather, but Angie Wright and her Cruise Committee did not falter. In spite of the weather, we did have many great memorable events on the water (right Harl?). I am hopeful the weather will not be as bad next year. Thanks to Angie and her staff and to all of the Cruise Captains for their efforts this year.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of the members who attended our monthly meetings. You are the ones who make the squadron what it is. I appreciate all of your comments and especially the willingness to help “clean up” after the meetings. **AWESOME!**

Finally, I want to extend my sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to all who contributed to the Administrative Department this year. I appreciate your friendship and support. All in all, it was a great year and I know our incoming Administrative Officer, Angie Wright, will continue the success we have had in our monthly membership meetings.

Hope to see you on the water soon!

BJ

Educational Officer Lt/C Chet Rogers, P



After what seemed like a very rough start, there is good news concerning classes for Fall 2008. Shortly before the classes were scheduled to begin, we had only a few people signed up to take them. Rather than canceling the classes, we delayed the start of classes by two weeks and instituted a strong recruitment effort by members of the Educational Committee to encourage squadron members to sign up for classes. I am delighted to report that our efforts were successful, leading to the largest number of enrollments in classes since I have been SEO. As of the writing of this article, the numbers are not final, but it looks like we have the following enrollments:

Engine Maintenance	10
Piloting	8
Sail	7
Cruise Planning	3
Junior Navigation	2
Navigation	6

Many thanks to members of the Educational Committee for their recruitment efforts. I think that we have learned something that will help us with recruitment for classes this winter.

On another note, we should congratulate the many members who successfully completed classes last year. Wendy Walsh, using her excellent knowledge of DB 2000, has put together the list of these scholars, and it follows this report. Thanks, Wendy.

Chet

2007–2008 Educational Course Graduates

Congratulations are in order to the following members who completed educational courses for the 2007 to 2008 year.

Fall 2007 Seamanship (S)

Richard Behling, Art Clark, Dick Howells, Eric Namowicz, Stan Whitman and James Williams.

Fall 2007 Piloting (P)

Rick Cone, Bill Roettger, James Rowe, B.J. Smith and Bart Franey. Bart Franey, a transfer member new to our squadron, completed piloting at Music City Squadron.

Fall 2007 Junior Navigation (JN)

Dick Howells and David Walsh

Fall 2007 Navigation (N)

Harl Porter. Harl has now completed all the courses and has achieved the grade of Senior Navigator (SN)

Fall 2007 Engine Maintenance (EM)

Mike Fauss, Eric Namowicz and Wendy Walsh

Spring 2008 Seamanship (S)

John Champion, Robert Hetz, Helen Kovach, Bill Roettger, Robert Shields, Sheryl Shields, Samuel Steinberg and Sunny Steinberg

Spring 2008 Advanced Piloting (AP)

Art Clark and Rick Cone

Spring 2008 Marine Electronics (ME)

Dick Howells

Spring 2008 Cruise Planning (CP)

Denise Byrnes, Nelson Hicks, Sunny Steinberg, David Walsh and Wendy Walsh

Aquatic Nuisance Species

From Safety Lines, USCG Auxiliary Marine Safety Dept.

We've been discussing Zebra mussels for several years. These nuisances, brought into our country from South America by freighters, propagate rapidly and block water intakes for plants that use vast amounts of water, causing expensive damage starting in the Great Lakes and continuing down the mighty rivers flowing toward the Gulf.

Now a "new" aquatic nuisance species has made its debut in the Northeast. The species, *Didymosphenia geminata*, is invading that area. Commonly known as "rock snot" due to its appearance, it is an algae that is making its way into New England and causing problems in the waterways.

The algae has already established itself in the western U.S., as far north as Alaska. It is a problem because when it blooms it forms thick, ugly, yellow-green masses (hence the nickname) that can choke a waterway and smother food sources for the local fish and insects. It attaches itself to rocks and to other plants.

The algae is now found nearly worldwide and is causing problems everywhere. In some areas where it has been found for years, without being invasive, it is now causing a problem. It is as though some of the growth has exploded tremendously. Some scientists suggest that this is a "super-mutation." This new development was first noted in Vancouver, British Columbia in the 1980s in the Canadian rivers there. These earlier preferred areas, in rivers with cold water and gravel bottoms, seem to have been expanded. The algae is now found in areas, such as the warmer rivers in the U.S. where it was not thought to grow. This new variety continues to spread and cause problems.

This algae is a problem in other areas of the world outside of the U.S. and Canada. It is such a problem in New Zealand that anyone who knowingly spreads it faces up to five years in prison and a fine of \$100,000.

There are several things that can be done to prevent the spread of this nuisance species. Fishermen can clean their boats and gear, using disinfectants. This is especially true for any wells or areas where water can collect. If any clumps are present, they must be removed. Boats should be allowed to dry completely for at least 48 hours and cleaned before being used in a different waterway or lake. The cleaning solution can be a weak (2%) bleach solution in hot water.

P/C John Sikes, AP
Squadron Safety Officer

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Georgetown Cruise Report

As a member of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron I consider our cruises a very special privilege. Only a few boaters enjoy the experience of getting aboard their boats and venturing out into the beautiful coastal waters of the lowcountry. This year six boats participated in the cruise, three couples drove up, and two boats were in "Dry Dock." My boat is almost finished as I had hoped to have her ready for our cruise, but **MISS GRACE** will be ready in the near future.

On the subject of Squadron members participating, I am at a loss as to why more members do not join in on all the fun. I know more than 75% of our members have boats, and we took only six to our major cruise of the year. We all need to really get involved on the water. After all, we are a boating club. On some Saturday, as the Public Relations Officer I would like to see 100 boats on the water flying our squadron burgee. Public awareness is a major goal for next year as camaraderie on and off the water with fellow members would be a major factor in contributing to that goal. Sorry I digressed from the cruise report, but more participation by our members is a key goal next year.

The following members participated in the cruise this year leaving Friday morning. Dave and Wendy Walsh, Stewart and Anita Darby, Harl and Betsy Porter, Larry and Dona Jean Dorminy and Tim and Marion Barnett as well as Adam Barwick who crewed on Dave and Wendy's boat. Dick and BJ departed on the **Katie-Ell** after lunch. All six boats arrived safely in Georgetown. The crews reported heading into a stiff breeze most of the way, but still enjoyed the scenery and pristine waterways of our South Carolina coast. Steve and Janice and Art and Merle drove up on Friday, and we all enjoyed an evening on the Georgetown water front at the Goat Island Grill for dinner. Larry and Dona Jean were our Saturday morning hosts on their beautiful boat **AMILADO** for drinks and snacks, and once again Betsy Porter contributed her delicious baked goods. My Bloody Marys were a hit as BJ thought the boat was underway, and we were still docked due to the heavy winds. Dave and Wendy spent the morning repairing their boat as Dave woke up

Saturday with a leak that had to be fixed before they could return to Charleston. As one of our Marine Engine maintenance instructors, Dave used all of his expertise to get the leak fixed as a hardware store in walking distance came in handy for the parts needed. Harl also assisted in the repair as the leak was in a very tight place to reach.

After an afternoon of shopping and strolling the Georgetown water front we all enjoyed a great meal at the Rice Paddy restaurant. Chet and Elise Rogers and Jackie Smith drove up Saturday evening to also enjoy the excellent cuisine. After a leisurely breakfast our boats returned to Charleston to complete another weekend on the water with our Squadron mates. Please keep in mind one of our goals for the coming year, "AWAY ALL BOATS."

Gary Whitley
Cruise Director

Change of Watch 8 Novembre 2008

Come on out for a great evening. We will have our event on the USS Yorktown fantail at Patriots Point. Dinner will be buffet with chicken or beef presented by the Yorktown caterer. There will be an open bar. Come see the sunset and enjoy a great time with fellow boaters!

Date: 8 November 2008

Time: 1800

Place: USS Yorktown fantail, Patriots Point

Cost: \$35 per person.

Cut off: 30 October 2008

Contact: Art Clark (849-9467,
adclark1@bellsouth.net)

We will have a golf cart to get folks to and from the Yorktown who desire assistance. There is also a new elevator that can get you up to the hangar bay from the pier. Parking will be in the visitor parking lot.

Pictures from the Georgetown Cruise



**Harl and Betsy Porter's Boat "Wind Elephant"
heading home from Georgetown**



**Anita and Stewart Darby's Boat "Cool Runnins"
on the ICW near Georgetown Landing Marina**

Squadron Boating Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chapters New Book</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
28-Oct-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
4-Nov-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailering, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
11-Nov-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	Steve Kromer
18-Nov-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
25-Nov-2008	Government Regulations & Rules	10, 12	John Sikes
2-Dec-2008	Adverse Conditions, Trailering, PWC	14, 15, 16	Ernie Godshall
9-Dec-2008	You're the Skipper	1, 2, 3, 8	Steve Kromer
16-Dec-2008	Charts & Aids to Navigation	5, 6	Steve Kromer
23-Dec-2008	No Classes Until 6 January 2009		

Time: 1830 to 2030
 Course Taught at Squadron Headquarters
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14 - 16 November 2008
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Bohicket Creek



The weekend will start on Friday, 14 November with boats leaving Charleston Harbor for the marina. The Kromers will host an informal dinner on that evening at their condo on Seabrook Island. Saturday will bring shopping at Freshfields or Bohicket Marina and time to visit each other's boats. Dinner on Saturday will be at 'Up Da Creek' restaurant at the marina. Boats will depart to return to Charleston on Sunday morning, 16 November. For those on boats, transportation will be provided to the Kromer's on Friday night and to Freshfield village for shopping on Saturday. Feel free to drive in for either Friday or Saturday nights' dinners.

To make your reservation at the marina, please call Bohicket at 768-1280. Please call Janice Kromer if you'll be coming Friday and/or Saturday night for dinner. Remember, please, Seabrook is a gated community and you can't get past the gate without a pass – so you really do have to let me know if you're coming on Friday night.

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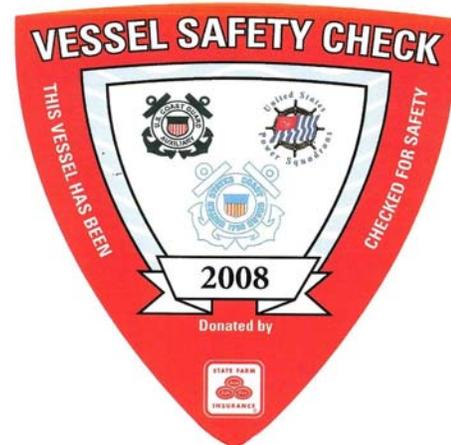


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Welcome New Members

Timothy Knight

Timothy Knight is a new member who seems to have a lot of different interests. When I spoke with Timothy, he and his wife Shannon were about a week away from becoming the proud parents of their son Ford Knight. Now living in Mt Pleasant, Timothy was originally from San Francisco, but has lived in many places. Shannon is a southern girl, so they decided to settle in the Charleston area. Timothy is the owner of an engine compartment heater manufacturing company located in Edisto. His boat, the USS Knight shown below, is a wooden boat that is a 1/12th scale model of a WWII Fletcher Class Destroyer. USS Knight was built by Timothy's father and grandfather. Two people sit inside the superstructure.

The Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts are a great interest to Timothy and he currently is on the Sea Scouts Committee and will be a Unit Commander for the Boy Scouts. His goal is to develop a program where the Power Squadron can mentor the Sea Scouts and get the scouts out on the water. Timothy understands that on the water, safety is a vital issue, and he joined the power squadron to help teach the Sea Scouts as much about boating and safety as he can.



USS Knight - Replica of a WWII Fletcher Class Destroyer

Kathy and Frank Rogers



Meet Kathy and Frank Rogers, who joined our squadron in mid-September. Currently live-aboards at Bohicket Marina, the Rogers came to the lowcountry from Fort Mill, South Carolina, which is located right on the state line. While making plans for their retirement, Kathy and Frank took a look at the Charleston area and decided it was the ideal location. They eventually plan to spend time on their 41' Morgan Classic, Eliza, in the Bahamas, but first they need to sharpen their boating skills. The Rogers recently sold their small printing business and are now fully retired. They decided to take our basic boating course so Frank could brush up and Kathy could gain knowledge of boating. Once they met our members, though, they realized how much more the squadron had to offer and joined our association.. They are currently taking both Piloting and Engine Maintenance



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09 October 2008 Membership Meeting

We had forty-eight people attend our October membership meeting. Helen Kovach put together a wonderful meal with pork tenderloins and all the fixings. I was out of town, so Helen “spearheaded” all of the major work effort for this event. Thanks again Helen for all your dedication and hard work.

As you know, this meeting was our annual business meeting. Consequently, we held the election of officers, passed the proposed 2009 budget, and addressed the business implications of our recent name change to the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron. Notwithstanding the full business agenda, a good time was had by all. Jim and Peggy Bass had a great night in the Ship Store and the beverage department had a booming business as well. Thanks to all of you who supported the squadron at our membership meetings this year.

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October Meeting Pictures



Dona Jean and Larry Dorminy Collect for the Dinner Meeting



Helen Kovach Serving an Excellent Squadron Dinner



Eddie Hiers and Wendy Walsh

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