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Coming Events

January

- 15—D/26 Spring Conference Planning Meeting - 1800
- 16-20—National Conference, Jacksonville FL
- 25-26—Charleston Annual Boat Show - Charleston Area Convention Center

February

- 7—EXCOM Meeting - 1830
- 9—ABC class - 0800-1600
- 14—Membership Dinner Meeting - 1800. Come celebrate Valentine's Day!
- 17—Cruise to Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina
- 22-24—District 26 Spring Conference—Holiday Inn, North Charleston
- 28—Submission deadline for Mar/Apr *Palmetto Log*

March

- 7—EXCOM Meeting - 1830
- 14—Membership Meeting - 1800
- 23-24—Cruise to Capers Island

April

- 3—Headquarters spring cleanup day - 0900
- 4—EXCOM Meeting - 1830
- 11—Membership meeting - 1800
- 13—Youth Outreach Boy Scout Sailing Merit Badge class - 0900
- 20—ABC class - 0800-1600
- 27-28—Cruise to Edisto Marina
- 30—Submission deadline for May/June *Palmetto Log*

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Message from the Commander

Commander Donna Lynes, N



Welcome to a new year, the best ever year at CSPA! We are off to a fantastic start and my job as commander is to make sure we keep that momentum going. For that, I need your help.

Remember at the Change of Watch I accepted a challenge and I offered a challenge. I accepted District Commander Ed Kridler's challenge to grow squadron membership by 2% and increase course participation by 5%. I in turn challenged you to participate in one more activity than you did last year. If you attended four dinner meetings last year, try for five this year. If you did not take a course last year, take at least one this year. If

you participated in three cruises last year, go for four this year. Your leadership has plenty of activities planned. Whether it's courses you want, or fellowship with other boaters, or a good service project, or just a day on the water, there's an event coming up that suits you to a tee.

Folks, many of you know we are operating with a short staff this year with the Administrative Officer position unfilled. At first glance, that situation might seem detrimental, but I see a great opportunity here to make some lemonade. With the AO position unfilled, we have created opportunities for many of our members to serve on a short-term, not too intimidating basis. For example, are you a crafty sort of person, or do you grow gorgeous flowers in your yard? If that's you, offer to decorate the tables for a dinner meeting. Do you have a friend who is involved in some interesting aspect of boating? Better yet, have *you* had a unique boating experience? If so, offer to speak at a dinner meeting or arrange for that friend to speak. Maybe you can fry up fish to die for. We'd love to have a fish fry at our dinner meeting. Maybe you'd like to be the person responsible for the RSVP list. The possibilities are plentiful. Many thanks to those who have already made an offer, like Paul Mitchell, AP, who will be sharing his Bermuda sail with us in March, or Past Commander Elise Jorgens, who will take care of our meal in April.

Be sure to check out the registration information for the D26 conference to be held in Charleston 22-24 February. The pirate party on Friday evening is a casual affair—be sure to wear your pirate costume and come prepared to party! AARRRRGH! There will be a prize for the best-dressed pirate. The Saturday evening dinner is a dressier affair. Both events offer a great opportunity for our members to have a good time and get to know our district staff. Especially since our own Ed Kridler is the District Commander this year, let's give this conference our full support. I'll be looking for you at all the conference events.

Message from the Executive Officer Lt. Commander Karl Naugle, S



Good Sailing and Boating to Everyone! May this be the safest year ever. I have two messages to present to you in this issue. We learned from the survey of members that you wanted to update the facilities and make them more modern, and we have been working on that all year. It is time for the biggest step on the list. We want to improve our bar area and expand the room. The ExCom considered all the options and decided to put bids out to take down

the wall in the main room. We will then remove the old closet behind the wall and put a very nice bar counter in there. The specifics are in a power point that you will be shown in the January meeting, and it is also on Face Book and the blog. The goal of the committee was to get bids first. Rick headed that up and they are in. We estimate that the project will be about \$1500 and take a week to complete.

The money will come from a fund raising effort. We are asking anyone interested to please consider donating \$25 or more for an individual member or \$50 or more from a family. More is certainly appreciated. In addition to making our bar and meeting rooms

more friendly, the project will allow us to move all the storage to the back room and have a first class bar that is accessible from the main room.



We are getting ready for the forth-coming District 26 Conference we are hosting. The plans are in place and it's going to be a dynamic conference! We have worked very hard to make sure we show off what the Charleston Squadron can do. But the one thing that will make us stand out is your attendance and participation. There is no cost to you for attending seminars or meetings. The breakfast on Sunday at our squadron headquarters is also free. The only cost is if you desire to attend a dinner or lunch meeting. You would pay for food. I have been to my share of these and we have good to poor attendance from the squadrons. So my CHALLENGE to you is this. Show the "Lake People" that we have a lively and active squadron and ATTEND! I am tired of them winning all the awards and having more people than we do. It's our turn to shine and show our stuff. Come to the conference and show them we know how to follow the motto "**Boating is FUN. Come let us show you how!**" I'll be there with my smile on counting heads to see who the "boating fun" people are.

2012 Merit Mark Recipients

P/C Elise Jorgens, P

Wearing my Past Commander's hat (not my Editor's hat—or my Christmas hat), I am very pleased to announce that the following CSPS members have been recognized as 2012 Merit Mark recipients:

Ken Beeber	Cindy Kridler	Harl Porter	Don Todd
Ross Burgess	Ed Kridler	Bill Raver	Rob Turkewitz
Rick Cone	Ken Lewis	Chet Rogers	David Walsh
Gene Corbett	Lynn Lewis	James Rowe	Wendy Walsh
Joe Ewalt	Donna Lynes	Joe W. Schady	Elizabeth Wenner
Judy Fauss	Billy Lynes	Barb Smith	Gary Whitley
Mike Fauss	Karl Naugle	Charlie Smith	Stan Whitman
Nelson Hicks	Joan Naugle	Samuel Steinberg	Fred Wichmann
Dick Howells	Ken Neuhaus	Sunny Steinberg	Joyce Wichmann
Carl Huff	Betsy Porter	Ellis Thomas	

As you know, the Merit Mark is the only formal recognition given by United States Power Squadrons to those members who have given their time, energy and talents to squadron operations at the local level. I want to personally thank all of these recipients. These 39 people are the backbone of our organization; we could not function without them!

Two more members received Merit Marks through a district or national process rather than through recommendation by the squadron. They are Victor Schwartz and yours truly, Elise Jorgens, bringing the total to 41 members from the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron.

Join the celebration as United States Power Squadrons® marks 100 years of service to the nation's boating community!



New Course Schedule from SEO Ken Lewis, JN

I hope you'll consider taking a course this spring to increase your nautical savvy. Even if you have already taken the core courses, take a look at the elective courses. This spring Marine Communications Systems is being offered, taught by course developer P/C Harl Porter, SN. If you have a friend who might profit from the ABC Boating Safety Course, please recommend it; a full description is on the website.

February 2013 CSPA Course Lineup with starting dates:

America's Boating Course	09 FEB 13	\$50	Various instructors
Seamanship	04 FEB 13	\$55	P/C Dick Howells
Piloting*	05 FEB 13	\$80	Nelson Hicks, SN
Junior Navigation*	06 FEB 13	\$90	D/C Ed Kridler, SN
Marine Communications	05 FEB 13	\$50	P/C Harl Porter, SN
Instructor Development	13 FEB 13	\$15	Chet Rogers, P

Classes are taught at CSPA Headquarters, 1376 Orange Grove Road, Charleston. All classes except ABC begin at 1830; ABC runs on a single Saturday and begins at 0800. Payment is due at the first class. We prefer personal checks or credit card.

All our instructors go the extra mile and are extremely knowledgeable in the subject matter. If you'd like to enroll, please send confirming email to ken@SVRestless.us. If you have questions on any class, contact me by email or call (732) 547-3108. Please bring a soft pencil and navigation tools if you have them to courses marked *. You can purchase navigation tools at any time at a nominal fee.

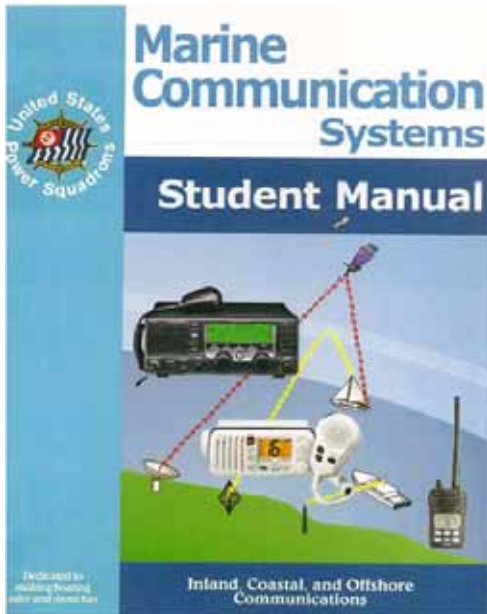
Complete descriptions are on the CSPA website: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>

CSPA Course Audit Policy

Sometimes I hear that someone has taken a course in the past and wish they could renew their skills. Maybe you took Piloting long ago and you'd like to refresh your memory on those valuable techniques. Why not use the course audit privileges afforded by CSPA? If you have already taken a course you can attend that course again on an audit basis as a regular student and do all the exercises, without additional cost. You can use the audit approach to review pre-requisite courses and then take more advanced offerings. Here are the details:

You can audit any CSPA course **at no charge** if:

- You have taken the course in the past
- You bring your own class materials with you
 - You may purchase fresh materials at CSPA's cost
 - You may incur a small fee for expendable materials like charts
- You register in advance with the SEO



Marine Communication Systems

P/C Harl Porter, SN

The new course on Marine Radio Communications will be offered **Tuesday nights starting on 5 February at 1830**. This new course is a complete rewrite and update of the old ME102 course.

Marine Communications Systems is an in-depth, nine chapter review of the radio communications systems available to the recreational boater. Radio history, description of the radio spectrum and radio propagation are covered which will help the recreational boater choose the best communications method for his/her situation.

There is a new chapter devoted to the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and an updated chapter on FCC rules and regulations to set the stage for instruction of proper radiotelephone operating procedures. Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is also covered.

The remaining chapters cover High Seas Radio (an expanded section on MF/HF and a new section on satellite communications) and Other Marine Communications systems such as Family Radio Service transceivers. There is also a new chapter on troubleshooting of radio installations.

The chapter on Voice Radio Operations has been expanded and includes mini-scenarios and audio clips of both routine and emergency calling procedures augmented by in-class practice scenarios.

A CD will be provided that contains all classroom PowerPoint slides and all audio clips used to demonstrate correct calling and testing procedures. An interactive Radio Tutorial from The Boat U.S. Foundation is also included on the CD.

If it has been over five years since you took ME102 you are encouraged to audit this class to update and expand your knowledge of Marine Radio Communications.

Instructor is Harl Porter, author of this USPS course. Class duration is seven sessions, which include a review and exam for the last class. To register contact SEO Ken Lewis at ken@svrestless.us or (732) 547-3108.

Charleston Boat Show – CSPS Will Be There, Will You?

Lynn Lewis, AP

The 33rd annual Charleston Boat Show will be held January 25–27 at the Charleston Area Convention Center. Charleston Sail and Power Squadron will have a booth at this year's show. We'll be putting our best foot forward with descriptive brochures and a drawing for a free seat in one of our ABC classes.

Your help is needed to staff the booth for those days. CSPS members are being asked to sign up for two-hour shifts during which you will either work at our booth or circulate among attendees to offer information about training courses and vessel safety checks.

*Please consider
staffing the booth
for a shift and
support CSPS!*

The schedule is as follows:

- Friday 25 Jan: 1200–1400; 1400–1600; 1600–1800
- Saturday 26 Jan: 1000–1200; 1200–1400; 1400–1600; 1600–1800
- Sunday 27 Jan: 1100–1300; 1300–1500; 1500–1700

Please contact Joe Ewalt (ewalt.joe792@gmail.com or (859) 333-8822) with questions and/or to volunteer. Passes are available for those working the show.

You'll also have a chance to roam the show and check out the latest boats and nautical goodies. See <http://www.thecharlestonboatshow.com/> for particulars. The exhibitor listing is at <http://www.thecharlestonboatshow.com/2012-exhibitor-list/>



Remember to contact CSPS Boating Activities Director Elizabeth Wenner, shown here on Sojourner, for information related to cruises or other on-water events. Elizabeth can be reached at (843) 469-4782 or elizabethwenner@gmail.com.

CSPS Focus on Youth Programs

P/C Billy Lynes, SN, Youth Activities Liaison

Happy New Year squadron members. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Last year was a great and fun year to be a member of the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron and will be hard to top. But if we live up to our motto "Boating Is Fun ... We'll Show You How" we can outdo even ourselves. As I see it, the highlights of last year were the educational courses, the meetings, the cruises, the service projects and the fellowship. I gained so much (about 10 pounds) from participating in these endeavors.

In addition to our enjoyable meetings and cruises, I am especially looking forward to our increased involvement in safe boating education of young boaters through ABC Scholarships and other youth-oriented activities. Our Squadron will be working with the Coastal Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America to help the Boy Scouts/Sea Scouts with the requirements to earn the Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge. This classroom session is scheduled for 13 April 2013 at our headquarters. This is to prepare the Scouts for on-water training associated with their Sailoree in May at Camp Moultrie.

Our Youth Poster Contest provides another avenue of outreach to young people. A lesson learned last year is that many of the poster contestants had little or no knowledge of boating. With everyone's increased promotion of our commitment to safe boating through education we can provide this knowledge. This is a win-win for CSPS. In addition to young boaters becoming interested in safe boating, their parents may see some of the many plusses of CSPS and join us.

P/C Billy Lynes with young boater Cubs. The boys are having fun with the USPS Coloring Book, provided to them by the Charleston squadron through Donna and Billy.



Boating Safety

P/C Harl Porter, SN

Did you have a safe and accident free boating season last year? (Hope the answer was “yes.”) Was it due to your efforts (prior planning, attention to details and thinking safety)? Or due to Luck?

New Year’s resolutions suggestions:

- Practice Safe Boating (Don’t count on luck)
- Talk safe boating to independent boaters
 - Owners / operators of small (under 21-foot) boats
 - Not USPS or Yacht Club members
- Wear, when appropriate, your Life Jacket

Recreational Boating Statistics from 2011, as reported by the U.S. Coast Guard:

- 4,588 reported accidents
 - 758 deaths
 - 3,081 injuries
 - \$52 million damages to property
- Fatality rate of 6.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels
 - Increase from 2010 rate of 5.4
 - **Only eleven (11) percent of deaths had received boating safety instructions**
- **Seventy (70) percent of fatalities were from drowning**
 - **Eighty-four (84) of drowning victims were NOT wearing Life Jackets**
 - Eight of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21-feet
- Alcohol use was the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accident
- Forty-seven (47) of the reported accidents were on open motorboats

Suggestions for a safe 2013 boating season:

- Have your Life Jack readily available
 - Pre-fitted
 - Inflatable is preferred
- Take a USPS Boating Class
 - Need more boating knowledge than our four week ABC class
 - First elective should be Seamanship
- Think and talk up safety (especially to your crew)

A Cooperative Charting Tale

X/O Karl Naugle, S



It was early December and the days were still warm as a brave trio gathered around a small boat in the Wappoo Cut Boat Landing. David Walsh loaded his special rig for attaching a battery, Garmin chart plotter, and a pole with a transducer into the small craft. Joe Ewalt arrived with a cooler filled with water and a smile. Captain Karl Naugle welcomed them aboard as they launched from the dock and headed out of the cut for Charleston Harbor. Recently they had made a cruise near Cummings Point and detected a change in the channel's depths. They had noted it as shown on the navigational charts used to plot a trip to Morris Island Light House. David, in a quest to protect other boaters from a possible changing channel, was anxious to get to the inlet and verify the known and unknown bottom depths as seen only by the casual porpoises that swim the area looking for sustenance.

It did not take long to get there. The waters were fairly calm, and the tide was high. David and Joe quickly rigged the pole with the transducer to the stern of the "Neverland," a small power boat. All systems were checked and recording. The captain began driving the pattern of 6 lengths of a football field and then criss-crossing over that pattern, making what seemed to the eye to be the yard lines on a real football field. It looks simple to do when you plan it on paper before the journey, but not so simple when you are navigating the actual chart route.

The unknowns that make all trips difficult soon showed their ugly heads. Currents going against the side of the hull and waves breaking on shore led the trio to keep a keen eye on the chart plotter and the landmarks around them. Forward and back they maneuvered. Soon they finished the pattern, clearing the mystery of where the channel had changed. It was easy to see the new passages on the screen. They stopped to reset the devices for another pass at some areas where they thought there were some shoals forming. Possible mounds that might interfere with navigation or ground an unsuspecting boat captain had been reported.



Then it happened! A giant pelican joined them in the water beside the boat. Closer he swam looking for hand out or to check the charts. No one knew, but they kept an eye on him, suspecting a spy at hand. Fortunately, some porpoises came along to flush the lowly pelican back into the sky above. The boat swept back and forth along the shoreline looking for mounds of silt and sand, but none of these could be found on this trip.

The boaters decided to retreat to the Crab Shack to compare the data and recount the day on the water. Still charting the day markers on their return trip to the Wappoo Cut, they made note that the range markers were no longer there. After docking at the restaurant, the day of charting was declared a success as three of our five objectives had been accomplished. It was time for good food and fellowship.

Charleston Holiday Parade of Boats As Told by a CSPA Marker Boat Captain Joe Ewalt, S

Spectators watching Charleston's 2012 Holiday Parade of Boats admired and cheered the brightly decorated craft but probably didn't realize that the show could not go on without the Charleston Sail and Power Squadron and its hard-working partners.

Weeks before the event, Ray Swagerty from the city's Cultural Affairs Office started the planning process by applying for the necessary Coast Guard permits and seeking assistance from harbor pilots and law enforcement officials. Another key figure in the planning process is former CSPA P/C Richard Howells who plots a course with waypoints for the parade route and signs up skippers who use their boats and flashing yellow lights to mark the course that will take the parade safely around the harbor.

Then comes a public information campaign to inform would-be parade captains that they need to submit a formal application to the city and agree to attend a pre-parade planning meeting. The careful preparations are necessary because the parade is basically an exercise in herding about three dozen kittens in the dark. The bright lights on participating parade boats severely restrict visibility so each skipper is reduced to following the boat just ahead. At the head of the 2012 parade, P/C Tony Ward's boat Knotless was on point and navigated the charted course with assistance from strategically placed marker boats.

CSPA members also helped out in other ways: Rob Turkewitz recruited best decoration judges and secured a judging venue, Lynn Lewis acted as scoring chair and Ken Lewis served as parade photographer.

Keeping the parade on schedule is important because there are captains of huge freighters impatiently waiting to enter and leave the harbor as soon as the main channel has been cleared. Thanks to an abundance of coordination and planning, spectators and participants alike had a safe, good time at the 2012 Parade of Boats.



Editor's Note: The all-important marker boats were captained by CSPA members Ross Burgess; Joe Ewalt; Karl Naugle; Joe Schady, Jr.; and David Walsh, plus Captains Huge and Hughes from CORA.

D/26 Spring Conference will be here soon!

P/C Elise Jorgens, P

Earlier in this issue, both Commander Donna and X/O Karl urged all CSPA members to get involved in this conference that we are hosting in late February – and to attend the sessions and social events as well. Are you still looking for ways you can help? Here are two:

- A *silent auction* will run all day Friday and all day Saturday. This is a very important event as it will help ensure that our squadron does not end up footing a sizeable bill for the conference. Barb Smith, Claire Schady and I have been working on this for several months and have lots of great material to auction off, but we can still use donations and we will need people to be around to answer questions or guide our visitors to just the right item. Contact one of us to volunteer! Don't know what you might donate? How about a nice boating book? Can you get a specialty store to donate something like a gift basket? Maybe you have small handicrafts or artistic work you could contribute? (Two people are contributing framed photographs they have taken.) We will also have a section with gently-used boating equipment, so if you have something that still looks really good but is not finding a use on your boat, let us know.
- On Sunday morning, CSPA will host a *complimentary brunch* for our visitors from other squadrons. If you have been to other District Conferences, you know that this is a standard event and greatly appreciated by those who will soon be on their way home. For us, it is an occasion to demonstrate Charleston and CSPA hospitality, but again, to keep the conference from being a drain on squadron resources, we need both food and assistance from members. Chet Rogers has offered to make omelets to order, and Chet and I will donate the eggs and other ingredients needed. We need additional food, and we need food preparers as well as help on the day of the brunch. Being around at the brunch will also be a good way to get to know a few of our visitors. They are boaters too, and they are coming to see *us* as well as to attend the conference. There will be sign-up sheets circulating, but send me a note if you want to volunteer! elise.jorgens@gmail.com

Holiday Party Revisited

Cdr Donna Lynes, N

Every now and then it's good to just let your hair down and CSPA did just that at the holiday party! The most popular spot of the evening was of course the mistletoe, followed closely by the open mic. Who knew we were so talented? The offerings ranged from Don Todd's rendition of "Joy to the World" on the tuba with the whole group



singing along to some somewhat fractured knee-slappin' versions of holiday classics played on emergency whistles and kazoos. D/C Ed Kridler's version of "Jingle Bells" is guaranteed to Yuengling all the way to New Year's. Before the evening was over, almost everyone had earned the

coveted open-mic card for their poker hand.



Not only are we a talented group, but a generous one as well. We collected a large box of men's underwear and delivered it to the Ralph H. Johnson Medical Center to help our veterans have a brighter holiday. Fred Lesinski, Chief of Voluntary Service at the hospital said in his thank-you letter, "Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and for the service they provided to us while in service to our country." At the last minute we heard that Syd and Sue Shuler, who coordinate a yearly effort to provide gifts for children in the care of Carolina Youth Development, were short gifts for a child and we put out a donation jar for them. We collected \$80 to make a child's holiday a little jollier. Sue expressed her thanks with, "When we first got the wish lists for 35 orphaned children, we were completely overwhelmed with how we could make them come true. Now we are completely overwhelmed by the caring and thoughtful people who stepped up to help us. It truly feels wonderful"

The evening ended with Chet Rogers handing out the prizes for the winning poker hands. Joyce Wichmann took first place with her four of a kind and chose a CSPA hat for her prize. Other winners included Elizabeth Wenner with a knife set, Kathy Rogers with a CSPA towel, Donna Lynes with a cutting board, and Fred Wichmann, who is probably still celebrating with his bottle of 100 proof Captain Morgan.



Meet the Bridge

Editor's Note: For this second edition, Executive Officer Karl Naugle has contributed the following biographical sketch for himself and Joan. Watch for others in forthcoming issues!

Karl and his wife Joan live in Summerville, South Carolina. They are both retired educators. They bought their first boat at the retirement age of 60. Having grown up on Lake Erie, Karl had always been on the water or the beaches at the end of his street, but never owned a boat or fished very much. Seems that the season for outdoor sports in Ohio is very short. Karl grew up earning an Eagle Scout rank and Joan was a senior girl scout in the mariner program.

They have three children Karen, Kadie and Eddie. All of them graduated from Summerville Schools and S. C. colleges and participated in sports including soccer, swimming, wrestling, gymnastics and fishing.

Karl joined the power squadron 2 years ago and used it to learn about boat operation and safety. Joan followed a year later as they began to enjoy the activities offered by the squadron to use their boat for recreational hobbies such as cruising, paddling, fishing, cooperative charting, education classes, scuba diving and snorkeling.

In the beginning of their careers they worked in Mayfield, Ohio as team teachers in a middle school where they help create a camping experience for middle school kids. The program got them outdoors for a week of school in the YMCA camp near their schools. They were always involved in helping people in the community through various volunteer organizations.

Karl is in VFW, American Legion, volunteers at Trident Hospital and the VA Hospital as well as Bethany United Methodist Church. Joan volunteers through ADK-Honorary Teachers Sorority, United Methodist Women, Daughters of the American Revolution and Bethany United Methodist Church ministries.

Together they enjoy their life in the community, their children and all their activities. Joining the Power Squadron allows them to have a group of people who enjoy boating and water events as much as they are leaning to do.

They have many plans to experience life through travel, service and hobbies.

Step one is to buy a bigger BOAT!

Come join us in being active in life and the USPS.



Meet Our Members

Editor's Note: In each issue this column will highlight new or current members. Here we feature **Jo Ann and Joe Ewalt** who are relatively new but have already become very active members. Enjoy a bit of their very interesting history prior to coming to Charleston, provided by Joe.

Jo Ann and I found each other in 1971 while adorned with "HELLO My Name is" stickers at a journalism conference in Washington, DC. At the time, I was a communications graduate student at the University of Kentucky and Jo Ann was an English/journalism major at Wilkes College (now University) in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

We carried on a long distance relationship while I completed work on a Masters degree and served in the Army Signal Corps and Jo Ann got her BA and teaching certificate. When my active duty ended I headed to Washington seeking the sort of broadcast journalism work that paid for my college education.

Not long after I started working for the UPI Audio Network, Jo Ann's desire to leave her native state of New Jersey coincided nicely with my desire for an end to the long distance part of our relationship. We were married a few months after she arrived in the DC area. It was during those early years that we developed a love for sailing on the Chesapeake Bay and resolved that boating would always play a role in our lives.

After a fruitless search for a good teaching job Jo Ann discovered trade associations and did marketing and public relations work for the American Bankers Association and the National Association of Homebuilders among others.

The Watergate scandal was very beneficial to me because every news organization in Washington was overwhelmed, giving young reporters the opportunity to cover high profile legal and political stories that would have been handled by senior correspondents in more normal times. During my two years at UPI, I quickly moved from being the new guy to covering Watergate-related court proceedings including the four month long trial of Richard Nixon's top advisors; traveling with Vice President Gerald Ford; and providing live White House Coverage of Nixon's departure and then Ford's arrival and swearing-in. At that point I had worked about 80 hours a week and more than a month without a day off.

The pace was exhausting but my experience brought an offer from the Associated Press to cover the Senate and national politics for its fledgling radio network. Early in 1981 I was hired by the RKO Radio Network to cover Ronald Reagan's Presidency. Less than a month into the job I watched as John Hinkley shot the President, his press secretary, a Secret Service agent and a DC policeman outside the Washington Hilton Hotel.

No single event matched the drama of that day but the next five years were a hectic mix of world travel, long days and a mind-numbing swirl of major issues and big events. Those five years also included the births of our three children and an-often solitary struggle for Jo Ann to balance career and childcare in my absence.

In 1986 we decided to leave the rat race and try a more family friendly life in my native state of Kentucky. Jo Ann took advantage of the change of surroundings by earning a Master's degree and a PhD and starting a new career as a college professor. I worked as lobbyist for the mayor of Lexington, KY for six years and then did similar work at the Kentucky League of Cities until my retirement in 2011. Jo Ann brought us to Charleston by accepting a job offer from the College of Charleston.



Jo Ann and Joe Ewalt on a recent CSPS Cruise with their boat, Liquidity III.

*Remember to give new members a big
CSPS welcome!*

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