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**Safe Boating Through  
Education**

## From The Commander Cdr Harl Porter, SN



**I**t appears to some that Charleston Sail and Power Squadron (CS&PS) is about boats, nautical education and food.

Last month we combined two of these activities (boats and nautical education) when we did on-water orientation for our last ABC class. We also had a nice cruise to Myrtle Beach. There are separate articles on our August Cruise and our planned September Cruise. P/C Art Clark made the ABC on-water orientation happen and Carl Klele is our Cruise chairman.

Nautical education for members starts this month with Seamanship on 15 September, Piloting on 13 September, Weather on 20 September, Engine Maintenance on 22 September and Electrical Systems on 5 October. I encourage all of our members to take advantage of one or more of these classes. For additional information or to register talk to SEO John Meyenberg.

Charleston Sail and Power Squadron also does food. Last month Chief James Rowe catered BBQ Ribs for 53 members (I believe this was the highest dinner attendance this year). For details see separate article. Future food events are: Low Country Boil at our club house on Thursday 9 Sep, CS&PS Oyster Roast (fund raiser) and Annual meeting at Wichmann's on Saturday 23 October and CS&PS Change of Watch at top of the Holiday Inn overlooking the Ashley River on Saturday 13 November. Please join us for these activities.

**Purists would say that the three sides of USPS are – Self Education, Civic Service and Fraternal Boating Club.**

Above we talked about Self Education (our four Public ABC classes and our Spring and Fall member courses) and Fraternal Boating Club activities (Cruises and Dinner Meetings).

CS&PS is also active in Civic Service. We do Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) and Cooperative Charting. To date our Vessel Examiners (VEs) have done over 65 Vessel Safety Checks. Our Vessel Examiners are: Mike and Judy Fauss, Dick Howells, Harl Porter, David Walsh, Tony Ward and Stan Whitman. We also have two members in VE training. If your boat still needs a VSC, contact one of our VEs.

In August we had two Cooperative Charting events. Details on the 11 August Cooperative Charting outing is a separate article. During our August Cruise to Myrtle Beach, Nav aids on the ICW between mile mark 440 and 365 were verified (sounds like two for one – Civic Service and Boating). Talk with P/C David Walsh if you want to be part of the next Cooperative Charting activity.

By working for CS&PS, you earn a USPS Merit Mark. Merit Mark write-ups by Bridge Officers and Committee Chairs for active members in their department / committee should be given to P/C Dick Howells by mid October. Don't forget to recognize all of our active members who are making Charleston Sail and Power Squadron outstanding.

Thanks Charleston Sail and Power Squadron; you are part of an outstanding organization that is doing good things for recreational boaters.

**Harl**

**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Joe Schady, AP**



**G**reetings everyone from the Executive Officer.

I hope everyone is looking forward to some cooler weather coming our way this fall and getting out on the water a little bit more. I know I am looking forward to participating in our Cooperative Charting exercises a little more. Please reach out to P/C David Walsh if you would like to participate.

Also, the Oyster Roast will be here before you know it. I first want to thank Joyce and Fred Wichmann for hosting this even at Toad Hall. We will hold the Oyster Roast:

Saturday, 23 October 2010

Squadron Bar Opens at 1600

Squadron Annual Meeting at 1700

Oysters Will Be Served Starting at 1715

Price: \$20 per person, children (under 12) free

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

More details will follow in the weeks ahead, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I am also looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up after the event. Please let me know if you would be able to donate your time.

I know I spoke of it last month briefly, and I will probably continue to speak of it in the weeks and months ahead. The Parade of Boats will be coming up before we know it, and I am looking forward to hearing from all of you who would like to participate in this year's festivities. Please let me know if you would like to participate on the committee that I am setting up to help plan it or participate

as a marker boat or just participate as a boat in the parade.

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**



The 09 September cruise is to Dewees Island and will be a raft up. Assemble at the mouth of the ICW in Charleston Harbor off Sullivans Island at ~1000. Final destination to be announced via Google Groups.

September dinner speaker will be Sgt. Trevor Shelor or his representative from the Charleston Police Department. Subjects will be Crime Trends, Castle Doctrine, Crime Prevention, Trailer Theft, Burglary vs Breaking and Entering on a boat, etc.. Q&A will follow.

The October Rib Dinner by James was fantastic. Many thanks to James and to those who volunteered to set up and clean up. Sorry about the Diet Coke mix up. The Diet Coke cases were full of beer which resulted in misleading inventory.

**Bill**

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



Our Public ABC course had 27 students with 22 taking and passing the final exam. Several graduates have joined our squadron. Next course is scheduled to start on 12 October 2010.

There is still time to sign up for a **Fall Member Courses**

All courses are at the squadron building and start at 1900.

The following are the number of students signed up so far.

Piloting (4)	Monday, 13 September
Seamanship (6)	Wednesday, 15 September
Weather (4)	Monday, 20 September
Engine Maintenance (8)	Wednesday, 22 September
Electrical Systems (1)	Tuesday, 5 October

Mark your calendar and sign up for a course(s) that you plan to take.

The Junior Navigator course is in full swing and taking their sun sights.

**John**



**Nautical Dafynitions:**

**Equator** Line circling the earth at a point equidistant from the poles, which separates the oceans into North Danger Zone and the South Danger Zone.

**Etiquette** Maine custom establishes a code of social behavior and nautical courtesy for every conceivable occasion. For example, a boat belonging to another boatman is all always referred to as a “scow”, a “tub”, or a “pig-boat”. When one skipper goes aboard another’s boat, he does not hesitate to tell him frankly about any drawbacks or disadvantages he finds in comparison to his own craft. Sailors welcome every opportunity to improve their vessels, and he knows that his remarks will be greatly appreciated. When one sailor passes another, it is customary for the captain of the passing boat to make a bladder like sound with his lips and tongue, and for the captain of the passed boat to return the courtesy by offering a smart salute consisting of a quick upward movement of the second digit extended.

**Fuel** Sailboats without auxiliary engines do not require fuel as such, but an adequate supply of a pale yellow carbonated beverage with a 10 percent to 12 percent alcohol content is essential to the operation of all recreational craft.

**Gybe** Common way to get unruly guests of the boat.

**Jack Lines** ‘Hey baby, wanna go sailing’

**Lubber Line** Two or more guests waiting to go ashore.

**Treasurer**  
**Lt/C Rick Cone, AP**



With much success from our recent ABC class, monthly dinner meeting attendance, membership renewals, and a few new members, we are in sound financial shape with \$4,700 in our operating checking account. This is good as our insurance bill of over \$2,000 is due in October. Let's keep this momentum up!

My usual reminder to shop our Ship Store at our next in-house dinner meeting: We have \$30 Polo's, \$25 burgees, \$15 hats, and 2/\$15 coffee mugs...all with our CS&PS logo.

On a totally different topic and due to several recent casual conversations with members, it appears we members of the Executive Committee (XCOM) do not always share "behind-the-scene" business with everyone. On the financial side of our organization, your XCOM reviews a full complement of financial reports every month, with our audit committee performing a very detailed review of all treasurer records on an annual basis. As "transparency" seems to be the buzz word of the year, I remind all members that if you desire a copy of our financial reports be sent to you periodically, feel free to contact me or our Commander and we will email them to you and answer any questions you may have. The XCOM meeting is the first Thursday of each month and any CS&PS member is welcome to attend as an observer.

**Rick**

**Secretary**  
**Lt/C Pat Brown**



Commander Harl, our webmaster, is still in the need of pictures of your boats. He has started a folio of boats and their owners on the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's webpage. This neat idea cannot be completed without your help. So please send a digital picture of your boat and the boat's name to Harl Porter at [107Harl@sc.rr.com](mailto:107Harl@sc.rr.com).

Welcome to our new members. Wendy Walsh, membership chair reports these new members: Jay Kramer (transferred from Catawba Squadron), Patrick McHugh (Cyber member who transferred to CS&PS), and new family memberships include Danell Waters and Michael Johnson, Wyatt Newton and Joan Newton, and Michael Lape and Joann Lape. We are so happy that they have joined the ranks of membership in the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

**Pat**

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## Boating Blunders

John Sikes, Squadron Safety Officer

CSPS members, being experienced and knowledgeable boaters, should have no problems in the areas discussed below, but the following from the August 2010 issue of the USPS *Compass* newsletter is reprinted here as a reminder. You can avoid most mistakes on the water by taking a basic boating course, staying focused and following a predeparture checklist. Here are five of the most common mistakes and how to avoid them.

**1. Forgetting to install the drain plug before launching.** Don't assume the drain plug is in the boat. Put this item on your checklist and double-check the installation.

**2. Failure to put out enough anchor rode.** The amount of line needed to anchor a vessel is five to seven times the water depth in calm weather, including the distance from the surface to where the anchor attaches at the bow. If anchoring in high wind or rough seas, you'll need at least 10 times the water depth in rode.

**3. Not carrying up-to-date nautical charts.** A smart skipper always carries a chart of the waters on which he or she is traveling. Not only do you need to know where you are and what's around you, but you also need to know what's under you. A chart will tell you how deep the water is and if there are any obstructions.

**4. Getting lost at night.** If you're inexperienced at nighttime navigation, allow yourself plenty of time to get back to port before sunset. Take a few runs at night to become familiar with the area and what it looks like after dark.

**5. Overloading the boat.** It's easy to unintentionally overload small vessels with people, coolers and gear, and an overloaded boat is prone to capsizing, even in relatively calm waters. Know your boat's maximum load capacity and abide by it.

Vann Burgess, U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division

## August Dinner Meeting Report

Our August Dinner Meeting was BBQ ribs by our own Chief James Rowe. Fifty three members (a record number for this year) came out to eat BBQ Ribs by James and listen to Wendy talk, illustrated with pictures, about the Walsh's recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. Desert was by Pat Brown and James' BBQ ribs were made even better by his secret BBQ sauce which Cdr Harl said goes equally well on BBQ chicken.



**Pat Brown and James Rowe preparing BBQ ribs at CS&PS**



**Fifty-three CS&PS members enjoying Chief James Rowe's outstanding BBQ**



**Wendy Walsh describing their recent trip to the Galapagos Islands**



**Our newest member – Danell Waters**



**L to R *Spook* and *Palmetto Elephant* at Barefoot Landing Marina in Myrtle Beach**

## **August Cruise Report**

Our August Cruise was from Friday 13 August to Monday 16 August to Myrtle Beach. Cruise Captain was Carl Klele on *Spook*.

Maybe because it was Friday the thirteenth, with anticipated afternoon thunderstorms and/or hot weather, only two boats made the August Cruise *Spook* (Carl and Jerry Klele with two friends) and *Palmetto Elephant* (Harl and Betsy Porter). One couple, Karl and Joan Naugle, drove to Myrtle Beach to see the Kenny Rogers show with the Porter's at the Alabama Theater.

The Friday trip to Myrtle Beach was uneventful and both boats arrive at 1500 (45 minutes before a heavy afternoon thunderstorm). *Palmetto Elephant* departed for Georgetown on Sunday and spent the night there; were only two restaurants were open there Sunday night. Both boats returned to Charleston on Monday. *Palmetto Elephant* had an uneventful return trip to Charleston while *Spook* encountered some rain in the afternoon.

It was a good cruise; wish more boats had been able to join us.

## Cooperative Charting Report

Our August Cooperative Charting event was on Wednesday 11 August. Our Cooperative Charting Chair, P/C David Walsh, organized a verification of Naviads on the Stono River (chart 11522).

Boat was *Sunday Drive* (Art Clark's), crew were P/C David Walsh and Cdr Harl Porter. Also on board were Jack and Jean Curlton from our ABC class. We verified the location and serviceability of Stono River Naviads from Elliotte Cut (G19) downstream to almost the mouth of the River and turned around at Bass Creek (G3).

Lunch stop was at the Crab House on Wappoo Creek. If interested in future Cooperative Charting events contact P/C David Walsh at either [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net) or 843.556.3258.



**Cooperative Charting Crew Briefing**  
**L to R: P/C Art Clark, P/C David Walsh,**  
**Jean and Jack Curlton.**  
**Picture by Cdr Harl Porter**

## Engine Maintenance Class

The Fall Engine Maintenance class will start on Wednesday 22 September at 1830. Instructors are Art Clark, Ken Beeber and David Walsh.

The Engine Maintenance Course is well worth taking. This course teaches simple techniques that you can use to keep your boat's propulsion systems working reliably and avoid costly repairs. Starting with the basics of engine layout and operation, the course stresses diagnosis of modern systems and preventive maintenance. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work and how to prevent breakdowns. There is also an excellent section on emergency repairs afloat.

For more information call or e-mail: David Walsh, 843 556-3258 [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net); register with SEO John Meyenberg at [captjohnm@gmail.com](mailto:captjohnm@gmail.com) or 843.873.0321.



**Cooperative Charting on P/C Art Clark's**  
**boat *Sunday Drive*, Art in center at Helm**



## Look Ahead Calendar

- 2 Sep – XCOM at 1830  
9 Sep - Dinner Meeting (Low Country Boil) at Club House  
13 to 15 Sep – Fall member classes start  
25 Sep – Dewees Island Lunch Cruise
- 7 Oct – XCOM  
16 to 17 Oct – D26 Fall Conference  
23 Oct – Annual Meeting, Election  
and Oyster Roast at Toad Hall
- 13 Nov (Saturday) – Change of Watch at top of Holiday Inn next to Ashley River



**2010 Oyster Roast and Annual Meeting will be on 23 October**



## 9 September Dinner Meeting

As requested our September Dinner Meeting will be Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Low Country Boil. Dinner will be a three course meal: starting with Salad, then CS&PS Low Country Boil (shrimp, potatoes, corn, sausage and seasoning), followed by dessert. Location will be at our Club House, 1376 Orange Grove Road in West Ashley. Refreshments will start at 1800 with dinner served at 1900.

Cost will be \$15 per person. RSVP by noon Monday 6 September to Harl Porter at [107Harl@sc.rr.com](mailto:107Harl@sc.rr.com) of 843.832.9423. Seating will be limited to first 60.

Sgt. Trevor Shelor or his representative from the Charleston Police Department will be our after dinner speaker. Subjects will be Crime Trends, Castle Doctrine, Crime Prevention, Trailer Theft, Burglary vs Breaking and Entering on a boat.

## September Cruise to Dewees Island

Our September Cruise will be to Dewees Island on Saturday 25 September. We will meet at 1000 hours on the intercoastal waterway entrance at Sullivan's Island.

Everyone should bring their food and drinks and we will all share as we did so successfully on our June raft up at Bass Creek.

All interested members (boat owners and members wanting to crew) should contact Carl Klele, Cruise Director NLT 15 September at either 843-697-1540 or [cklele@comcast.net](mailto:cklele@comcast.net).

## Annual Meeting, Elections and Oyster Roast

The Nominating Committee (P/C David Walsh chair, P/C Art Clark and P/C Dick Howells) places the following members in nomination for the 2011 Bridge Year. All nominees have agreed to serve in the listed offices. The squadron's election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

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
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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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- 04 Sept Tera Melissa White
- 06 Sept Theodore Levin
- 10 Sept Steven W. Brostoff
- 10 Sept Walter F. McDonnell
- 10 Sept Kristine A. Moore
- 12 Sept Kirk R. Williams
- 13 Sept Jay M. Kramer
- 15 Sept Carol Ann Burgess
- 15 Sept Claire Schady
- 17 Sept Lue Cheverie
- 17 Sept Myron R. Tucker
- 18 Sept Helen Kovach
- 18 Sept John P. Meyenberg
- 22 Sept Edwin G. Kridler
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- 24 Sept Joy Clarke
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### Upcoming Events

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- 13 - 15 Sep – Fall member classes start
- 25 Sep - Lunch Cruise to Dewee's Island
- 16 - 17 Oct – D26 Fall Conference
- 23 Oct – Annual Meeting and Oyster Roast at Toad Hall
- 13 Nov – Change of Watch at Holiday Inn

**BOATING IS FUN...WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW**