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**MEETINGS**

**Executive Committee - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 1830**

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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH  
EDUCATION**

## From the Commander Cdr David Walsh, AP



Now that my term as Squadron Commander is coming to a close, I decided to write about the upcoming squadron election and present a brief summary of the candidates for next year's Bridge Officers and their job responsibilities.

Art Clark is the nominee for Squadron Commander. Art served as our Executive Officer in 2007 and Administrative Officer in 2006. Art is an avid boater, retired navy officer, graduate of the US Naval Academy and corporate business consultant. He is a Vessel Safety Inspector and runs the Squadron's Visitor Program. Art's spouse Merle Clark is artistically talented and participates in many squadron activities. As you can see, the Clarks bring a lot of talent to the Commander's position.

The Squadron Executive Officer is responsible for external programs such as Boat Shows, Public Relations, Cooperative Charting and Vessel Safety Checks. Dick Howells is the nominee for Executive Officer. Dick served as this year's Administrative Officer. He is a retired business manager and very active squadron member. Dick tirelessly promotes the Charleston Power Squadron and has brought in several new members. He and his spouse Ann are mainstays at the squadron's meetings. They often provide their boat "Katie Ell" for squadron activities such as Cooperative Charting and training cruises. We are fortunate to have Dick Howells as our nominee for this important position.

Administrative Officer is one of the most demanding positions in the squadron. The Administrative Department is responsible for the internal operation of the squadron. This includes boating activities, monthly meetings, membership and member involvement. This year's nominee for Administrative Officer is BJ Smith. BJ is a relatively new member who has become the-person-to-go-to when the squadron needs to get something done. He served on the Housing Committee, organized several very success-

ful cruises and volunteered his boat "Daisy Belle" for many squadron boating activities. With BJ leading the Admin Department, you can count on 2007 being a year of action.

An active teaching program is an extremely important squadron function. Maintaining a high level of teaching activity, training new instructors, ordering books, recruiting students and supervising tests takes a lot of time. Chet Rogers was nominated to return as the Educational Officer. To assist Chet, Steve Poe has been nominated as Assistant Educational Officer. Steve is a member of the squadron's Executive Committee and our current Cooperative Charting Chairman. With the team of Chet and Steve sharing the work load, next year promises to be a record year for education at the Charleston Power Squadron.

Squadron Secretary is responsible for recording and publishing squadron meeting minutes. In addition, the Secretary's Department includes the Palmetto Log, Ship's Store, Squadron Historian and the Telephone Committee. Jim Bass has been nominated to a second term as Squadron Secretary. In 2007, Jim worked tirelessly, reopened the Ship's Store and did a great job of compiling our squadron's official records. We are fortunate to have Jim staying on the job in 2008.

Chuck Altschul has been nominated to a fourth term as Squadron Treasurer. Chuck is a businessman with a great deal of experience in financial management. Under Chuck's leadership, the squadron funds have grown. Chuck is always on hand to pay the bills and accurately report on squadron finances. With Chuck staying as Treasurer, the Squadron can look forward to another financially successful year.

At the October Meeting we will also be voting on proposed revisions to our Squadron's Bylaws. Squadron Rules Committee Chairman Bob Gissell and committee members Boo Ward and Mike Page are presenting revisions that will bring the Squadron's Bylaws in line with the National USPS requirements. Most revisions are minor wording changes or modifications in squadron procedures.

Copies of our current and proposed revised bylaws will be available at the October Meeting for member review.

These brief comments can only highlight our annual meeting and election of officers. Please plan to attend the October Member Meeting, to meet the candidates and discuss your Squadron's plans for 2008. The Annual Meeting is 11 October 2007 at Squadron Headquarters. Cocktail hour starts at 1830 with dinner and election of officers to follow.

**David Walsh**  
Commander



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## Executive Officer Lt/C Art Clark, P



Looks like we are making great strides in our co-operative charting program. Thanks to Dave Walsh we were able to expand our knowledge of depth sounding. Dave arranged for Horst Boettge (USPS HQ co-op charting coordinator for several districts) to give us the necessary classroom and on-water training and to do the job. We spent Saturday morning at HQ and then Sunday morning just off Crab Island. Thanks to Patrick Keegan for volunteering his boat and time. Out on the water were Dave Walsh, BJ Smith, Dick Howells and, of course, Horst, Patrick and yours truly. Needless to say we had an excellent lunch at RB's.

I also want to thank all the folks who have volunteered to help out with the Boat Smart courses and, of course, Betsy Porter for volunteering to be coordinator. Our intent is to meet and greet students to see if we can get a better conversion to USPS membership. So far, we have had about 60 students in the class and have converted about 10 new members.

Thanks to Dick Howells for gaining certification as a visitor for our visitation program. BJ has taken the test and will be certified soonest. Jim Hackett has also volunteered to participate as well. We love to see a plan come together.

**Art Clark**

## BOATSMART SCHEDULE

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Location</i>
25-Sept	Rules Of The Road	Ernie Godshall	West Ashley
02-Oct	Getting Started	David Walsh	West Ashley
09-Oct	Reading Charts	Steve Kromer	West Ashley
16-Oct	What's Required	John Sikes	West Ashley
23-Oct	Rules Of The Road	Ernie Godshall	West Ashley
30-Oct	Getting Started	David Walsh	West Ashley

**Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Dick Howells, AP**



September's meeting at Headquarters was a fantastic success. We had an overflow crowd with people double parked in the back lot and had to use the conference room for seating. We owe a great big thank you to Helen Kovach and BJ Smith. The idea of the Frogmore Stew was BJ's, and Helen not only showed him how to cook for a large crowd, she did a lot of the prep and cooking as did BJ and Gary Whitley. I do not mean to slight our speaker for he was excellent; however, it looks like providing the meal for the Squadron when we meet at the Headquarters is working. We had 60 people there!

We will also provide the meal for the October annual meeting for \$7.00 per person also starting at 6:00 for cocktails. We did lose money on the Frogmore Stew at \$5.00 so we will try seven dollars. (We had to buy the shrimp at retail prices when our supplier sold our shrimp before we got there.) The menu looks to be a BBQ at this point and Helen has agreed to come up with some ideas on how to do this. The meeting will start at 1800 with cocktails.

Please let me know if these changes we have made suit you. We changed to the Squadron providing the meal in an effort to make it easier for all to attend. We opened the meeting earlier because more people were showing up before we were ready.

Upcoming events:

October Annual Meeting the second Thursday in October ( 11 Oct 2007). No speaker for this meeting since we must vote on next year's officers and board as well as approve a budget. Again, please make reservations so we will know how much food to buy and prepare.

Call me or email me (843-216-9866 or [rhowells5@comcast.net](mailto:rhowells5@comcast.net)) Please give us at least 2 days notice.

Oyster Roast on 27 October 2007. The announcement appears elsewhere. This is our October Cruise.

Hope to see you on the water soon.

**Dick Howells**



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**Annual**  
**Power Squadron**

***Oyster Roast***

**When: Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**4 to 7 PM**

**Where: Toad Hall**  
**Joyce and Fred Wichmann's home**  
**125 Riverland Drive**  
**James Island, SC 29412**

**Price: \$15 per person with oysters (all you can eat)** proceeds will go toward the building fund.

**Menu: Oysters, Hotdogs, Burgers, Chili, Ice Tea, Soft Drinks and Potluck Snacks, sides and Deserts.**

**RSVP: Dick Howells [rhojells5@comcast.net](mailto:rhojells5@comcast.net) or call 843-216-9866.**

The Annual Oyster Roast is a much-anticipated Squadron Event. Fred and Joyce Wichman are so gracious again to sponsor this event at 125 Riverland Dr. Charleston SC. This is always is a fun event on the beautiful Stono River at Toad Hall. The Squadron will provide the oysters, chili, hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks. The squadron bar will be there as well. There will be beer, wine and mixed drinks (do it yourself) for donations. If you would like to bring a salad, snack or desert please do so.

The event will be outside so dress appropriately because it may be cool in the evenings and don't forget to bring your oyster knife and glove.

Steve Rustin and Terry Marinko will be roasting the oysters and they always do an OUTSTANDING job!

**COME BY CAR OR BOAT.**

**Directions if coming by car from Charleston side:**  
Take Folly Rd to Maybank Hwy turn right, to Riverland Dr. turn right, and come down to 125 Riverland Dr. There will be a Power Sq. Ensign at Fred's drive way on the left.

**Directions if coming by boat through the Elliot Cut:**  
Turn to port into the Stono River and you will see the Mobjack and the Distant Isle at Fred's dock on your port side.

**COME ON OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**Bohicket Cruise**

Everyone is invited to participate in the Bohicket Cruise the weekend of 16-18 November . The flotilla will meet at the Bohicket Marina on Seabrook Island on Friday afternoon. Dinner will be at the Kromer's condo in Seabrook and transportation from the marina will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a salad or some type of bread.

Saturday will bring browsing at the marina shops or Freshfield Village. Again, transportation will be provided. On Saturday evening, we will be dining at the newest restaurant in the marina complex, Up Da Creek.

Departure will be at your leisure on Sunday.

If you plan to attend any or all of these functions, please contact Janice Kromer by 9 November at 768-1861 or [jkromer@telecomdb.com](mailto:jkromer@telecomdb.com).

## Georgetown Cruise

To all our members who have not taken advantage of our cruises this year, you missed yet another wonderful on-the-water opportunity. The Georgetown trip was filled with just what our planned outings are all about - camaraderie with squadron members complimented by our beautiful coastal waters. I must share a moment I had on Sunday morning as I looked out of our hotel's 3<sup>rd</sup> floor window and observed our cruise flagship, "No Sense," heading North to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina into a stiff breeze with all her flags flying. For those that love boating as I do, this is what squadron cruising is all about - the experience of piloting your own boat or just crewing with experienced boaters doing something that few people get to do. Next year I hope a lot more members will make the effort to participate in all of our scheduled cruises.

Four boats left Charleston on Friday, 14 Sept with Commander Dave Walsh and Wendy in "Reely Fun," Art and Merle Clark with a crew of three, Bob and Helen Kovach and our new member Steve Kemp in "Sunday Drive", Dick Howells in "Katie Ell" crewed by BJ Smith and Gary Whitley, and Steve and Janice Kromer in "No Sense." All enjoyed a wonderful cruise in good weather. Ray and Alice Harp in "Southern Pride" with Alice's mom as their crew, and Jim and Nancy Hackett in "Minnow" along with a Harley Wattrick arrived on Saturday. What is so enjoyable to me is to watch our Captains showing off their boating skills in wind and tides highlighted by their skillful docking abilities. It makes one proud to fly our Burgee.

As always on our outings, good food is a part of every weekend. This year was no exception as we had dinner on Friday night at the Lands End Restaurant adjacent to our docks. On Saturday, the Kromer's hosted lunch on "No sense," we had a wonderful time. On Saturday evening with twenty-two people attending dinner at the Rice Paddy in beautiful Georgetown. All enjoyed upscale Low Country cuisine. Special thanks to Steve and Marge Poe and Harl and Betsy Porter as they drove up for dinner and also provided taxi service

for squadron members. Harl was even available for "seconds"— food and additional riders.

Sunday Morning "Reely Fun," "Sunday Drive" and "No Sense" headed North on an extended cruise to Myrtle Beach with "No Sense" continuing on to Wilmington. The other three boats returned to Charleston with everyone reporting, "Home is the Sailor, Home from the Sea."

Don't forget the Oyster Roast at Toad Hall on October 27, 2007.

**Gary Whitley**  
Cruise Captain



**Election of Officers – 11 October 2007**

The Squadron’s Nominating Committee has provided a slate of candidates for elected office. Members are reminded that additional candidates can be added to the ballot by submitting a petition in writing at least 15 days prior to the election to the Squadron Secretary. The petition must be signed by at least five active members. In addition to the election of officers, the next year’s squadron budget and changes in our by-laws will be presented for member approval. Please plan to attend this important meeting. For copies of the proposed budget and changes in by-laws, contact Squadron Secretary Jim Bass 278-0687. The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at Headquarters.

**David Walsh**  
Commander



Date: 5 Aug 2007

To: Charleston Power Squadron

Subject: Nominations for 2008

The Nominating Committee unanimously recommends the following Charleston Power Squadron Active Members for election to the 2008 offices indicated. All have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected. **Bolded names** will serve for the first time on that committee.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Executive Committee	
Commander	Arthur Clark
Executive Officer	Richard Howells
Education Officer	Chester Rogers
Administrative Officer	<b>B.J. Smith</b>
Secretary	James Bass
Treasurer	Charles Altschul

Executive Committee At-Large	
Immediate Past Commander	David Walsh Eugene Gilfillin Steven Poe <b>Angela Wright</b> <b>Gary Whitley</b>

Asst. Education Officer	<b>Steve Poe</b>
Auditing Committee	<b>Harl Porter</b>
Housing Committee	<b>Steve Ireland</b>
Rules Committee	<b>Janice Kromer</b>

Submitted by,

P/C Harl Porter, JN  
Chair, Nominating Committee

P/C Edwin Kridler, SN  
P/C Janice Kromer, AP  
Members, Nominating Committee

## CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

### Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, 02 August 2007

The meeting was called to order by Cdr David Walsh at 1830, at the Headquarters Building. Those in attendance were Cdr David Walsh, P/D/C Bob Gissell, P/C Janice Kromer, Lt/C Art Clark, Lt/C Dick Howells, Lt/C Chuck Altschul, Lt/C Jim Bass, P/Lt/C Steve Kromer, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt Steve Poe, Lt Gene Gilfillin, B. J. Smith, Gary Whitley, Carole Gilfillin, and Peggy Bass. A quorum was established.

P/Lt/C Steve Kromer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lt Steve Poe made a motion to approve the minutes of the July Excom Meeting and P/Lt/C Steve Kromer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes for the July Excom Meeting were approved.

#### **Officers' Reports:**

**Executive:** Per Lt/C Art Clark: Cooperative Charting Lt Steve Poe reported that two assignments have been completed and three members have committed to doing Cooperative Charting in the fall, but no firm dates have been established. Cdr David Walsh reported that Stf/C Horst Boetige volunteered come to Charleston to teach us how to properly do a depth survey for Cooperative Charting.

**Educational:** Cdr David Walsh reported that the fall 2007 training schedule has been posted on the web. Monday, 10 September 2007, the students will meet the instructors and pickup class materials that are available. The actual training classes will begin the week of 17 September .

**Administrative:** Per Lt/C Dick Howells: Lt/C Dick Howells reported that the August cruise is the Sandy Point Raft-up scheduled for 11 August 2007. The speaker for our member meeting on 9 August 2007, will be Pat Harris from the DNR. He will be presenting information about fish sampling off the coast from South Carolina to Florida.

P/C Janice Kromer reported that the shipmate program is doing very well.

Lt Wendy Walsh reported that we had 189 members at the beginning of the year and we currently have 174 members. Twenty nine members did not renew their memberships for various reasons.

**Secretary:** Per Lt/C Jim Bass: Lt Steve Poe reported that the web site is nearing the end of the allotted disk space and, as a consequence, he is having to delete some of the older information currently on the web.

Cdr David Walsh reported that Steve Brostoff has been working with the Jerry Kemerer to get up to speed in publishing the Palmetto Log. The deadline for getting articles published in the September Log is 15 August. A motion was made by Lt/C Art Clark to charge \$10.00 for personal advertisements in the Palmetto Log to be run one time. The motion was seconded by P/Lt/C Steve Kromer. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Ship's Store: Lt/C Jim Bass reported that orders made by members at the last two membership meeting have come in and will be available at the August membership meeting.

**Treasurer:** Per Lt/C Chuck Altschul: Lt/C Chuck Altschul provided a Profit and Loss statement for the Squadron from December 2006, through July 2007. The total income for the period is \$ 18,793.95, and the total expense for the period is \$15,360.77. The net income for the period is \$3,433.18. Lt/C Chuck Altschul also provided the proposed operating budget for December 2007 through November 2008. Lt/C Chuck Altschul reported that we have \$9,991.00 in our checking account and \$9,100.00 in our money market fund for a total of \$19, 091.00. A motion was made by P/Lt/C Steve Kromer to present the proposed 2008 operating budget to the general membership at the October membership meeting. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Art Clark. A vote was taken and the motion carried.



**Commander:** Cdr David Walsh reported that the Fall Governing Board meeting will be in Norfolk, VA, 4-9 September 2007. For those interested in attending see the USPS web site for more information.

The District 26 Fall Conference and District Change of Watch will be in Hilton Head and is scheduled for 19-21 October 2007.

Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch is scheduled for 10 November 2007, at the Storm Point Conference Center at the Naval Weapons Station. A motion was made by Lt/C Dick Howells to provide \$500.00 to hire Smokey Wiener and the Hot Links to provide music at the Change of Watch. The motion was seconded by Steve Kromer. After considerable discussion a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Bylaws: After considerable discussion regarding changes to Charleston Power Squadron Bylaws, P/C Janice Kromer made a motion to recommend the changes to the general membership. The motion was seconded by Lt/C Dick Howells. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Fill open position on Excom. Cdr David Walsh requested nominations to fill the position vacated by the Passing of Lt Jim Davis. P/C Janice Kromer nominated B. J. Smith and the nomination seconded by P/Lt/C Steve Kromer. There being no other nominations Cdr David Walsh requested a vote on B. J. Smith. The vote was unanimous and B. J. Smith was elected to the Excom.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Audit, Housing, Nominating, Rules and Planning Committees: No reports**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

The meeting adjourned at 2007 hours.

Submitted by,  
**Lt/C Jim Bass**  
Secretary

### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

The squadron bylaws are in the process of being revised to bring them up to date with the model bylaws. Copies of the existing bylaws and the proposed revisions were available for members to review at the September meeting and will again be available at the October meeting. A vote will be taken at the October meeting to formally adopt the revised bylaws. If approved, they along with supporting documentation will be submitted to National Rules Committee for final approval.

**Bob Gissell**

#### **New Members**

##### **James Rowe**

New member James Rowe was in the third grade when he was adopted by a Charleston resident. Jim's mother still lives here in our lovely city. Jim worked for SC&G for 30 years but was forced to retire due to a disability five years ago. About 15 years ago, Jim had a boat and did a lot of fresh water fishing. Now that he has time available, he decided to buy his current 29' power boat that has yet to be named. Jim is hesitant about cruising the intracoastal and the harbor, so he joined the power squadron to learn as much as he could about boating and keeping safe. He hopes to meet fellow boaters and become more familiar with our water.



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**Annual Change of Watch  
Saturday 10 November 2007**

You are invited to attend the Charleston Power Squadron Change of Watch on Saturday 10 November 2007. The location for this affair will be the Fireside Room at the Storm Pointe Conference Center on the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek. Those who attended our Change of Watch last year will remember that this is an elegant setting with excellent food. In addition to great food, we will have live music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. A local well-known band, "Hot Links," will perform. The band leader Andrew "Smokey" Weiner said that his group will play swing, fifties and blues music during dinner and afterwards for dancing. The cost for the Change of Watch will be \$30 per person. Please make your reservation by calling Wendy Walsh 556-3258 or email [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net). We need to collect payment and know your dinner selection in advance for this event. Wendy accepts credit cards over the phone or you can send her a check. We need to submit a list of people attending the event to the Security Guards by Tuesday 6 November 2007. Call now and make your reservations.

**Change of Watch Dinner-Dance**

**Date:** 10 November 2007

**Location:** Storm Pointe Center, Naval Weapons Station, Goose Creek, SC

**Cocktails (cash bar):** 1830- 1930 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

**Presentation of Awards - Installation of Officers:**  
1900 – 1930 (7:00 – 7:30 pm)

**Dinner:** 1930 – 2030 (7:30 – 8:30 pm)

**Music and Dancing:** 2030 – 2230 (8:30 – 10:30 pm)



**Menu Choices**

Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus (8 oz)  
Baked Stuffed Flounder  
Dinner Includes: California Vegetable Medley, Baked Potato, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

**Attire:** USPS Uniform "A" or other appropriate attire, black tie optional

**Directions to the Naval Weapons Station  
from I-526**

Take I-526 to North Rhett Ave., Exit 19.

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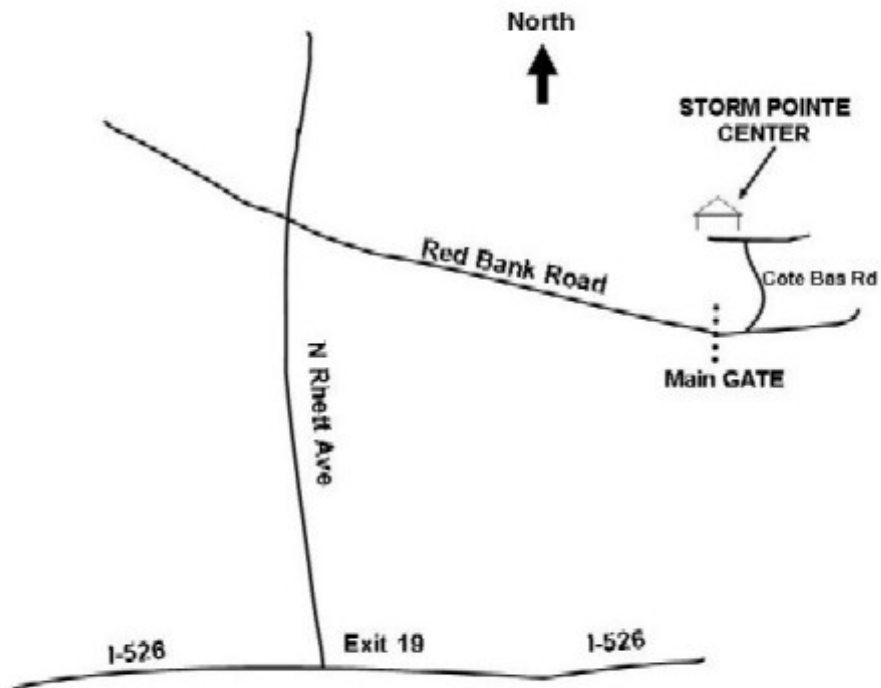
Check in with gate guard (you may need to show an I.D.).

Proceed 0.3 miles and turn left onto Cote Bass Road.

Proceed 0.2 miles to "T", turn left and go 300 feet.

The brick building on your right is the Storm Point Center.

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**Map to Storm Pointe Conference Center on Naval Weapons Station**

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Cruising Activities  
Phone: 843-767-1491**

### Upcoming Events

11 October - Member Meeting and Elections HQ - 1830  
27 October - Toad Hall - Oyster Roast  
10 November - Change of Watch - 1830

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