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MEETINGS

Executive Committee - 1st Thursday @ 1930

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SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

From the Commander
Cdr Charlotte F. Yeomans, P



Hello, everyone!

Just to give all who have (and are meaning to) sign up for it, the CPR/First Aid Course looks to be getting scheduled for the weekend after the Change of Watch Ceremony – some time mid-November. Please look for more details in an upcoming The Palmetto Log. There are still spaces available for those meaning to sign up, so please let me know...

Although our speaker was detained, due to the incoming Hurricane Charley, the potluck supper for August at Headquarters was a success with Elise Jorgens and Chet Rogers being sworn in plus seeing a few members in attendance who had not come recently. P/C Steve Yeomans also had the Ship's Store present and accounted for with some very good deals. If someone needs anything squadron-related, please let him know – he will get it for you.

Also introduced at the meeting was, now, 1st Lt Chuck Altschul. Chuck was voted in at the August Executive Committee Meeting as our new Assistant Treasurer. He comes to us with a strong background in finance and accounting and is very eager to help wherever he is needed. Thank you, Chuck!

The Change of Watch ceremony is scheduled for Friday, 5 November 2004, at the Point Grill in the Omar Shrine Temple in Mount Pleasant. Bob Stefani has done a terrific job coordinating the menu there for us; the meal will consist of dinner salad followed by boneless chicken breast almondine, roasted new potatoes, and fresh steamed vegetables (including rolls, butter, and iced tea, also) with chocolate mousse cake for dessert. Cocktails will begin at 1830, followed by dinner at 1915 with the ceremony afterward. The cost per person for the Change of Watch will be \$21.00.

Please keep in mind the following dates: 2 September

(Thurs) is ExCom at 1930 at Headquarters; 8-12 September (Wed – Sun) is National Governing Board in Jacksonville FL; 9 September (Thurs) is membership meeting at the Crab Shack at 1830; 25 September (Sat) is the Capers Island day cruise; 8-10 October (Fri – Sun) is D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch ceremony in Savannah GA sponsored by the Tybee Light squadron. Please look in The Palmetto Log for further details on squadron-related events.

Lake Murray Power Squadron is having a Cooperative Charting Cruise down the Cooper River to Charleston 24-26 September (coinciding with our Capers Island cruise). I'm working on coordinating a dockside cocktail party for the group. Please contact me to help out with it.

All participating parties, please have your Merit Mark reports submitted to me no later than 15 September 2004. I would like to be able to turn them in early to national to avoid any delays. Please include in detail the time spent and jobs done by each person you recommend; also, please include their correct certificate number. Also remember – family members are eligible for Merit Marks, too!

Please remember that, unless otherwise announced, the Executive Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 1930 at our Headquarters on Orange Grove Road in Charleston. These meetings are a longer version of the short business sessions that occur during the usual Membership Meetings the following week. All members are welcome to attend; so, please, if you are interested in the inner-workings of the squadron, come by one evening.

Just to reiterate from previous articles, if anyone has any questions, concerns, comments, feel free to contact me at (843) 875-0510, or at cfyedisto@aol.com. Hoping to see people out on the water! Stay safe and have fun!

Cat

Executive Officer
Lt/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN



Secretary
Lt/C Robert A. Gulbrandsen, S



Ahoy Everyone!

Thank you to all of our members who helped with our squadron's display for National Marina Day at the Cooper River Marina. Help is always appreciated with any of our squadron's activities.

Under the able guidance of our Cooperative Charting Committee Chairman, 1st Lt David Walsh, AP, we are planning a Co-op Charting Cruise in October. The date has not been set as yet, but we need the help of captains and crews to spend an enjoyable day on the water providing a service to our fellow boaters, and to our selves.

The weather should be a bit more comfortable in October than it has been over the last month or so. Tentatively, we should be able to finish our work on the water by mid-afternoon; in time to have a get-together at our Headquarters building. I think we can prevail upon a few of our master chefs to have a cook-out for all of our captains and crew members, and for any other members who would like to participate. This gives everyone the opportunity of discussing the day's activities on the water, complete with a few embellishments. Please contact either Dave or me if you can join us. We will distribute crew members among the boats available, so if you don't have a boat available you can still help. More information will be included in the next issue of The Palmetto Log.

We are still in desperate need of vessel examiners for our vessel safety check program. Please contact P/C Tony Ward, AP or me if you can help. Tony will be happy to provide the needed training. This program is one of the squadron's greatest opportunities for providing a service to our fellow boaters. Please join the team.

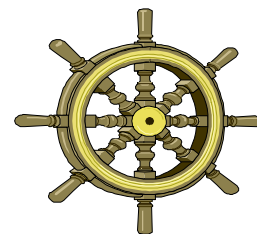
Ed

We are still looking for some pictures and a few lines about you and your boat for the "**Whose Boat?**" article in the upcoming issues of The Palmetto Log. Send photos and information to Nelson Hicks at nelsonhicks@comcast.net. Come on, we want to hear about your boat. Boating is what it's all about, so help us share your pride and joy with our members.

We are still interested in placing advertisements in The Palmetto Log. If you know of someone that might be interested, please refer them to me, Bob Gulbrandsen at 884-0798 or Morningstar804@msn.com. The advertisements do not have to pertain only to boating, they can be for anything. Our readers have all sorts of interests and need. The advertising campaign is just one more way for your squadron to receive funds to keep our members activities current and up to date.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new transfer member to the Charleston Power Squadron, Mr. Bill Barnhardt. Bill has transferred to us from the Virginia Beach Squadron. At present he plans to be a live aboard at the Buzzards Roost Marina. So if you see the *Summergirl II* out there, please give a welcome aboard to Bill.

Bob



**Administrative Officer
Lt/C Janice Kromer, P**



Upcoming Member Meetings:

The West Ashley Crab Shack will be the location of our Member Meeting on 9 September 2004. The restaurant is located on Route 61 (Ashley River Road) just north of the intersection with Sam Rittenberg Boulevard. If anyone needs directions, please let me know. We will meet at 1830 for optional cocktails and socializing. Dinner will be served at 1930. For those members who choose to participate in the meal, the cost will be \$15. You will have your choice of:

- Fried or Grilled Shrimp with potatoes, corn & coleslaw.
- Fried or Grilled Flounder with potatoes, corn & coleslaw.
- Fried or Grilled Oysters with potatoes, corn & coleslaw
- Grilled Chicken Sandwich with chips and coleslaw
- Marinated Chicken Caesar Salad
- Southern Style Meat Loaf with mashed potatoes & gravy, and mixed vegetables

Our speaker will be a representative from the United States Customs Department, Port of Charleston, Vessel Clearance Department. In these days of increased national security, it will be interesting to learn of the procedures involved in clearing a cargo ship in our harbor.

The member meeting on 14 October 2004 will be the Charleston Power Squadron's Annual Meeting. We will be electing our officers for the coming year. Since most of our time will be devoted to the election, there will no speaker at the meeting. We will celebrate with a pot luck dinner at Headquarters, starting at 1830.

No More \$5 Fee for Pot Luck Dinners

At the August meeting, our Executive Committee voted to discontinue the \$5 fee assessed members who participated in our pot luck suppers. Starting with the August meeting held on the 12th of the month, there will be no cost

involved for those members who bring a pot luck dish. We will, however, have a "donations" can on the sign-up table. We would ask members to throw in their loose change or a few dollar bills to help cover the squadron's out-of-pocket expenses for paper goods, mixers and soda.

New Members:

Please welcome our newest members, Tony & Teresa Rahaim, and Joe and Julie Napoli. Tony, Joe and Julie successfully completed a recent Boat Smart given by the squadron. The Rahaim's are the owners of a 50-year-old, 53-foot trawler, *Nipentuck*, which is kept at Buzzards Roost. The Napoli's live in Ridgeville, and thoroughly enjoy their powerboat, *Julie Ann II*.

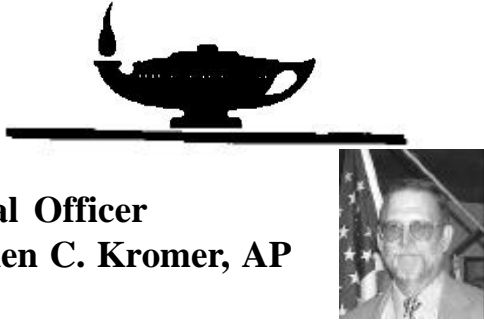
Janice

Editor's Note

The Palmetto Log editor, Nelson Hicks, is in the midst of an extensive cruise to Maine and back during the summer of 2004 in his Albin 32+2, "VICTORY" with wife JoAnne.

At the time of this writing, Nelson and JoAnne, after skirting Bonnie & Charley, are happily cruising southerly down the Cheasapeake and will be returning to Charleston about 28 August. Articles for the October, and subsequent issues, of The Palmetto Log should now be sent to Nelson. He can be reached by e-mail at nelsonhicks@Comcast.net. and his telephone number is 723-6218.

All is well!!
John



Educational Officer
Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer, AP

The Fall schedule is as follows:

Monday 13 September 2004 @ 1830

- ♦ Piloting
- ♦ Advanced Piloting
- ♦ Weather

Tuesday 14 September 2004 @ 1830

- ♦ Engine Maintenance
- ♦ Boat Smart

Wednesday 15 September 2004 @ 1830

- ♦ Navigation
- ♦ Sail

We will be teaching the new Piloting course that I mentioned last month. We have gotten a preview of the materials and concepts behind the new course and it is outstanding. The changes in the course bring it into the electronics age while preserving the ability to plot DR's and fix positions, which is what you really need to know. I urge all members to consider taking this new version of Piloting. I can pretty much guarantee that everyone will learn a bunch from it. At the time that I wrote this article, National had not established a price for the new course. I'm guessing that it will in the \$50-75 range.

The Advanced Piloting course will be taught in the old format. Please be aware that this may be the last time we offer AP in this format. According to National the new AP course will be available in January. As soon as it is, we will probably start using it for AP. My point here is that if you have already taken P in the old format and want to take AP in the current format rather than

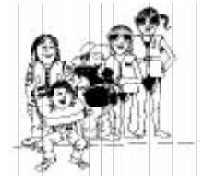
retaking P, now is the time.

Starting in September, we will be offering Boat Smart on a continuous basis. We are going to offer it in four sessions, on Tuesday nights. What this means, as a practical matter, is that a student can start on any Tuesday that he or she wants, take the classes as they can, and take the exam when they complete the four sessions.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to teach our courses – especially with the aggressive schedule for Boat Smart. If anyone is interested, please let me know. My email is skromer@tariffs.com, or you can try my cell phone (843-906-5631).

Since I will be traveling pretty much up to the time the classes start, please contact Janice Kromer to register. You can reach her at jkromer@tariffs.com or at (843) 768-1981. Since we will not be ordering books until we hear that you are taking a course, you need to register NOW!

Steve



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



**Safety Officer
Lt Kirk Williams, JN**

**When Are You Required to File a
BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT?**

You've just enjoyed a beautiful day of boating and are now enroute to the boat ramp. As you approach the ramp your throttle gets stuck in forward causing you to collide with the dock. Your boat receives \$950.00 worth of fiberglass hull damage but thankfully no one was injured. Are you required to submit an accident report? By law you are required to file a formal written report of the accident.

A formal written accident report is required to be filed when the following situations occur:

- Life is lost due to the accident.
- Someone is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid.
- There is a complete loss of the vessel or damage to the vessel and property exceeding \$500 (Many states have set a limit less than \$500- contact the local state boating authority to determine the amount).
- Any person on board a vessel disappears (under circumstances indicating death or injury).

Boating Accident Reports are required to be filed within:

- 48 hours of the occurrence or if a person dies within one day (24 hours)
- 48 hours if a person is injured and medical treatment beyond first aid is required.
- 10 days if there is only damage to the vessel and/or property.

Please call the Coast Guard's Customer Info line, 1-(800) 366-5647, to obtain information about required forms and where to submit them.

*By: Chief Warrant Officer Jim Krzenski
Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Station Fort Pierce, FL*

ATTENTION, PLEASE:

Charleston Power Squadron
Change of Watch Ceremony

Friday, 5 November 2004

The Point Grill at the Omar Shrine Temple
in Mount Pleasant

The meal will consist of Dinner Salad followed by Boneless Chicken Breast Almondine, Roasted New Potatoes, and Fresh Steamed Vegetables (including rolls, butter, and iced tea, also) with Chocolate Mousse Cake for dessert.

Cocktails will begin at 1830,
followed by dinner at 1915
with the ceremony afterward.

The cost per person will be \$21.00.

Please contact Cdr Charlotte Yeomans
with your reservations no later than
Friday, October 29, 2004.



P/D/C Robert Gibson Pennstrom, SN

FLORENCE - Mr. Robert G. Bob Pennstrom, 77, husband of Janice Meredith Pennstrom, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Mr. Pennstrom was born Dec. 24, 1926, in Montclair, N.J., a son of the late John H. and Laura Gustafson Pennstrom. He was a World War II veteran with the Army Air Corps and a member of Neptune, N.J., Post 346 of the American Legion.

Mr. Pennstrom was a life member of the United State Power Squadrons, where he was a past commander of Swamp Fox Power Squadron and District 26. He attained the rank of Senior Navigator.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Highland Park United Methodist Church (Handbell Fund) or the Florence Area Humane Society.

CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2004-2005

In accordance with Charleston Power Squadron Bylaws, Article 11, Nominations, Elections and Voting, the Squadron Nominating Committee places in nomination the following members for the Year 2004-2005. If elected, they will serve until the Change of Watch in the fall of 2005.

Squadron Commander	Lt/C Edwin Kridler , SN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Janice Kromer, P
Educational Officer	Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer, AP
Administrative Officer	1 st /Lt David Walsh, P
Secretary	Lt/C Robert Gulbrandsen, S
Treasurer	Lt/C Corrin Marinko, JN
Assistant Squadron Educational Officer	Michael Hamme, N
Assistant Secretary	Lt Nelson Hicks, JN
Assistant Treasurer	Charles Altschul, P
Members of the Executive Committee	Lt Kirk Williams, JN Jack Scobee, JN Lt Eugene Gilfillin, SN James Davis, AP
Members of the Rules Committee	1 Yr* P/C Steven Yeomans, P <i>Chair</i> 2 Yr P/C James Page, P 3 Yr P/D/C Robert Gissell, SN
Members of the Audit Committee	1 Yr* P/C David O'Hanian, SN <i>Chair</i> 2 Yr Kenneth Ingram, JN 3 Yr Robert Lovinger, AP
Members of the Housing Committee	1 Yr* P/C Steven Yeomans, P <i>Chair</i> 2 Yr Lt/C Robert Gulbrandsen, S 3 Yr John Patten, SN
Members of the Nominating Committee	1 Yr* P/C Steven Yeomans, P <i>Chair</i> 2 Yr To be nominated from the floor. 3 Yr To be nominated from the floor.

Additionally, in accordance with Article 11, other nominations may be made by written petition, signed by at least five (5) active members in good standing, and filed with the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the election at the Annual Meeting on **14 October 2004**. (* Indicates carry-over from previous election of multiple years and does not require election.)

Respectfully submitted by the 2004 Nominating Committee of the Charleston Power Squadron.
P/C William Lynes, AP *Chair*
P/C Steven Yeomans, P
P/C Vincent Lombardo, S

Capers Island Day-Cruise 25 September 2004

September's boating activity is a day-cruise, picnic and nature hike on Capers Island, SC. Accessible only by boat, Capers Island is an undeveloped barrier island located about 15 miles north of Charleston. It encompasses 850 acres of maritime uplands, 214 acres of front beach, 1,090 acres of salt marsh and 100 acres of brackish water ponds. Wildlife habitat diversity on Capers Island is outstanding and provides us with an excellent opportunity to observe white-tailed deer, raccoons, loggerhead sea turtles, and numerous birds, such as wood storks, herons, egrets, ibises and bitterns. Eagles can also be seen soaring over the island. September is one of the best months to visit Capers Island and view wildlife.



Wood Storks of Capers Island

Our plan is to gather at the Capers Island dock for a "bring-some-stuff-to-share" picnic at 1200. Around 1400 we plan to take a nature hike around the island's lake to the beach. Capers' beaches are excellent for beach walking, shell collecting and swimming. So, bring your binoculars and beach gear and join in the fun.

Directions to Capers Island

From Charleston Harbor, take the ICW north past Sullivan's and Isle of Palms. Near St. Mile 451.5, turn east at ICW Mark G. Stay in mid-channel; the dock will be about 1/3 mile ahead to port.

Contact Information:

For more information contact: David Walsh, Squadron Cruise Chairman by phone at: 556-3258 or E-mail him at: wals6563@bellsouth.net

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MEMBER'S BOAT



THE WIFE & KIDS

The *Wife & Kids* is a 22' 1978 Catalina sailboat that Charlotte and I have owned since September of 1999. We purchased her from P/C Harry Gindhart who had many cruising upgrades added, and have sailed her extensively between Cape Romain and Beaufort, attending many of the squadron cruises in and between those locales (often as the lone mast among all those engines). With the swing keel up she drafts approximately 2', allowing for detailed exploring of the many creeks and marshes around Charleston. She currently calls Stono Marina her home port, but Sand Creek on Edisto Island was her berth for four of the five years we have owned her.

Steve & Cat Yeomans

CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, 5, August 2004

The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Charlotte Yeomans at 1935 at the Headquarters building. Those in attendance were: Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen, Cdr Charlotte Yeomans, Lt/C Ed Kridler, Lt/C Janice Kromer, P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler, Lt John VanWay, P/D/C Ken Beeber, Lt Wendy Walsh, Lt David Walsh, P/C Billy Lynes. A quorum was established. The minutes for the month of July were accepted.

Executive: Per Lt/C Ed Kridler: On 14 August the squadron will participate in the Cooper River Marina's "National Marina Day Festival" from 1000 to 1600 hours. The marina invited all the folks attending to enjoy their Pig Roast and fixings. We would like to look into a combination cooperative charting and cruise event in the upcoming schedule. Operation manuals should be made available to all bridge members either on disc or paper form.

Educational: Per Lt/C Janice Kromer: The new schedule of classes should be on the website. Interested parties should be pre-registered for classes to obtain training materials. Starting September, we hope to begin a continuing Boat Smart course at headquarters building, consisting of a continuous three-week course every Tuesday night.

Administrative: Per Lt/C Janice Kromer: The August membership meeting will be at the Headquarters building with a pot luck dinner and we will be trying to have a guest speaker from the Ocean Sailing Academy. The August Cruise will be to Dataw Island, BYOB. September meeting will be at the Crab Shack restaurant with dinner and, hopefully, a guest speaker from the Customs House. 14 October will be our annual membership meeting, details to be announced.

Secretary: Per Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen: We need nominations for the elective offices from the nominating committee in order that they can be posted in the September Palmetto Log.

Treasurer: Lt/C Corrin Marinko was absent no report was available..

Commander: Per Cdr. Charlotte Yeomans: The change of watch meeting will be at the Mt. Pleasant Shriner facility.

District Report: The Fall conference will be hosted by Tybee Light Squadron in Savannah Ga. Details and information have been posted in the August 026 True publication.

National Report: Per Cdr. Cat Yeomans: In December, from the 8th through the 12th, the National convention will be held in Jacksonville Florida. Merit Mark recommendations need to be into the Commander as soon as possible.

Old Business: Per P/C Billy Lynes: September should be "Beach Sweep and River Sweep" in the Charleston area. After discussion, Lt John VanWay motioned that the \$5.00 charge for membership pot luck dinners be removed unless catered by the squadron. Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen seconded the motion; the executive committee voted and carried the motion.

New Business: Lt/C Ed Kridler nominated Bob Lovinger to assume the office of member at large for the remainder of this term, for the office left vacant by the resignation of Dick Finn. Lt John VanWay seconded the motion and the Executive Committee voted and accepted the nomination. Lt John VanWay nominated Chuck Altschul to fill the vacant office of Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of the term of the present office. Lt/C Bob Gulbrandsen seconded the nomination and the Executive Committee voted to accept the nomination to office.

The meeting adjourned at 2025.

Cruise Report Sandy Point Raft-up - 24 July 2004

The squadron's raft-up off of Sandy Point was a great success. Starting about 1000, Cruise Captain Le Anne Meyer, with help of spouse Jack Meyer, anchored their boat *Isolabella* just off Sandy Point to start the raft-up. They were soon joined by David and Wendy Walsh in *Dot Calm* and Mike and Kathy Page who tied up with *Isolabella*. Later, Ken King, with daughter Danielle and her boyfriend Tristan Grimes, tied up *Tre' Seas* to complete the raft-up. Meyer's inflatable dinghy made shore trips of ferrying people and dogs to the beach. The water was a refreshing 85 degrees. Several swimmers practiced strokes off the back of our boats.

Around 1400 lunch was shared aboard *Isolabella*. The photo below shows Cruise Captain Le Anne Meyer hosting lunch and serving the chocolate cake. The raft-up finished about 1600. Two boats, *Isolabella* and *Dot Calm* anchored in nearby Bass Creek for the night. The weather cooperated with a cool gentle breeze. Saturday night we heard distant thunder but had no rain. In all we had a great time. Many thanks to Le Anne for doing a fine job as our Cruise Captain.



Photo 1. Le Anne Meyer hosts lunch aboard the *Isolabella*. Left to right, Kathy Page, Jack Meyer, Le Anne Meyer, Mike Page (back of head) and Ken King.



Photo 2. Jack Meyer expertly pilots inflatable tender *Baby Bella* in from beach shuttle duty. Left to right, Dave Walsh, Meyer's dog Riley, Jack Meyer at the tiller and Le Anne Meyer ready with docking line.

Palmetto Photo Log

Would it be not interesting to share your FUN PHOTOS of enjoyable cruises and activities, such as in the above article. All we need are reasonably good digital or scanned photos which can be sent via e-mail. As you can see, we're getting very good reproduction quality from our printers. Just send them to me and we'll get them in here!!

Editor Nelson

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Upcoming Events For September & October

- 2 September - ExCom Meeting - Headquarters - 1930**
- 9 September - Membership Meeting @ Crab Shack - 1830**
- 13 September - Fall Classes Start - Headquarters - 1830**
- 25 September - Capers Island Day Cruise**
- 7 October - ExCom Meeting - Headquarters - 1930**
- 14 October - Annual Meeting & Election - Headquarters - 1830**
- 5 November - Charleston Change of Watch - Point Grill**

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