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**Safe Boating Through  
Education**

**From The Commander  
Cdr Joe Schady, AP**



Work has been a little chaotic recently and needless to say I have not found the time to get out on the water. I am amazed how much I struggle to make the time to do something I truly enjoy doing. Between work and everything else, I am realizing that unless I plan well in advance I am more likely to be at work, some fundraising event, or coaching some sporting event for the kids than be on the water. I know I sound like a broken record, but I hope everyone is taking advantage of this great weather and the water more than I am.

Now this brings me to a small announcement somewhat on the same page as scheduling boating activities well in advance. Since I seem to have such a hard time doing this, I have volunteered to be the July Cruise captain. Thus, I am locked in to being on the water at least for this one event.

We are planning on combining the July dinner meeting and cruise into one big Saturday event. I plan on organizing an on the water scavenger hunt that will take place in the morning and will end in the afternoon at a picnic, possibly a pig roast. There will be prizes for the scavenger hunt and games at the picnic. This will be an event to get the whole family involved. I will have details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if anyone has any ideas on how to organize a scavenger hunt in Charleston Harbor, I am open to ideas. Also, I will be looking for sponsors to donate some of the prizes for the scavenger hunt. If you have any connections or ideas for approaching the local marine stores or marinas, please let me know.

Next, I am soliciting volunteers for the planning committee for the 2012 Fall District Conference and Change of Watch. Charleston will be the host and we should really start our planning efforts now. I have no details yet, but if you are interested in participating or leading this effort, please let me know. I hope to see you all on the water.

**Joe**

**Executive Officer  
Lt/C Carl Klele**



I want to give a big thanks to the Housing Committee and everyone who helped out on Clean-Up day on 20 April. It was a big success as you will see from the pictures later on in the log. Just to remind everybody the Housing Committee is made up of:

- Committee Chair P/C David E. Walsh, SN
- Official Member 1/Lt Samuel Steinberg, S
- Official Member Karl E. Naugle

As I have said before, we are always putting a big push on publicity. We have begun to reach out to surrounding yacht clubs and boating organizations to see how we can help them with their education goals for their club. To that end, we are putting a list of named contacts together of all the clubs, marinas and boating stores in the area. If you have any contacts that may be helpful in supporting this goal, please forward the information to Gary Whitley or Dick Howells. We are also looking for any volunteers to help on the PR committee. We are not looking for much, but any ideas or time that you have that could help get us more exposure to the community would be much appreciated.

I also want to thank P/C Harl Porter for giving a seminar at West Marine since we last spoke. Anything that we can do that gets our name out there on how we can help the public is a good thing.

**Carl**

**Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Elise Jorgens, AP**



**It is Probably Time to Renew Your Squadron Membership!**

Those members whose certificates expire on 31 May 2011 should have already received their invoices from National USPS. The new dues rates begin on 01 June 2011 and will affect all members whose certificates expire between 31 May 2011 and 30 April 2012. An individual member will be assessed \$83.50. A family membership will be assessed \$103.00. A family membership with an additional active member will be assessed \$146.50. The biggest change we have will be in recruiting new members. There will be no more new \$103.00 memberships. Existing family memberships at the \$103.00 rate will not be affected for the next twelve months. Remember that dues are tax-deductible because we are a 501(3)c public service organization. For more information give membership chair Wendy Walsh a call at 843 556-3258 or e-mail to [wals6563@bellsouth.net](mailto:wals6563@bellsouth.net). Be sure to follow up when you get your renewal notice in the mail or by email. We want you with us in the year(s) to come.

Thursday, 16 April, saw another 50+ of our members in attendance at the monthly Squadron Dinner Meeting. Four of our many Squadron chefs cooked up an Italian feast, with delicious spaghetti sauces from Dave Walsh and Chet Rogers, linguini with clam sauce from Elizabeth Wenner, and lasagna—as well as appetizer meatballs and a fabulous artichoke pie—from our Commander, Joe Schady. If we're lucky, he'll put that recipe in his article this month. Other members brought salads, breads, and desserts, and as usual, we ate very well! To enhance the spaghetti, linguini and lasagna offerings, Dave Walsh—in full chef's regalia—gave us the authentic maritime history of pasta! Take a look at pictures here and on the Squadron website.

After dinner, Fred Wichmann told us about the early history of our Squadron, describing how the original dozen members patrolled the waterways during World War II and then explaining how we came to own our Headquarters Building.

Next month we will do something a little different: We're going boating! We will have our dinner meeting on board the Charleston Explorer and enjoy a leisurely tour of the Charleston Harbor while we enjoy some barbeque. Mark your calendar now for this event—Thursday, 12 May—and if you want to get a jump on things, you can sign up by contacting me at [jorgense@cofc.edu](mailto:jorgense@cofc.edu) or 768-8574. No cooking required in May, but again we have Barb Smith to thank for making arrangements for us to do this dinner cruise.

**Elise**



**Secretary**  
**Lt/C Donald Todd, AP**



I hope this finds everyone eager for a new spring and the joys of another season of safe boating.

Steve Brostoff, our editor of the CS&PS Palmetto Log, is stepping down and we need a replacement. Steve will be a hard act to follow. Through his outstanding service he has brought to the Squadron the Distinctive Communication Award from National USPS since he began editing in 2007. When Steve leaves he will do so with our thanks for a job well done.

This is a call to anyone in the Squadron with an interest, aptitude or experience in editing the newsletter to step forward to help with the Palmetto Log. More information about the editor position is available on our web site, <http://www.usps.org/localusps/cps/>, under Volunteer Opportunities at the bottom of the left column. Please consider helping with this important function. Steve has agreed to work alongside our new editor for a few issues to insure an orderly transition.

Safe Boating Everyone,

**Don**



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



No details to report. The year is progressing nicely.

**Rick**



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## Education Officer Lt/C John Meyenberg, AP



Congratulation to James Bonheimer, Elise Jorgens, Steven Nall, Barbara Smith and Elizabeth Wenner who passed the Communication System Course.

There are 3 students who took the Piloting Exam.

The Navigation Course has started with 3 students.

The ABC Course started 5 April 2011 with 18 students.

The Advance Piloting Course has been scheduled for 16 August 2011. Anyone interested, please let me know. It will be taught by Ken Lewis who is an excellent instructor. I will send an email to Pilots reminding them of the course date.

### John

### Nautical Dafynitions:

- Boat Ownership** Standing in the shower fully-clothed under a cold shower, tearing up 100-dollar bills.
- Boom**
- 1) Laterally mounted pole to which a sail is fastened. Often used during jibing to shift the crewmembers to a fixed horizontal position.
  - 2) Loud noise made during a surprised jibe sometimes quieted by a grinder before swimming.
  - 3) The sound that's made when it hits crew in head on its way across the boat. For slow crew it is called 'boom boom'.

**Bulkhead**

4) Sound produced when an alcohol stove is used to convert a boat into a liquid asset.

**Canvas**

- 1) Uni-sex bedroom
- 2) Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much.
- 3) Boater with a large cranium.

An abrasive sailcloth used to remove excess skin from knuckles.

**Head Up**

Leaving the boat toilet seat up. When boat skipper is female, leaving the head up is a serious offense.

**Leadership**

In maritime use, the ability to keep persons on board ship without resorting to measures which substantially violate applicable state and federal laws.

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## Boat Operator's Certification Program

The Boat Operator's Certification program is up and running, and we learned quite a bit about it at the D26 Spring Conference. Please visit the website at <http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/main.htm> for more detailed information, but I will paraphrase here in hope of stirring some interest.

This is a very important program that will grow in importance over the next few years. The website states the following concerning the importance of the program, "We expect that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. In the United States, The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked Congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. We intend to have USPS certification accepted as the above proof and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA."

The program is currently looking at 4 levels of certification:

- Inland Navigator
- Coastal Navigator
- Advanced Coastal Navigator
- Offshore Navigator

The website, <http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/main.htm>, shows the many requirements necessary for these certifications, so please take a look at the details or contact SEO John Meyenberg or Commander Joe Schady for details.

We will be promoting this program over the entire year and looking for candidates who are interested in going through the certification process. In addition to becoming certified, we also have an opportunity to become BOC certifiers to help bring this program to the Charleston area.

With a growing trend of states moving towards more stringent proficiency requirements for recreational boaters and the United States Coast Guard pushing for national requirements, it is in the best interest of Charleston Sail and Power Squadron to be a leader in the Boat Operator's Certification Program to further promote safe boating in Charleston.

Please standby for more information coming your way in the very near future.

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# Let's Go Boating!

Join your Charleston Sail and Power Squadron friends for a Dinner  
Cruise  
aboard the CHARLESTON EXPLORER.

For our May Dinner Meeting on 12 May, we will enjoy a catered Bar-  
becue while we take a leisurely two-hour tour of the historic Charleston  
Harbor.

Cost: \$30 per person (includes boat fare, meal and gratuity; cash bar  
will be available)

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THIS EVENT.  
PLEASE CONTACT ELISE JORGENS AT  
[jorgense@cofc.edu](mailto:jorgense@cofc.edu)  
or 768-8574  
no later than Friday, 6 May 2011.**

Gather at 1730 to board for departure at 1800 from  
the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina (Patriot's Point), returning  
to the Marina by 2000.

**Read more about the boat and the cruise,  
and see pictures of the boat and a map to the Marina, at [http://  
www.lowcountry-cruises.com/](http://www.lowcountry-cruises.com/)**

## Spring Clean-up Day

The Squadron Housing Committee and Volunteers held their Spring Clean-up Day Wednesday 20 April 2011. When you come to Headquarters you will notice a fresh new look. The front door was repaired and painted, ceilings of the front classroom and hallways were given new coats of bright white paint. Lights were replaced, shrubs trimmed, building exterior washed and the back lot cleared of debris. Housing Committee Member Karl Naugle served as the "Straw Boss" and David Walsh cooked the pizza. Here are some photos of the Clean-up Team in action.



**Harl Porter Pressure Washes the Driveway**



**Joel Greene Paints the Classroom Ceiling**



**Rick Cone Installs New Fluorescent Tube in Classroom Ceiling**



**Jay Bird Applies Black Paint to the Front Door**



**Bill Hayes Bags Up Leaves**





**Bill Lynes Loads Truck with Cut Tree Limbs**



**Ed Kridler Scrapes Paint from the Front Door**



**Chet Rogers Paints the Hallway Ceiling**



**Elise Jorgens Cleans Wall after Paint Disaster**



**David Walsh Rakes Leaves**



**Gene Corbett Trims the Hedges**



**Karl Naugle Cuts the Grass in the Back Lot at Spring Clean-up Day**

## May Cruise Announcement

Please reserve Saturday 28 May for our May cruise, when we are going to call on our sail boaters to take the rest of us for a ride. More information will be sent out by e-mail when final plans have been determined.

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## April Dinner Meeting Photos



**Everybody Eats**



## Happy May Birthdays

03 May	Barbara C. Smith, P
04 May	Kathy C. Rogers, P
05 May	Kenneth A. Lewis, JN
08 May	Eugene E. Corbett
08 May	Cdr Joseph W. Schady, AP
17 May	Donna R. Fleming
18 May	Denise V. Byrnes, P
18 May	P/C Harl Porter, SN
22 May	Lt Robert M. Turkewitz
27 May	Matthew D. Zender, S
30 May	Karl E. Naugle
31 May	Lt Gary L. Whitley



**Jay Bird and Barbara Smith**



**Fred Wichmann**



**Joe and Claire Schady**

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### Upcoming Events

12 May – Dinner Meeting aboard the *Charleston Explorer*  
28 May – Sail Boat Cruise

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