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The C-Way

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Commander's Message

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Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron is beginning its 45th year. It was chartered in 1972 by Norman Willis Hatker, a very distinctive and unique Type A gentleman. I admired Norm. There was not anything that he would not try. He never failed to have a positive attitude and enthusiasm that rubbed off on the membership. Chattanooga Squadron needs a rebirth of enthusiasm if we are going to grow our squadron. Granted, there have been many changes that have taken place through the years, and we have accommodated them. When I was Commander in 1983, there were 104 members. I don't expect to reach that number any time soon, but it would be nice to see an increase in membership.

We have not yet completed planning of our schedule of events for 2017, but here are two events that are coming soon. We will have the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, 19-26 February, and the District 17 Spring Conference at Lake Chattuge, in Hiawassee, Georgia, 31 March to 2 April. Both are good meetings for finding out what other squadrons and districts are doing and to be updated on what National USPS is planning. In addition, we get to renew friendships with members from other parts of the country. Many include the Annual Meeting in a Florida vacation, which is very welcome in February, especially for those who live farther north.

The membership meeting for February will be on a Tuesday, 2/21 at Privateer Yacht Club. Details will be in a separate notice. My request for each of us is that we participate in our monthly membership meetings. Bring a friend. And, consider taking an educational course or one of the 25 seminars that are available from National USPS.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to man the CSPA Boat Show booth during February 2 to 5. Shake a hand; wear your best smile. As our Chief Commander would say, "Grip and grin!"

Jack

Executive Officer's Message

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The Change of Watch has been held and new officers installed, but we don't have a list of Committee Chairman for each officer's department. The need for help from our squadron members is vital to our success and growth. I could list all the committees here but as an example the Executive Officer Committees are: Boat Show, Cooperative Charting, Public Relations, Radio Technical, Safety, Vessel Safety Check, Homeland Security Liaison, and Legislative. In the past, I have worked Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Check and I am asking for your help to fill these vacancies. My phone number and address is listed above along with all your other new officers. I am positive you can help keep our squadron going.

Those of you who missed the Change of Watch, missed a profile of our P/D/C Robert Heck, SN and I would like to include one of our members each month. I have a guide sheet if you want, or just send me similar information.

P/D/C Robert Heck, SN

Bob is a retired helicopter pilot, having flown various helicopters in the Army, in offshore oil production and Emergency Medical Service. Upon retirement he and his wife of 47 years, Marty, purchased a boat with the intention of cruising the Loop. Since they had never owned a cruiser, they decided that prior to embarking on the Loop they would need a little education. That is when they became involved with the United States Power Squadrons. One course led to another until finally Bob attained SN status, with CN added.

He not only took and taught courses, but began serving on the Squadron Bridge, eventually becoming the Squadron Commander, a position he held for two years. At the same time, he was asked to serve on the District Bridge, starting as the Assistant District Admin Officer, and rose to become the District Commander.

He and his wife enjoy boating, golf, and travel among other things. They are blessed to have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. They still harbor thoughts of doing The Loop if and when they can find the time. He is honored to officiate at our Change of Watch, in addition to other squadrons Change of Watch in our District.

As a final note, I have Squadron Burgees for sale at \$25.00 each. Fly the Burgee proudly. I hope to see you at our District Change of Watch March 31 – April 2nd.

Administrative Officer's Message

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Education Officer's Message

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As reported last month, several classes are planned for winter and spring.

Tuesday evenings [through February 28th](#), Bob Rupe is teaching an introductory class for women at PYC - selected topics from various USPS classes are being presented. Hopefully the classes will generate interest among PYC members in taking formal USPS classes.

[Sunday, March 5](#), and [Saturday, April 8](#), the TWRA boating safety classes will be given at Lakeshore Marina. In early May, the class will also be given at McCallie school. Having dates established for TWRA classes before the boat show may help in signing up participants. Please contact Bob Rupe at rrupes@comcast.net if you can help with registration or grading.

Early March, an instructor recertification class will be offered for those who teach TWRA classes. Please email rrupes@comcast.net if you are interested. Also, please indicate any preferred dates for the class.

Two people have expressed interest in Advanced Piloting so Bob Rupe and Jack Cook may teach the class starting in March.

Based on feedback from the PYC Class and the TWRA classes, a Seamanship class may be offered this April and May.

If you are interested in teaching a specific class, especially Electrical, Communications, or Weather, please contact rrupes@comcast.net.

Bob

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Secretary's Message

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Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron Membership Meeting 14 January 2017 Amigos Restaurant – Island Cove

Cdr Varner, SN opened the Change of Watch Meeting. He thanked everyone for coming and their support during his term as Commander. He presented the Jarnigan Award to John DiPrima and lunch was served.

P/C Joe Blass, AP gave the report of the Financial Review Committee and Tom Street's records were found to be in good order with all the deposits, withdrawals, receipts checked by the committee.

P/D/C Robert Heck, SN installed the new Commander John P. Cook, SN and the new bridge members.

Cdr Cook then gave us a few items that will help our membership grow and thanked all those who have helped in the past and those new members stepping up to help.

Linda Grotjan showed the membership the new name tags as established by the Branding Manual and John DiPrima made the motion that the squadron purchase all present members, and any new members the new name tags. It was seconded by Patricia Varner and approved by all.

Notes from Linda Grotjan
Past Secretary

A word of note: I have a printed copy of our C-Way for each month going back to January 2013. These copies will be with me at each meeting for anyone's review, and a reproduced copy will be available upon your request. A list of events through May are listed below, and the volunteer list for the Chattanooga Boat Show follows the Calendar.

Lt/C Dan Birchett
2017 Secretary

2017 Calendar of Events

Boat Show	Thursday Feb 2 - Sunday Feb 5	Convention Center
National Meeting	Sunday Feb 19 - Sunday Feb 26	Orlando, FL
Chattanooga USPS	Tuesday Feb 21 (3 rd Tuesday/Mo)	Privateer Yacht Club
District Conference	Friday Mar 31 - Sunday Apr 2	Lake Chattuge, Hiwassee
TWRA Class	Sunday March 5	Lakeshore Marina 10-4

Monday, February 13, 2017

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Volunteers for Boat Show 2017						
	Thursday 2 Feb	Friday 3 Feb		Saturday 4 Feb		Sunday 5 Feb
10:00 AM - 12:00PM	n/a	n/a	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Don & Linda Grotjan	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	open
	n/a	n/a				
	n/a	n/a				
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM	n/a	John DiPalma	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Don & Linda Grotjan	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	open
	n/a	Bob Rupe				
	n/a					
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Jack Cook	Jack Cook	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Jack Cook		
	Bob Rupe	Bob & Marty Heck				
	Brian Conwall					
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Bob & Marty Heck	Tom Street	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	John Smith		
	Mac Cross	David Varner		Jim Kuemmel		
	Kaki Thornton					
			6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	John Smith		
				Jim Kuemmel		