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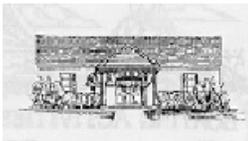
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MEETINGS

Executive Committee - 1st Thursday @ 1930

Membership Event
13 June - TBA - Contact Lee Mims

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13 June Membership Event ???
No details at presstime.
Contact Lee Mims @ 553-7769
or Steve Yeomans @ 869-7808

6 June ExCom - Y'all Come!!
Important meeting
for member input.
(See Cdr's article - Page 2)

Beaufort SC Cruise 5-7 July
Need committment
from attendees !!

(See Page 3)

No photos received.
More (hopefully) next month.

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

From the Commander
Cdr J. Steven Yeomans, P



Summer is finally here, and the Charleston Power Squadron is in full swing! The upcoming cruises throughout the summer offer destinations near and far, as well as day trips and overnights. The upcoming membership events are falling into place, with Claiborne Young (the author of many fine cruising guides) coming back to speak to the squadron in August and a trip planned to the Channel 5 studios soon. National Safe Boating Week saw over 500 safe boating packets from CPS being handed out at marinas across the Lowcountry, and we are poised to host yet another Boat Smart course (our third so far this year) in July. We are currently working with two local radio stations to create PSA's that will inform the public about our educational opportunities, and our boat show booth has been seen by hundreds of boaters throughout the area over the past six weeks (more on that in a minute). If ever there was an organization that needed the help of ALL its members, the Charleston Power Squadron is it!

Disappointed in the interest shown at the recent boat show with regard to our booth, I contacted many of the local boating shops and asked if they would allow us to set our booth up in their place of business for a week or a week-end. The response was overwhelming and just goes to show that, if given the opportunity, the community will assist us in many ways. The following stores played host to our booth, and with their help we were able to reach MANY more people than when we just set up at the two local boat shows each year:

Boater's World (West Ashley)
Boater's World (Mt. Pleasant)
West Marine (West Ashley)
West Marine (North Charleston)
Boat US
Barton & Burwell Fishing Supplies
The Outboard Shop

I would like to personally thank all those who helped in

the moving and setting up of our booth over the past six weeks. We are looking for more people to help because we are going to do this again next month in preparation for our July Boat Smart course. Please help! Call me at 869-7808 or e-mail me at Stevejy@aol.com. Your help is desperately needed, and it takes just an hour or so to move the booth from one location to another. Do that four or five times, and you have earned your merit mark for the year!

Another topic I would like to address is the number of people currently serving on our committees. Again, as I said in this column some months ago, one person does not make a committee. One person simply becomes a slave to the job; gets frustrated and burned out, and eventually quits. As an example, moving the boat show booth all around Charleston would have been a simple task if we had more than one person on the boat show committee. Well, we do now, and so in future it won't be as big a problem. Please help! ALL committees could use more people! Areas we need help in are:

Public Relations

Boat Show (could still use more...)

Safety Committee (If we had someone on this committee, it wouldn't have been just Cindy & Ed Kridler, Charlotte & I stuffing safe boating packets... ...many hands make light work...)

Building Committee

These are just some of the areas in which we could use a hand. The more people who get involved, the more fun everyone has! The bridge officers are going to start calling this week to solicit more involvement. Please say YES (or better, call them first!).

Finally, at the Executive Committee meeting Thursday, 6 June, we will be having a demonstration of the video projection system that the squadron is contemplating purchasing. The more the merrier! It will give a glimpse at what our boating courses might look like in the near future. We would love everyone's input; so put it on your calendar!

See you when we get back from Houston! Steve



Educational Officer

Lt/C Stephen C. Kromer, AP



Hi everyone. This month we have received the test results for several courses.

Cruise Planning was the first, and the following people successfully completed the course:

Lee Waller Eleanor Parker Steve Kromer

Thanks to Fred Wichmann for teaching this course. I don't know about the other folks, but I learned a lot just listening to Fred.

We also received the results for Marine Electronics. The following people successfully completed the course:

Mike Hamme Jon Waynick
John Aycock Carol Aycock

As usual, Gene Gilfillin made this course fun, informative and extremely useful, according to the folks that took it.

In addition, we ran another Boat Smart Course since the last report. We had 14 people register and 12 of those took the exam on 18 May 2002. Even though two of the people who registered did not make the second session, we had two people come in who had taken the course in the past or home studied the material. Therefore, we had 14 take and pass the exam.

We have scheduled the next Boat Smart for 13 July & 20 July 2002. The course will be taught at squadron Headquarters so start spreading the word.

We will be offering a Piloting course at Hobcaw Yacht Club Starting in July. If you plan on taking this course, please email me (skromer@tariffs.com) so that we order

enough books. Also, if you have a preference as to day of the week and time, please include that in your email. Of course, you can also call me at 821-1861.

Finally, it is time to start planning for the fall courses. Traditionally, we offer Piloting, Weather, Engine Maintenance, Sail, and either JN or N. If you are interested in taking a course starting in September, please email me (skromer@tariffs.com) or call with information on which course you would like to take.

Last Call!! **Beaufort, SC Cruise** **5,6 & 7 July**

It's time to make your commitment!!! To confirm our reservations, I need to be contacted to finalize the attendee list for this cruise. Please take particular note of the requirement for individuals to call the marina to confirm their slip space on their own credit card!! The following is a repeat of last month's article with the cruise details.

I've reserved ten spaces at the Downtown Marina of Beaufort for the Charleston Power Squadron and guaranteed them on my credit card. I had to do this to ensure we had the spaces since this will be a busy week-end for the marina. It is imperative that each of you who plan to attend call the marina at 843-524-4422 and **guarantee your space on your own credit card.** I intend to cancel unused spaces before I get charged for them!! Final date for this will be 30 June!! If you wish to arrive on the 4th and/or depart later you can advise them at that time. They charge \$1.20/ft, which includes power and water.

I've also tentatively booked a group dinner reservation at The Bank restaurant, which is adjacent to the marina. We'll order from the menu, which has a wide range of goodies and prices from sandwiches at about \$6.00 to Chef's Specialties at about \$20.00. We'll decide later whether to eat inside or outside on the very nice veranda (no see' ms permitting).

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CPS MERIT MARK LIST 2001

According to the Operations Manual, section 16.01 “A “merit mark” is awarded by the Chief Commander to a member for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award, for it is by and large the only official recognition a member receives for his efforts: Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year, no matter how extensive the contribution. A certificate is issued and a special insignia may be worn on the USPS uniform.”

It is not difficult to achieve a merit mark. Volunteering for a task or tasks over the course of a year generally suffices. A merit mark simply shows that you are an active, participating member of the squadron. It is my personal belief that practically everyone should work toward earning a merit mark each year, and with all of the tasks facing the squadron in any given year, everyone could! The following list announces those who earned a merit mark for the year 2001. Given that we have over 175 members, this list is too short! If you simply don't know where your services are needed, please call me (Steve Yeomans at 869-7808) and I will be happy to help place you with a task your talents and interests are geared for. It's fun, it's easy, and it helps us all!

Merit Mark Recipients

P/C Peggy Bauer
P/D/C Ken Beeber
Sheila Boggs
Stephen Brueske
Phil Clark
P/Lt/C Harry Darby
Bobby Dodgens
Lt Dick Finn
Gene Gilfillin
P/C Harry Gindhart
P/Lt/C Martin Gipe
P/D/C Bob Gissell
Bob Gulbrandsen

Pam Hicks
P/C Scotty Jeter
Lt Mike King
P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler
P/R/C Ed Kridler
Larry Lanz
Lt/C Loretta Lombardo
Lt/C Vince Lombardo
Bob Lovinger
P/C Billy Lynes
Lt Corrin Marinko
Lt Terry Marinko
Lt/C Lee Mims
P/C Dave O'Hanian
Jane Orenstein
P/D/Lt/C Mike Page
Carol Pelow
P/Lt/C Steve Rawe
P/D/C Charles Rhea
Steven Rustin
Mark Rutter
D/Lt/C Marge Schulte
P/C Vic Schwartz
Lt Rickey Sharts
P/C John Sikes
Lt John VanWay
P/C Tony Ward
P/C Merelene (Boo) Ward
P/C Fred Wichmann
Joyce Wichmann
P/C Hil Winters
Glenn Workman
Lt/C Charlotte Yeomans
Cdr Steve Yeomans

Congratulations to ALL!!

THE CHARLESTON POWER SQUADRON

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 MAY 2002

Cdr Steve Yeomans called the meeting to order at 1942 at Headquarters. A quorum was established. Those in attendance were: Lt Corrin Marinko, P/Lt/C Martin Gipe, Lt Dick Finn, 1st/Lt Barbara Weaver, P/C Billy Lynes, P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler, P/R/C Ed Kridler, 1st/Lt John Patten, Terry Marinko, Lt/C Lee Mims, Caitlyn Yeomans, and Lt/C Charlotte Yeomans.

Minutes from the prior meeting were accepted.

BRIDGE REPORTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER: Per 1st/Lt John Patten: The last Seamanship course will be held on Monday. Final exams will be given once certificate numbers are obtained. It was asked that a volunteer come in to proctor the exam at Hobcaw Yacht Club. P/R/C Ed Kridler, and Cdr Steve Yeomans volunteered to assist.

Cdr Yeomans announced that there are more posters available for the Boat Smart course on 11 and 18 May. These were distributed for posting. P/Lt/C Cindy Kridler asked that instructors clean up after the course as the church usually cleans on Saturday prior to the Sunday services. Cdr Yeomans said that the church representative would be called to know that the squadron would handle the cleaning the next two Saturdays.

Terry Marinko suggested including directions or a map on the posters announcing the Boating Course in the future.

Cdr Yeomans announced that Lt/C Steve Kromer would be making a Power Point® presentation at the June Executive Committee Meeting.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Per Cdr Yeomans: “One person does not make a Committee.” More than one person needs to be on the Boat Show Committee, besides other committees.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Per Cdr Yeomans: The Hunley Event will be held at 1800 on 16 May 2002 at the Warren Lasch Conservatory at the old Navy Base. The fee will be \$20.00 per person. Lt/C Lee Mims handed out Hunley brochures and supplied more details concerning the event.

P/R/C Kridler questioned why the event was scheduled for the same time as a National Governing Board. Lt/C Mims explained that the event had been re-scheduled to be able to accommodate more people attending.

Lt/C Mims has made contact with some potential new members. He also announced that the Shelter Cove Cruise will be held the 24 through 27 May 2002. The Cruise Schedule is on-line as well as being published in The Palmetto Log. Lt/C Mims questioned whether the Capers Inlet Cruise should be scheduled for next year due to the poor turnout this year.

SECRETARY: Lt/C Charlotte Yeomans. The “Log” deadline is the 10th of the month. More assistance is needed with various committees also.

TREASURER: Lt/C Loretta Lombardo. The squadron is solvent as indicated in the reports dropped off prior to the meeting.

DISTRICT: Per Cdr Yeomans; The Summer Council and Rendezvous will be held on 30 & 31 May 2002. More information will be available at the Hunley event. The Golden Corner Lakes Squadron has received its Charter.

NATIONAL: Per Cdr Yeomans. The National Governing will be held 16 - 19 May 2002 in Houston TX.

COMMANDER: Cdr Steve Yeomans. The Boat Show booth is being set up for a few days to a week at a time at various marine supply stores throughout the area. Assistance is needed in helping with the booth.

West Marine is giving a ten percent (10%) off coupon for VSC checkers to pass out during exams to promote boating safety and our VSC program.

Cdr Yeomans wants to begin PSA's with the local radio stations. Lt/C Mims suggested getting a squadron representative onto various morning shows to give information. Cdr Yeomans suggested getting on at mid-day. P/C Lynes suggested speaking with Mike Hiott on Channel 4. P/R/C Kridler suggested Bill Walsh and Channel 5. Cdr Yeomans asked for Lt/C Mims try to schedule the squadron at Channel 5 for the June member event. 1st/Lt Barbara Weaver announced the "The Water Log" is in print once again locally.

Cdr Yeomans is waiting for a reply from P/C John Sikes concerning the National Safe Boating Week. Supplies will be gathered and a group will meet on Tuesday, the 14 May to put together five hundred (500) packets for the promotion.

OLD BUSINESS:

P/C Billy Lynes asked if more USPS Brochures had been ordered to replenish the supplies.

Cdr Yeomans said that the Cruise Pennant would be given to Lt David Walsh at the Hunley Event.

P/R/C Kridler suggested that a rubber stamp be made up with P/C Tony Ward's information on it for the VSC Sheets.

P/C Lynes announced that there is no trash at the Leeds or at the Wappoo Cut landings. He also reported that the Sea Grant Consortium gave him the name of SCDHEC's contact, Barry Beasley, to contact about signs. He was informed that the program has been dropped due to lack of funding.

Cdr Yeomans stated that the suggestion put forth by Steven Rustin for marks on nametags is unacceptable per national. There is available through the Ship's Store pins showing Merit Marks earned in groups of five.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 2029.