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Education

From The Commander Cdr Harl Porter, SN



I am writing this before going on vacation thanks to Wendy Walsh. Our Assistant Editor Wendy Walsh, rather than see the October Palmetto Log published late (after we return from our vacation), volunteered to work with Editor Steve Brostoff and our Bridge to publish this edition on time without my help. Thanks Wendy.

Betsy and I will be taking our vacation in New England to include nautical places of interest. Our itinerary includes: Heareshoff Museum in Providence, Rhode Island; Mystic Seaport Museum and Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut; Lake Champlain boat ride on the *Spirit of Ethan Allen*; a Light House Museum in Portland, Maine; and the Whaling Museum in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

At our September Executive Meeting we discussed the need to mentor new members (either new to USPS or transfer to Charleston). P/C Dick Howells and Gary Whitley have volunteered to organize a new CS&PS *Shipmate Program*. I hope that if asked to be a *Shipmate* to a new member, you will say YES. I have said yes. Sit with them at our dinner meeting and introduce them to other squadron members, have them crew for you on a squadron cruise and show them our fleet, take them out on your boat and/or go out on their boat to pass on to them “*local knowledge*” of our water. Show them Charleston Southern Hospitality.

One item was voted on at the September XCOM. Treasurer Rick Cone was directed to obtain a \$10,000 CD for one year at best Market Rate (our \$10,400 CD matures mid September). This will free up \$400 that may be needed to meet future operating expenses. To reduce expenses we are considering eliminating taking

credit cards (members must pay for meals and/or classes by either cash or check). This topic will be discussed at our October XCOM; comments, if any, should be given to any member of our XCOM, new bridge or direct to me.

This column is being written before our 9 September Dinner Meeting. Betsy and I depart on vacation the next day. This means we will miss the September Cruise to Dewees Island. Thanks to Betsy Porter for being the chief cook for the Low Country Boil dinner. Hope you all enjoyed the Low Country Cooking and the talk by Sgt. Trevor Shelor from the Charleston Police Department. Thanks to Carl Klele for organizing the September cruise.

We need to talk up our October Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting on Saturday 23 October. This is a fundraiser. Please attend and invite some boating friends. Executive Officer Joe Schady is inviting all of this year’s ABC students. Who are you inviting?

This year’s Change of Watch will be on Saturday 13 November. Location is at the top of the Holiday Inn overlooking the Ashley River. From there you can see *Wind Elephant’s* mast at City Marina. Please make plans to attend. Pictures of this location have been posted to our web site.

Harl



Executive Officer
Lt/C Joe Schady, AP



The Oyster Roast is fast upon us. I again want to thank Joyce and Fred Wichmann for hosting this event. We will hold the Oyster Roast:

Saturday, 23 October 2010

Squadron Bar opens at 1600

Squadron Annual Meeting: 1600 -1615

Oysters Will Be Served Starting at 1615

Price: \$20 per person, children free

Menu: Oysters, chili, hot dogs, burgers and fixings.

Look forward to some flashy emails sent out by yours truly promoting the event.

As you probably have already seen, we are restarting the Shipmate program. This effort is currently being spearheaded by Gary Whitley and Dick Howells. The program's intent is to ensure that new members are properly introduced to the squadron and get the full social and educational benefits offered by the squadron.

The program is currently in its infant stage, but is quickly being developed, so stay tuned for details about how you can participate and help. This program will be one of my key initiatives coming in to next year. I would like to thank everyone who has already given advice on how we can make this a success, and I look forward to getting this very noteworthy program up and running soon.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of my committee heads for their continued work and support, and thank the membership for their active and continued involvement.

Joe

Administrative Officer
Lt/C Bill Hayes, AP



Well, September/October certainly feels like a transitional period to me!

In September we had a great Dinner Meeting with a wonderful Low Country Boil prepared by Harl and Betsy Porter and James Rowe and his crew. Sgt. Trevor Shelor from the Charleston City Police Department had many thought provoking suggestions to help make our houses and boats more secure. The results of the cruise to Dewees Island, scheduled for Saturday 25 September, will have to be reported in the November Palmetto Log as it will occur after this month's deadline.

The October Oyster roast is coming up and will be organized by our XO Joe Schady, so my role in dinner meeting preparation is diminishing as we near our transition to the Change of Watch in November. Some of the nominees for the new bridge are already accepting responsibilities for squadron activities. I look forward to making the transition as smooth as possible for them. Please find additional details regarding the Oyster Roast, nominees and the upcoming October elections elsewhere in this newsletter.

Best to all,

Bill

**Education Officer
Lt/C John Meyenberg, AP**



The fall education courses have started with the following course attendance:

- Piloting has 7 Students.
- Seamanship has 7 students.
- Engine Maintenance has 12 students.

There is still time to sign up for the following courses:

Electrical Systems starting Tuesday, 5 October

Weather has been rescheduled to start Monday, 1 November

The ABC course is scheduled to start Thursday, 12 October

Dave and Wendy Walsh are going to teach 7 high school students in the marine program at the West Ashley High School starting on Monday, 11 October.

The JN class should be finished this month. It has been fun going to the Folly Pier to take our sights.

Anyone interested in the Navigation Course, let me know. Ed Kridler said he would be interested in teaching it.

Nautical Dafynitions:

- Anchor
- 1) Device designed to bring up mud & weed samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times.
 - 2) Things rotting in the bilge of every racing yacht (unseen).
 - 3) Any number of heavy, hook-shaped devices that are dropped over the side of the boat on end of length of rope and/or chain, and which are designed to hold the vessel securely in place until
 - a) wind exceeds 2 knots,

- b) owner and crew depart or
- c) 0300.

- Bare Boat Clothing optional or sailing naked.
- Head Up Leaving the boat toilet seat up. When the boat skipper is a female, leaving the head up is a serious offense.
- Leadership In maritime use, the ability to keep persons on board ship without resorting to measures which substantially violate applicable state and federal laws.
- Leak Situation calling for leadership.
- Scupper 1) Meal after lunch.
 2) Place where you eat dinner.
- Seabag Aging mermaid.

John



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In Touch

We need volunteers for the new **In Touch** programs which will include the Shipmate and Call Committee activity. We would ask that members, who have been with the Squadron for a year or two, mentor a new member during all our activities and invite them out on your boat or go on theirs. Member retention is a big goal for us this year and next and we want to make sure that we get continued good feedback from our new members to ensure that they are getting the full value of a Squadron membership. The Shipmate program will help new members to get involved as they learn more about the Squadron and all the courses and various activities that are available.

We are also asking for volunteers to man the phones to stay in contact with ten members to get feedback and to advise of upcoming activities. Each volunteer will be part of a committee that will have an agenda that will coincide with the Squadron's goals of member retention and participation. Please contact Gary Whitley 469-4782 or Dick Howells 216-9866 to volunteer.

September Dinner Meeting Report

Our 9 September Low Country Boil was a great success. Over 40 members, including four new member couples, attended. Food was great, fellowship was better and Sgt Trevor Shelor's talk on home security was well received and very informative.

Meal was planned by Betsy Porter and James Rowe. Betsy got the fixings and made two desserts while James got the shrimp and he and two friends did the cooking. Bill and Debra Hayes organized our bar and were a great help to Betsy and Cdr Harl in meal preparation, in set up before the meal and in cleanup afterwards. James Byrd volunteered to come early and help with set up and XO Joe Schady substituted as Treasurer due to a traffic jam on I-526. Thanks to all who made the meal a success.



Sgt. Shelor talks about homeland security

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ABC On-Water Orientation

Graduates from our last ABC course were given optional on-water orientation on 14 and 21 August. All students and boats met at Dolphins Cove Marina on the Ashley River where P/C Art Clark assigned them to a squadron member's boat for approximately three-hours of on-water orientation and questions and answers.

Boats (and Captains) on 14 August were: *Katie-Ell* (P/C Dick Howells), *Reely Fun* (P/C David Walsh) and *Sunday Drive* (P/C Art Clark with P/C Ken Beeber).

Boats (and Captains) on 21 August were: *Ham and Letters* (Ross Burgess), *Katie-Ell* (P/C Dick Howells), *Minnow* (P/C Jim Hackett), *Palmetto Elephant* (Cdr Harl Porter), *Reely Fun* (P/C David Walsh) and *Sunday Drive* (P/C Art Clark with P/C Ken Beeber).



P/C Dick Howells and *Katie-Ell* at On-the-Water

Membership By Wendy Walsh

Welcome into our squadron our latest new members:

Tim Taylor, Elizabeth Wenner, David Leaphart, Robert Gillow, Charmaine Gillow, Rodger Danes, Charles Kimball and Moira Kimball.

So far this year we have added 20 new members plus 4 transfer members from other USPS squadrons. That is the good news. The bad news is we have had 36 non-renewals. This brings our total membership to 180 members, down from a high of 192 at the beginning of the year.

However, we are starting a new public boating course on 12 October from which we hope to recruit some new members.

Many thanks to Gary Whitley, in charge of public relations for our squadron, who has done a wonderful job of getting announcements in the local newspapers publicizing our public boating course and our other educational courses. Also thanks to Mike Fauss and Rick Cone for recruiting several of our new members.

Also, many thanks to Gary Whitley and Dick Howells for volunteering to set up a calling committee and ship mate committee, *In Touch*. Please consider volunteering to make a few phone calls per month.



Look Ahead Calendar

- 7 Oct XCOM Squadron Headquarters, 1830
16-17 Oct (Friday afternoon and Saturday)
D26 Fall Conference, Jekyll Island, GA
23 Oct (Saturday) Annual Meeting and Oyster
Roast at Toad Hall

4 Nov XCOM Squadron Headquarters, 1830
13 Nov (Saturday) Change of Watch at top of
Holiday Inn next to Ashley River
19-21 Nov Cruise to Short Stay



2010 Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting will be on 23 October

How Current Is Your Chart?

Take a look in your chart table and look at the date on the charts that you are using. My guess is that many are two, three, five or maybe even years older. Do you religiously check the weekly Local Notice to Mariners to update your chart for changes in aides to navigation locations, extinguished lights, dredging spoil areas, etc.? To see the online version of Local Notice to Mariners: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/LNM/default.htm>

Over the past several years NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) has continued to reinvent itself by improving its services to mariners. Just a few years ago paper charts, the only charts available, were updated on a very relaxed schedule. It has been NOAA's charge to make this happen weekly. In order to do this, new innovations in chart delivery and chart types had to be developed.

NOAA still produces and maintains nautical charts that cover the Great Lakes, the coastal waters of the U.S. and its territories. NOAA's chart arsenal still includes the traditional paper charts but now go far beyond by introducing electronic charts and other user-friendly products.

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By Safety Officer, John Sikes



Annual Meeting, Elections and Oyster Roast

Active members of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron will be asked to approve the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee members were P/C David Walsh, SN, P/C Art Clark, AP and P/C Richard Howells, JN. The slate of candidates was announced in the September 2011 Palmetto Log, which is available on our website www.usps.org/localusps/cps. It is repeated here for your convenience :

Date of Election: 23 October 2010

Time: 1700

Place: Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting, Toad Hall,
the home of Fred and Joyce Wichmann
125 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC 29412

Commander	Joseph W. Schady, AP
Executive Officer	Carl Klele
Education Officer	John Meyenberg, P/C, AP
Administrative Officer	Elise Jorgens, S
Secretary	Donald Todd, AP
Treasurer	Rick Cone, AP
Assistant Educational Officer	Joseph L. Schady, P/C, SN
Assistant Treasurer	Samuel Steinberg, S
Assistant Secretary	Wendy Walsh, N

Members at Large of the Executive Committee

Richard Howells, P/C, JN
James Versteegen, P
Richard Clarke, P/C, P
Gary Whitley
Harl Porter, P/C, SN

Committees: Only those names in bold type face are placed in nomination.

Auditing Committee

Kirk Williams, JN – 1 Year
Wendy Walsh, N – 2 Year
Cynthia Kridler, AP – 3 Year

Nominating Committee

Arthur Clark, P/C, AP 1 - Year
Richard Howells, P/C, JN - 2 Year

To Be Nominated from the Floor – 3 Year

Rules Committee

David Walsh, P/C, SN – Chair, 1 Year
Arthur Clark, P/C, AP 2 Year

Richard Howells, P/C, JN – 3 Year

Housing Committee

David Walsh, P/C, SN, Chair – 1 Year
Samuel Steinberg, S – 2 Year

Karl Naugle, - 3 Year



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- 3 October Mary C. Acock
- 4 October Eleanor H. Parker
- 7 October Maria T. M. Sindram
- 8 October Charles H. Van Rysselberge
- 14 October Anthony C. Ward
- 17 October David K. Leaphart
- 20 October Chester B. Rogers
- 23 October Carol F. Gilfillin
- 24 October John Barnes III
- 24 October Melva W. Bible
- 26 October Richard K. Bible



September New Members
Bob and Charmaine Gillow, Dave Leaphart,
Elizabeth Wenner, Mike and Joanne Lape, Joan
and Wyatt Newton

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- 13 Nov – Change of Watch at Holiday Inn
- 19 - 21 Nov – Cruise to Short Stay

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