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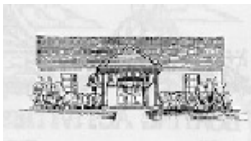
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**SAFE BOATING THROUGH
EDUCATION**

From the Commander
Cdr William H. Lynes, AP

Many thanks to Meetings Chairperson Jane Orenstein for the excellent and creative direction she has taken the monthly membership meetings. I'm especially looking forward to this month because the theme is chocolate.

Also, I'm looking forward to learning how an Olympic sailor with around the world experience can't find our headquarters building. Actually the young man did show up with a "wow this building is hard to find". Well, this is very true and is not a revelation. This is not the first time these kinds of comments have been made.

Steps are being taken to remedy this situation and other deficiencies at our headquarters building. We are very fortunate, thanks to the forethought, dedication, hard work and utmost generosity of squadron members past and present, to own this building without a mortgage. It's up to us to keep it maintained in a comfortable and presentable manner. I'm sure our membership is up to the task. If you are aware of a deficiency (i.e. grass needs mowing, etc.) please help your squadron with corrective action.

It sure was interesting to learn at last months meeting of the efforts underway for the rebirth of Charles Towne Landing. As a native Charlestonian this was very good news to me. When Charles Towne Landing and my children were young we lived *WOA* (west of Ashley) for those who live *EOC* (east of Cooper). We visited this historical location occasionally because it was a great place to go with the family; and you got the educational part almost by accident. I remember when the construction of the coastal trader *ADVENTURE* was in the news and when it first entered the harbor. A few years after visiting this craft numerous times, via Sam & Joe (that's my feet), I became a boat owner. This was a whole 'nother fun way to visit the Landing, cruising up the creek with the porpoises.

Note that Charles Towne Landing is one of our family

oriented activities planned by our host committee for our District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch coming up in October. Lets all get our families together and meet there.

Hope to see the *ADVENTURE* and you in the harbor soon.

Executive Officer

Lt/C J. Steven Yeomans, P

No Report This Month

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Vince Lombardo, S

CRUISIN' CAPERS

If you're into 'roughin' it', this cruise is for you. Capers Island is located directly above Dewees Island and is under the authority of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Our contact person at SCDNR is Dawn Tillman Mills and she is a very helpful and personable individual. After a fact-filled telephone conversation, arrangements were made and our overnight camping permit was faxed directly to my office. The permit contains a list of rules to be observed on the island but you will have to contact me directly, or better yet attend the August dinner meeting, to get them.

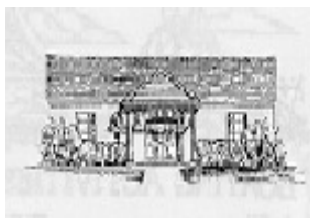
Some things to keep in mind include — There is no store, no restrooms, no running water and no shore power. There is room for about three boats at the pier (if not over 19 feet) but consideration must be given to draft, since the low tide leaves very shallow water at the pier. (4 feet according to the ICW chart, but people tell me it is much less) Shallow draft boats should be able to moor at the pier with others rafted outboard or anchored-out or beaching are options.

Meetings Chairperson
Jane Orenstein

As summer simmers along, we look forward to the August meeting that will be held at the clubhouse 9 August beginning with "CHOCOHOLICS DELIGHT" dessert at 1930 (7:30). Please bring a CHOCOLATE DESSERT to share and \$2.00 per person to cover expenses. (If you're allergic to chocolate, don't hesitate to bring another dessert of your choice.) Our erstwhile Olympic sailor, David Loring, has promised to be there on time now that he's found us! We're sure you'll find his talk fascinating.

We hope you're enjoying the variety of meal arrangements we've made. We somehow fell into a pattern of rotating from covered dish, to dessert, to catered meal. The September meeting will be held at the Coast Guard Base and will feature a tour of the Base followed by a meal catered by Easterby's (details in the next Palmetto Log).

We are investigating venues for future meetings so we aren't locked into the clubhouse. The issues include acoustics, location, and price. Please let me have your suggestions. Restaurants that are centrally located with a large enough private room are looking for about \$25.00 per person to cater a meal. You need to let me know if that falls within your budget. And, please, as you dine out, be aware of the facilities and give me your suggestions.



SAFETY OFFICER

P/C John L. Sikes, AP

Safety At Sea

Can you buy safety? There are hundred of gadgets available which will in theory make your life safer while you're on a boat but does the mere act of buying such equipment guarantee you'll come to no harm? What can substitute for dollars under the blanket heading of safety equipment?

These questions are of course rhetorical and meant to draw attention less to what you can buy than how a skipper and crew's observations can prevent a dangerous situation from developing. In other words, the best safety device is your own awareness.

It's important to realize that dangerous situations do develop, rather than just happening out of the blue. That is to say, unless you're fortunate enough to have an unexpected gear failure, most situations have a genesis and, if monitored, can be prevented from reaching dire proportions.

A simple example might involve one of the first rules of the road that anybody learns: giving way to boats on your starboard side. It's axiomatic, or should be, that each vessel in this situation will keep an eye on the other to make sure the rules are going to be followed. However, lack of knowledge of those rules will cause confusion and a possible collision. That's when you're going to need your life jacket.

So, yes, we must have the safety equipment for those occasions when our faculties fail us or when mechanical glitches happen. If you look at the illustrations on this page, you will see some basic items that should be on all boats.

The life jacket has been with us forever and should need no introduction. But in fact how many boat owners take the trouble to make sure they have enough for an emergency, or that they're accessible, or that the jackets

are in good condition or fulfill the Coast Guard requirements? If crew finds them awkward to wear, should the skipper buy some of the less cumbersome inflatable models?

Strobe lights have been around for ages too, but the personal clip-on variety is relatively new. This is something else worth investing in, as there's no guarantee that you'll do all your boating in daylight, whatever your intentions.

Because surprising things happen at sea, it's tempting to say that one should buy, buy, buy and try to anticipate every emergency. There are some very good products out there and it's hard to make a case for not having one of everything on board your boat. The plain fact of the matter is that education and experience are paramount in ensuring your safety. I once read a plaque over someone's nav. table that said: "The price of safety is constant vigilance." My reaction was the price of constant vigilance is total exhaustion. Tough choice.

By David Strickland, compliments of Southern Boating Magazine



Editor: See note on Page 9



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The 2001 Fall Conference and Change of Watch

By P/C Boo Ward

The Holy City, the Town & Country Inn and Conference Center, and the Charleston Power Squadron cordially invite you to the 2001 Fall Conference and Change of Watch October 19-21, 2001. We have been working hard to make this weekend everything you have come to expect from a District 26 function, along with a few surprises. We've been thinking outside the box and are trying a few new things this year, as well as doing away with a few of the old tried and true traditions. We sincerely hope you find the 2001 Fall Conference and Change of Watch enjoyable for the whole family and equal to your wonderful experiences from past conferences. We celebrate USPS as a family organizations and this year the Charleston Power Squadron is going to put our money, so to speak, where our mouth is, so bring your children and let's have fun!

The Town & Country Inn and Conference Center is located at 2008 Savannah Highway (US 17 South) just east of the I-526 interchange. For those of you who attended the last conference Charleston hosted, it is the same hotel and conference center. We have 40 rooms on reserve for both Friday and Saturday night at a cost of \$89.00 plus tax per room per night. Call 1/800/334-6660 or 1/843/571-1000 and refer to block #1000 no later than 19 September 2001 to reserve your newly renovated king or double queen room at the discount rate.

The Charleston Power Squadron will have a Conference registration desk located at the front door on Friday, 19 October, between 1530 and 1800 and on Saturday, 20 October, between 0730 and 0930 for your convenience. You will find a few changes at our Conference registration desk. We are not handing out "goodie bags" to members this year. Instead we decided to help the children of District 26 feel welcome with a special little something for them. It is important to have a correct head count of families with children. **AT NO TIME, DO WE WANT ANY CHILD TO FEEL UNWELCOME.** So please help us have the correct number of "Kiddy Bags" by providing a proper head count of families with children. Bags will be handed out one per child ages 12 and younger. For the adults, we have a hospitality room set up and ready to go between the hours of 1600 and 1830. This will allow our crew to relocate and set back up for the Friday night social.

The Friday night social is an oyster roast at Buzzard's Roost Marina located on John's Island on the beautiful Stono River. Hot dogs and chili will also be available for those who cannot bring themselves to eat one of the Southeast coastal delicacies. The cost is \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 and under. We will be set up and ready for oyster eaters at 1900.

In honor of our first District 26 family conference, we begin our Raingutter Regatta at 1930. Everyone is encouraged to participate, young, old, and young at heart. Competition will be in three categories, children through 12 years of age, Teens 13 through 17, and adults 18 and up. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as Best in Show in each category. All Participants must use an official Boy Scout of America Raingutter Regatta Kit available for \$3.95 at your local BSA Council Store or BSA catalog (1-800-323-0732). Everyone is encouraged to get their kit in advance to ensure enough time to "customize" their yacht. The rules within the kit will apply on race day. If you have problems finding a kit, please contact Cdr. Billy Lynes at 1-843-567-4435 or Lynes@tds.net. A limited number of yacht kits will be available at the regatta site. Maps will be provided with your tickets.

The D26 Fall Conference will begin at the Town & Country and Conference Center at 0900 and break for lunch between 1155 and 1300. A deli buffet will be provided for members in the conference center at a cost of \$14.00 each.

While we are taking care of the District's business, those attendees not needed at the meeting can enjoy a lovely day in downtown Charleston. Two small buses will leave the Town & Country and Conference Center at 1000 for 90-minute tour of Charleston. After a pleasant bus tour with knowledgeable guides you will be dropped off in the historic Charleston Market for an afternoon of lunch and shopping. In preparing for this Conference, we found the cost for a group luncheon to be \$20.00 and up. In order to keep the costs down and provide each person with a personal choice of dining experience, lunch will be up to the individual. The buses will leave the Market at 1530 and return to the Town & Country Inn and Conference Center at 1600.

We are not leaving the children of District 26 out at all. While attendees without children are enjoying downtown, those with children will be enjoying the day at Charlestowne Landing. Children's activities include admission to the park, a tram ride and lunch. Cost payable at the gate is \$6.00 for a youth, students at \$7.50 and adults at \$9.00, with a recommended spending allowance of \$10.00. A parent or guardian must accompany children. In order to keep costs down, transportation will be on an individual basis. We suggest car-pooling from the conference center to Charlestowne Landing, which is located on Highway 171 west of the Ashley River. Maps will be provided with your tickets.

The Charleston Power Squadron will open the hospitality room at 1500 and close down at 1700 in order for members to get ready for the Change of Watch and allow time to prepare for the District's first annual "Kids night".

While their parents are attending the Change of Watch and Banquet, the children of D26 will be enjoying a "G" rated movie, popcorn, soda, and pizza in the hospitality room. Baby-sitting will be provided by one of many youth, church or civic organizations. Never fear parents, at least two members of the Charleston Power Squadron will be watching the baby sitters at all times! Cost for the first time "kids night" will be \$10.00 per child. Since I don't have children of my own, how about emailing me at KnotLess@juno.com with suggestions for the movie and pizza.

Now we come to the highlight of the weekend. The District 26 banquet and Change of Watch will begin with a cash bar social hour at 1830. With a dinner buffet of sliced prime rib with gravy, honey-almond chicken, red rice, roasted new potatoes, glazed carrots, zucchini yellow squash medley, coffee, tea, and your choice of German chocolate cake or carrot cake for dessert. Diner begins at 1930.

For the last event of your District 26 Family weekend in Charleston, Sunday brunch will be held at the beautiful Maritime Center located at 10 Wharfside Street. Maps will be provided with your conference registration. Brunch will be courtesy of Charleston Power Squadron and will be served between the hours of 0830 and 1100 while you enjoy a view of Charleston Harbor.

We know your weekend in Charleston will be enjoyable for the whole family, and leave you wanting to come back to the Holy City of Charleston located at the intersection of the ICW, Ashley, Cooper, Wando Rivers, and the Atlantic Ocean.

CALL FOR MERIT MARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Our squadron Commander is required to submit all recommendations for Merit Marks to the Chief Commander before 15 November 2001. Cdr Billy Lynes, AP has assigned me the task of correlating all of the Charleston Power Squadron recommendations into a comprehensive list. I will require the cooperation of all officers and committee chairmen in the completion of this task.

Please submit your recommendations to me **before** 15 October 2001.

Include all services performed within your department or committee, no matter how trivial. Many members perform services for more than one department and the summation of many trivial tasks will often suffice to earn a Merit Mark. Be sure to state, explicitly, the services performed. Here are some guidelines to follow:

1. Hours of work: e.g. preparation for a classroom lecture will normally involve preparation time of three to five hours, depending on the complexity of the subject. The presentation will generally involve another two hours.
2. One class taught in the Educational Department does not usually qualify for a Merit Mark unless unusual and extensive preparation is involved. Therefore list the number of classes taught and the name(s) of the courses.
3. List the number of Executive Committee meetings attended. Surprisingly, this helps in obtaining a Merit Mark.
4. List all committees that the member served on, the number of meetings and the actual time involved.
5. Any services performed in any squadron activity are counted. Give as much detailed information as possible.
6. NOTE: Cash contributed or the use of personal assets does not count as a service.
7. Include the squadron member's rank, grade and certificate number if possible.
8. Do not submit ambiguous statements such as: "John Doe performed exemplary service for the squadron"; or "John Doe worked many hours for the squadron". Statements like these examples simply do not carry any weight with the National Merit Mark monitors. They are interested in numbers of hours and job descriptions and/or detailed explanation of work performed.

Merit Marks are given for the period 1 January to 31 December of the current year. Any work performed subsequent to the submission of this report will be reported in a supplementary report at the end of the year.

You may submit your recommendations on a sheet of plain paper.

P/C Hilary M. Winters, N

Ch/Merit Mark Committee

Palmetto Photo Log

Editor: This page could have been full of activity photos
or articles of interest to other members if any of YOU would submit them to me. Otherwise it is as
you see it - EMPTY!!