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Upcoming Events

April / May 2012

Events in April 2012

- 05 April 2012** Executive Committee Meeting 1830 HQ
- 11 April 2012** Squadron Headquarters Clean-Up Day
- 12 April 2012** Member/Guest Dinner Meeting HQ 1800
- 14 April 2012** Public Boating Course 0800 – 1700 HQ
- 20-22 April 2012** Cruise to Georgetown

Events in May 2012

- 03 May 2012** Executive Committee Meeting 1830 HQ
- 10 May 2012** Member/Guest Dinner Meeting HQ 1800
- 11-13 May 2012** D26 Cruise and Rendezvous in Augusta, GA
Hosted by Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron
- 19 May 2012** Short Stay Cruise on Lake Moultrie
- 19-25 May 2012** National Safe Boating Week



MAY 19, 2012

Commander Elise Jorgens, P



Greetings to all Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Members! I hope everyone is enjoying the extraordinary Charleston Spring we have experienced this year. Lots of oppor-

tunity to go boating, and as you can see elsewhere in this issue, CSPS members are taking advantage!

I also hope you are becoming familiar with our new array of communication options. The traditional Palmetto Log is now published bi-monthly, in this upbeat new format thanks to Editor Wendy Walsh. We still use the GoogleGroups email distribution to send you up-to-date announcements of activities. Now we also have the CSPS Blog and the CSPS Facebook page (both developed by Elizabeth Wanner) which provide announcements and items of interest contributed by members and give all of you the chance to make your own contribution to member conversations. Try them all, and let us know what works for you.

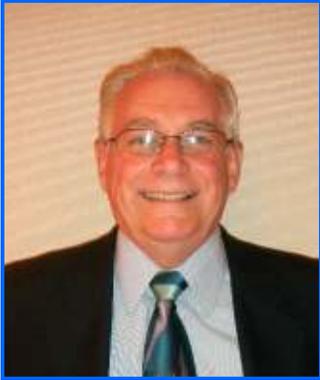
In the next few months, members of the bridge, the Executive Committee and a few other interested folks will be moving ahead with plans for the District 26 Spring Conference in 2013 which will be hosted by our squadron. Several members attended the recent D/26 Spring Conference in Beaufort (see reports and pictures elsewhere in the issue) and came back with good ideas for us to build on, and Barb Smith has been at work investigating potential

locations. But we will be looking for other members to help make our conference successful. Some of the conference activities are determined by the District bridge. The Spring Conference, for instance, always includes a Saturday evening Awards Banquet, and all the district conferences have prescribed meetings and workshops—and typically a silent auction that draws a lot of interest. Within that framework, however, there is plenty of room for us to plan and execute a conference that will give our visitors a memorable Charleston weekend. Watch for calls for volunteers and contribute your ideas and your time and talents.

I want to take the opportunity of this message to thank all members who participated in the member survey last December. We had a modest participation rate (about 35 members submitted the email form), but we nevertheless got a good sampling of your ideas. The Executive Committee has reviewed the results and discussed a number of ways that we can incorporate what we learned into future planning. Thank you!

Finally, some of you may have noted that I have not been at recent meetings, and you may have heard that I have had a health issue that I have had to deal with. I am very sorry to have been more behind the scenes than out front for the squadron in the last couple of months. But I have tried to stay informed and as much as possible involved. I appreciate your patience and good thoughts, and I look forward to being back to full steam as your commander very soon.

Education Officer Lt/C Ken Lewis, JN



I would like to acknowledge the following instructors who

taught courses for the squadron.

ABC : Dick Howells, AP; David Walsh, SN; Ed Kridler, SN; Ken Lewis, JN

Seamanship: Dick Howells, AP; Nelson Hicks, SN

Piloting: Nelson Hicks, SN; Dick Howells, AP

Advanced Piloting: Ken Lewis, JN

Junior Navigation: Ed Kridler, SN

Navigation: Ed Kridler, SN

Engine Maintenance: David Walsh, SN and David Leaphart, P

Marine Navigation Systems: Harl Porter, SN

Marine Electrical Systems: Harl Porter, SN

Weather: Ed Kridler, SN

They are commended for their dedication and sincere personal interest in seeing our students succeed.

Special thanks to squadron Treasurer Rick Cone, JN, for attending the beginning of each class and collecting the tuition.

Educational Progress and Awards

The following members have achieved advanced grades or earned awards. Congratulations to each for their accomplishment!

Senior Navigator

Wendy Walsh, SN

Anyone who completes all Advanced Grade navigational courses, and who also completes any six (6) Elective Courses, receives the Senior Navigator award; is the highest educational recognition awarded by USPS. Holders of this honor can be recognized in print by the "SN" following their name. Shown here is the Senior Navigator award:



Congratulations Wendy!

Educational Proficiency Award

Charles F. Rogers, AP

Anyone completing a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and three Elective Courses receives the Educational Proficiency Award. Shown below is an AP insignia with the Educational Proficiency bar below it.



Congratulations Frank!



Education Department (cont.)

ABC

The squadron is pleased to announce that the following students completed the *America's Boating Course*. Students who pass the USPS exam are awarded a safe boater's certificate from USPS; students who pass the SC DNR exam also receive a SC safe boater's card from DNR. All these students passed with flying colors!

11 Sea Scouts

1 E-member from National

6 Non-Members

JoAnn Ewalt (CSPS Member)

Joe Ewalt (CSPS Member)

Fredrick Goulding (CSPS Member)

Advanced Piloting

David Leaphart, AP

Paul Mitchell, AP

Elizabeth Wenner, AP

Engine Maintenance

Raymond Dunn

Scott Erskine, P

Ted Erskine, P

Joel Greene, P

Joseph Rubin

Samuel Steinberg, S

Weather

Dick Howells, JN

Donna Lynes, JN

Billy Lynes, JN

Wendy Walsh, SN

Classes in Session Now

Seamanship, taught by P/C Dick Howells, JN (8 Students)

Piloting, taught by Nelson Hicks, SN (10 Students)

Marine Electrical Systems, taught by P/C Harl Porter, SN (6 Students)

Junior Navigation, taught by D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN (2 Students)

Seminars (Saturday Mornings, 0830-1200)

Watch your email for the schedule of these USPS seminars:

Partner in Command

Emergencies on Board

Rules of the Road

Marlinespike Review (Nautical Knots Refresher)

The next ABC class will be held at HQ on 14 April (Saturday), 0800 – 1700 hrs. If you would like to enroll or know someone who would like to take this course, please contact SEO Ken Lewis at Ken@SVRestless.us

Coming this Summer

Sail:

This course has not been offered in a while so I hope you'll be able to attend. The course will be taught by Nelson Hicks, SN, and Ken Lewis, JN. Check the website for the course description. Watch your email for the date!

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Donna Lynes, N



As I write this, I am just back from the Capers Island cruise where we had a blast at the beach. Thanks so much to all of you who attended and especially to Debra King for organizing the trip.

If you haven't been to a membership meeting lately, you are missing some great programs. I found it quite refreshing to see those young faces from Sea Scout Ship 510 in our meeting in January. Our Sea Scout liaison Billy Lynes has encouraged them to visit our cruises and I hope we will see them again sometime in the near future. In March we enjoyed a visit from Andrew Wunderley of the Charleston Waterkeeper who taught us much about the quality of water in the Charleston area and what we can do to be watchdogs for the environment. Coming up in April we have Leslie and Flint Firestone from America's Great Loop Cruisers' Association. In May we can look forward to some folks from the Department of Natural Resources, and in June we will have Tom Kemp, a marketing expert from the USPS headquarters.

Thanks so much to all of you who responded to the survey we conducted back at the beginning of the year. The results gave me lots of hints about what kinds of speakers you would like to see at our meetings. Several of your suggestions have already been acted upon and others are in process. I will make every effort to get the speakers you asked for. As our speaker said at the recent district conference, "Membership is Job One." Membership—that's you, and I appreciate your input so that I can serve you better.

Happy boating!

April

Member/Guest Dinner Meeting

12 April 2012

1376 Orange Grove Road

Social Hour: 1800

Dinner: 1845

Program: 1930

Program: Great Loop Cruising Association

RSVP by 09 April 2012

Donna Lynes 843-696-2438 or
lynes@tds.net

May

Member/Guest Dinner Meeting

10 May 2012

1376 Orange Grove Road

Social Hour: 1800

Dinner: 1845

Program: 1930

Program:
Department of Natural Resources

RSVP by 07 May 2012

Donna Lynes, 843-696-2438
lynes@tds.net

April and May Cruises 2012

Georgetown Cruise 20-22 April 2012

We have had a successful start to the 2012 cruising season. Our January cruise to Vickery's on Shem creek included the most members coming by boat in January since I have been a member of the squadron. While we had to cancel the cruise to the Cape Romaine Lighthouse because of improvements being made to the docking facility at McClellanville, that will just make the trip next year better. In March, a good time was said to be enjoyed by those joining the cruise to Capers Island. Our next two cruises will take us further afield.

I still need a cruise captain for the Georgetown cruise. As we get closer to the cruise dates, more detailed information will be provided.

Contact Chet Rogers at chet85rogers@me.com, or (843) 768-8574 Home, (843) 793-7527 Mobile.

Short Stay Naval Recreation Area Cruise

Moncks Corner, SC 19 May 2012

Short Stay is on the shores of Lake Moultrie just outside Moncks Corner. Plan to come over for the weekend or just the day, by boat or by car. The Berkeley Pavilion opposite the floating dock is ours for the day. We'll plan to cook burgers and dogs around 1300. Bring a side dish to share. If you come by car, a \$1 per person entrance fee will apply. Please leave your pet at home.

Short Stay offers a variety of cabins, villas, and campsites. If you would like to stay the weekend, contact Short Stay directly (1-800-447-2178) if you are active military or retired, National Guard, Reservist, or DoD civilian employee. Otherwise, contact Cruise Captain Billy Lynes for instructions.

Plan to enjoy the many amenities at Short Stay, including a swim area, fishing, and boat rentals of all types. If you trailer your own boat to Short Stay, you can launch it there for \$2.

If you come by boat up the Cooper River, contact Cruise Captain Billy Lynes for instructions about bridges and locks.

Directions by car: Take Hwy 52 out of Charleston through Moncks Corner. Once you cross the Tailrace Canal as you leave Moncks Corner, be sure to bear left at the fork to stay on Hwy 52. A couple of miles past the Tailrace, look for the signs for Jeffries Generating Station and Short Stay directing you to turn left. Turn left onto Powerhouse Road, then right onto Black Oak Rd., then left onto Short Stay Road.

Questions? Call Cruise Captain Billy Lynes, 843-312-2876 or lynes@tds.net. RSVP by May 16 so we can be sure you get the gate code for Short Stay.

Savannah River D26 Cruise and Rendezvous

District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous

11 – 13 May 2012

Marriott Augusta at the Convention Center, Augusta, GA

The Savannah River Sail and Power Squadron will be hosting the District 26 Cruise and Rendezvous.

Registration forms and schedule of events for this meeting can be downloaded from the District 26 website:

www.usps.org/localusps/d26/

Events include a Friday evening Low Country Boil at the *Boathouse*.

Saturday morning will feature a Cruise on the Savannah River from 0800 to 1100. You can bring your own boat or be a guest on SRSPS boat. If you bring your own boat, you can contact the Augusta Marina (706-722-1388) for slip reservations.

Saturday afternoon you can enjoy a complimentary tour of the *Augusta Canal National Heritage Area Interpretive Center*. You will learn stories of the people, progress and promise of a unique piece of American history.

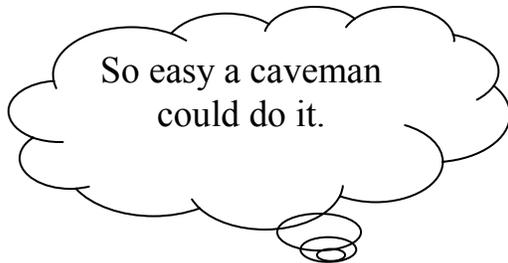
Following the tour you can take an open-air trip on the canal's *Petersburg Boats*. You'll see 19th Century textile mills, the Confederate Powder Works site and two of Georgia's only remaining 18th Century houses. The 40-passenger open boats depart from the docks at Enterprise Mill.

Saturday evening features a Dinner at the Marriott with silent auction and entertainment.

The deadline for reservations for events is 01 May 2012.

The deadline to get the group rates for the hotel is 20 April 2012.

New! Squadron Facebook Page



The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron now has a Facebook page.

The address is:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charleston-Sail-and-Power-Squadron/377407758939948>

It provides another way that members and the public can connect and share information on boating. Other squadrons, including the National, have a FB page. One reason why it is popular is that it's very easy to use. Adding friends, updating your profile, changing your status message-- whatever you do takes just minutes.

Here is a little primer on how to post to the CSPA page:

1. If you don't have a **Facebook** account, sign up and create one. It's easy to do.

To get started, go to **Facebook.com**, click "Register" and fill out a short online registration form. Once you're signed up, you'll need to have a profile to share information about you. When creating your profile, you can include as little or as much information as you feel comfortable. And you can make the information only visible to you or your family.

2. Go to the CSPA page at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charleston-Sail-and-Power-Squadron/377407758939948>

Look for a Like button and click it. And it would be great if you would invite others to "Like" our page and join. Now you can begin posting updates about your boating activities. You can also share photos on our CSPA page. I've already created several albums so if you would like to add photos please post them. One of the other features is that we can promote events of the CSPA.

One was posted for the March Capers Island Cruise so people could RSVP.

Give it a try and let us know what you are doing on the water, with classes, and at meetings.

Squadron Blog

Another new communication tool is the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron Blog.

The address is:

<http://charlestonsailandpower.blogspot.com/>

Several blog posts have been put up for you to read. I know that many of you have expertise that you would like to share in a blog post. Information about your boat, a cruise that you took, boating tips, a summary of meetings—all would make great blog posts. You can email your posts to **charlestonsailandpower@squadron@yahoo.com** and they will be put up on the blog.

You can leave comments on a post by clicking on the comments link at the end of each post. If you click this link, you will see a comment box for you to enter your comments. You don't need a Blogger account to make a comment. You can simply enter your name or even post anonymously. All comments are moderated so that we don't get any spammers.

Writing a comment on a blog is no more difficult than sending an email. Honestly. It's three basic steps:

1. Fill out your comment
2. Leave your name or post anonymously
3. Press Submit.

That's it!

Finally, the blog is for information sharing, but comments on posts really are nice. So if you have an opinion, a thought or just like what you read, feel free to share.

I hope this helped. If you have any questions or comments about our Facebook or Blog page, please give Elizabeth Wenner a call at 843-442-2253 or email her at elizabethwenner@gmail.com.

Boating Safety

Good Judgment and Life Jackets

by P/C Harl Porter, SN

On Saturday 21 January 2012 Mike and Judy Fauss invited Betsy and I on their 17-foot skiff *Hey Jude* for a boat ride from the Cooper River Marina to the squadron's lunch cruise at Vickery's Restaurant in Shim Creek. Also invited were two of their non-boater neighbors.

Captain Mike had everyone put on their life jackets before we got underway; he had extra for his guests (Betsy and I brought our own). Don't call them PFDs, they are Life Jackets designed to save your life if you end up in the water. He then made sure that they were properly fitted and said that they would be worn by all while we were on the water. He then showed us the Throwable Flotation Cushions that would be thrown to anyone who went over the side. Don't call them Throwable Seat Cushions, they are Throwable Flotation Cushions designed to provide additional flotation to a person already in the water. Then he showed us how to make a distress call on his VHF radio by pushing the Red Distress Button for over five seconds. He also instructed us that we were to remain seated (no moving around) while underway.

Several minutes after departing the sheltered waters of the marina we were in rough water and started taking heavy spray over the bow. Captain Mike exercised Good Judgment and turned his boat around and went back to the marina. He said we would drive to the lunch cruise at Vickery's as he did not think it would be either safe or comfortable to proceed in his boat. Perhaps the two non-boaters did not know that the weather was marginal and were disappointed that their promised boat trip was canceled.

Our Captain exercised Good Judgment several times. First he made sure everyone had a Life Jacket on and that it was properly fitted. Next he gave a Safety Briefing. And lastly he had the confidence to say this trip would not be safe (or comfortable) and that we would go to lunch in our cars. Too many recreational boaters get into trouble on the water by failure to recognize when they should not be on the water. Another unsafe scenario is - Perceived need to return home. After making a Saturday trip to a marina and spending the night you get up Sunday morning and find the weather marginal. The unsafe boater will make a Bad Judgment call, perhaps based on wanting (needing) to go to work Monday morning, and proceed even knowing that the weather is marginal (and unsafe). The safe boater will exercise Good Judgment, and will call their boss telling them that it is unsafe to return from his boat trip on Sunday and therefore they need to take Monday as a day off (even if they have an important meeting with a customer Monday morning).

To paraphrase an Air Force expression – There are old boaters and there are bold boaters; but, **there are no old bold boaters. Exercise Good Judgment and wear a properly fitted Life Jacket.**



District 26 Spring Conference Report

By P/C David Walsh, SN

Members of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron enjoyed a beautiful weekend in Beaufort, SC when The Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron hosted the D26 Spring Conference 9-11 March 2012 at the Quality Inn and Town Center, Beaufort, SC. The Spring Conference is the time when good works are recognized through awards presented to squadrons and individuals for achievements during the previous Watch Year. Donna Lynes, CSPS Administrative Officer, accepted on behalf of our Squadron, the Distinctive Communicator Award for Website Excellence.

The meeting agenda included the business meetings, seminars, round table discussions and training programs. David Walsh, SN presented a seminar on Cooperative Charting and Ed Kridler, SN served as an instructor in the training seminar for new Squadron Commanders and Executive Officers. In addition to business, the fun included excellent meals, a silent auction and a hospitality suite sponsored by the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron. Rear Commander, Lee Popham, AP, USPS National Treasurer, was on hand to give the keynote address at the Awards Banquet and present national awards to D26 Squadrons.

Here are some photos from the D/26 Spring Conference.



David Walsh, Betsy Porter and Billy Ly-



Joan and Karl Naugle, Wendy Walsh and Gene Corbett



Harl Porter, Wendy Walsh, and Karl Naugle



Donna Lynes Accepts an award on behalf of our Squadron from R/C Lee Popham

The Fun We Had

Cruise Report - Caper's Island 16-18 March 2012

By P/C David Walsh, SN

The Charleston Sail and Power Squadron's March cruise was a raft-up, picnic and overnight at Capers Island. Capers is off the Intracoastal Waterway 3.5 miles north of the Isle of Plams. This barrier island is administered by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as a wildlife refuge. The island has beautiful sandy beaches with an excellent nearby anchorage. Our cruise was well attended with 6 boats and 15 people. Two sailboats, Elizabeth Wenner's *Sojourner* and Debra King's *Night Owl* spent Friday and Saturday nights anchored off the south shore of the Island. Fauss's sailboat *Odyssey* and Walsh's cruiser *Reely Fun* arrived on Saturday and spent the night at the anchorage. Billy and Donna Lynes came in their jet boat and camped out on the island Saturday night. Additional boats and members arrived Saturday afternoon and rafted up to *Reely Fun*. A group went ashore and collected drift wood for Saturday evening's bonfire and picnic on the island. Everyone had a great time, especially Judy Fauss whose birthday was 17 March, St Patrick's Day.



Fauss' Boat *Odyssey* off Capers Island.



Elizabeth Wenner aboard her Boat *Sojourner* anchored off Capers Island



Latitude Adjustment heading for the beach



Bonfire on Capers Island

More Fun

Palmetto Swamp Fox Adventure Race 17 March 2012

By Karl Naugle

I received a request by email through the Squadron Google Group from Secretary Donald Todd:

“Palmetto Swamp Fox Adventure Race lost their safety boat. They need a safety boat at 0700 Saturday 17MAR12 departing McClellanville to Awendaw Creek. Race should last until 1200.”

I thought it would be a great challenge. I replied to Steve Morrone of KanDo Adventures LLC. and arranged to be his support boat for the 51 teams of adventure boaters, I thought. After going to the web site www.kandoadventures.com I learned that they run many adventure races around the state from Augusta to Charleston and many places in between. So I rounded up two friends and we were off to the town of McClellanville at 4 am on Saturday with *Neverland* being trailered. The boat was in the water before 7 am. Armed with a huge First Aid kit and their map, we traveled the river watching over kayaks and canoes in a race that would last until 7 pm. They would paddle 10 miles with 2 stops for orienteering and jogging. They would abandon the Intracoastal Waterway for their running shoes and 5-10 mile trek. Then they would jump on their bikes for a 40 mile ride through the Francis Marion State Park on flag marked trails. While they were off the water, we took a break and boated to Capers Island.

If you want to test your endurance, I think we have found the way to prove that there is something as hard as a triathlon. This race requires navigation and map reading skills. Our hats are off to them. Ken Neuhaus, Jim Paliama, and Karl Naugle were glad to represent the Power Squadron and lend a support boat to the first leg of the race. We do not want to enter that race no matter how big the prize. Join them later this year in a version of *Survival Charleston* patterned after the T.V. show “Survival”.



Ken Neuhaus and Karl Naugle at mid-point of kayak race



Karl Naugle, Jim Paliama and Ken Neuhaus at anchor off Capers Island

Squadron History and Awards Book

by P/C Harl Porter, SN

I have been putting together a Book giving early USPS History and Abbreviated Charleston Squadron History with Awards earned by our squadron in the past 25-years. Book is located in the glass bookcase in the hall leading into our big meeting room. Please take a look at it. This month I am highlighting the 1946 Organization Meeting Minutes that established Charleston Power Squadron. We were almost named the Palmetto Power Squadron.

Organization Meeting Minutes

8 March 1946

Called to order at 2030 by Mr. I. L. McKenzie as temporary chairman.

Mr. McKenzie requested Mr. L. C. Ripley to act as temp. Secty.

Mr. McKenzie stated purpose of the meeting and asked will of those present.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Soidke to proceed with organizing a power squadron was carried.

Mr. McKenzie then stated that we should select a name for the local squadron.

Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Willett proposed "Palmetto." Mr. Barsh seconded by Mr. DeSouza proposed "Charleston." On voting "Charleston" was chosen.

Mr. McKenzie then read article in USPS Constitution on "Duty of Officers."

Mr. McKenzie was nominated for Commander. No other nomination being offered; motion to close nominations and unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. McKenzie was carried.

Nominations for Lieut. Commander were then opened and the following were nominated: Dr. M.A. DeSouza, Mr. E.M. Sodke, Mr. Allan Mustard and Dr. Archie Myers. Motion carried to close nominations. Mr. Thomas was requested to act as teller. Dr. DeSouza requested that he be allowed to decline. Secret ballots resulted in six (6) votes for Mr. Sodke, Five (5) for Mr. Mustard and two (2) for Dr. Myers. A second secret ballot was spread between Mr. Sodke and Mr. Mustard. Mr. Mustard withdrew and Mr. Sodke was declared elected without a ballot being taken.

Nominations for Secretary were then called and Mr. Ripley was nominated. No further nominations being made; motion to close Nominations and unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Ripley carried.

Nominations for Treasurer were then called for and Dr. Myers was nominated. No further nomination being made; motion to close nominations and unanimous ballot for Dr. Myers carried.

Application for charter was then circulated and eighteen (18) names were affixed.

Motion made and seconded that local dues be two dollars (\$2.00) a year in addition to three dollars (\$3.00) national dues and five dollars (\$5.00) application fee was carried.

Motion made and seconded that bylaws committee composed of the elective officers and such other members as the Commander saw fit meet and report at next meeting. Motion amended to adopt the Detroit USPS Constitution and bylaws with only such changes as necessary to make them applicable to Charleston. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Motion made and seconded that the fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 PM be designated as regular meeting carried.

Spring Clean-Up Day

11 April 2012

This year's Housing Committee has been working hard to beautify our Squadron Headquarters. They have given the interior a thorough cleaning including shampooing the carpets and washing all the floors. Most conspicuous are the new shutters on the front of the building complete with anchor cut-outs. So let's give a big THANK YOU to the housing committee: Rick Cone, Samuel Steinberg and especially Karl Naugle who installed the shutters and made the anchor cut-outs.

A Spring Clean-up day is being planned. If you can help, contact Karl at knaugle@gmail.com or 843-810-3200.



Editor's Note

Deadline for Next Palmetto Log (June/July)

15 May 2012

Format for Submitting Articles

Articles for the Log should be submitted in Word or RTF format

Photos for the log should be submitted in JPG or TIF format.

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