



Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

There was another large turnout for our membership meeting September 13th on the Boat Club Dock at Island Cove Marina. Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed the fine fellowship of a traditional "All American Cookout" provided by Herman and JoAnn Green. Minutes of the meeting, prepared by our Squadron Secretary, Sandy Schoonmaker, and are included in this issue of the C-Way.

The next two meetings will be at Privateer Yacht Club, "Oktoberfest" on **Friday**, October 17th, and the chili dinner on Saturday, November 22nd.

The Oktoberfest theme may be a new one for our squadron, but it's shaping up to be a meeting that you won't want to miss. I did a little research, and found that the world's largest Oktoberfest, in Munich, Germany, started in 1810 to celebrate the marriage of Bavaria's Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese. It actually lasts 15 days, ending on the first Sunday in October. This year it was from September 20th to October 5th. The world's second largest, and this country's largest, is "Oktoberfest Zinzinnati." It starts on the same day, but only lasts two days, which arguably makes it a "Septemberfest." Well, by comparison, ours will be very small, will only last an evening, but it's definitely in October.

The menu, which appears elsewhere in this issue of the C-Way, includes what my dad's parents, who were born in Germany, would have called "bier, bratwurstbrot, sauerkraut und kartoffelsalat." The first item refers to the keg of draft Oktoberfest beer, donated by Big River Grille & Brewing Works in downtown Chattanooga, which is celebrating Oktoberfest every day this month. I had some recently and heartily recommend it. The credit for the donation goes to associate member Tim Tyson, who knows the person to ask at Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant Group, Inc. Sandy Schoonmaker, who is of German descent, is responsible for most of the other items on the menu, but Norm Oien will be grilling the sausages and my wife Carole, who is also part German, is bringing the appetizers.

The cost will be \$8.00, and you can BYOB, if you prefer. As usual, we'll start to gather at 6:00 pm and have dinner at about 7:00 pm. I hope others will join me in helping to set things up before dinner and clean up afterward.

New Members

The membership certificates of Mike & Deborah Arnold, Matt & Dawn Townson, and Tom Clark came in the mail recently, officially making them our newest members. Welcome aboard!

Merit Marks

Recommendations for merit marks are to be submitted to USPS by November 15th. Don & Linda Grotian are working hard on the documentation. If you haven't already done so, please contact them at 843-9743 or dlgrotjan@aol.com to make sure that they are aware of all of your efforts for the squadron this year.

Community Involvement

Two rowing events are coming up. Last year several squadron members assisted at these events.

The Chattanooga Head Race will be run on Saturday, October 11th, which unfortunately conflicts with the USPS District 17 conference. For more information, follow the link:

<http://www.chattanoogaheadrace.com/>

To volunteer for this event, contact the Regatta Director, Mike Connors, at ConnorsMP@aol.com.

The Head of the Hooch Regatta will be run on Saturday, November 1st, and Sunday, November 2nd. For more information, follow the link:

<http://www.headofthehooch.org/>

To volunteer for this event, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Thompson, at volunteer@headofthehooch.org or Bernie Burgener, at bburgener@hotmail.com, who is in charge of the safety boats.



CHATTANOOGA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON SCHEDULE OF FUN FOR 2008-2009

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| ▪ November 22
Chili Dinner | Privateer Yacht Club |
| ▪ December 14 (Sunday) | Molly & Lloyd Cox's
home |
| ▪ January 10, 2009 | Change of Watch |

Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron serves as Safety Boats for the TN Bluewater Canoe and Kayak Races 20 September 2008



Don & Linda Grotjan



Rick & Sandy Schoonmaker

OCTOBERFEST – FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER, 2008

DATE: FRIDAY, October 17

PLACE: Privateer Yacht Club

TIME: 6:00 PM Social Hour 7:00 PM Dinner

COST: \$8.00/person

MENU: German Hors D'Oeuvres

Bratwurst in a bun

Sauerkraut

German Potato Salad

German Apple Salad

German Chocolate Cake

BEVERAGES: Draft "Oktoberfest Bier"*

Soda

Sweetened Ice Tea

*Donated by Big River Grille & Brewing Works in downtown Chattanooga

Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron
Membership Meeting
12 September 2008
Island Cove Marina
Chattanooga, TN

Thirty-five members and guests attended the All American Cookout hosted by Herman and JoAnn Green.

Cdr. Joe Blass called the meeting to order at 1930.

Cdr. Blass thanked the Greens for providing the excellent food and also those who had prepared the hors d'oeuvres beforehand.

Cdr. Blass thanked P/C Tom Street for bringing the Ship's Store supplies with him and encouraged members to purchase items from the store. Cdr. Blass indicated the need for the Executive Committee to review the status of the Ships Store and the sell-out of the items in the inventory.

Cdr. Blass has received a report from the USPS Governing Board and will share with the members any pertinent data.

Member Lynn Smith was presented with her Membership Certificate and officially sworn in as a member of CSPS.

P/St/C Don and Lt Linda Grotjan have prepared a preliminary Merit Mark Report. Members who have served this past year are encouraged to check with them to be sure they have received credit for work they have completed.

Cdr. Blass announced that Lt Lorraine Ford has enrolled several new members this past month and that six students, including several new members, have completed a Seamanship Class taught by 1/Lt Ed Ford.

Cdr. Blass has renewed the squadron's State Sales Tax Exemption and has received a copy of the letter verifying the organization's 501(c)3 status. The paperwork is on file with the Treasurer. The sales tax exemption may only be used for purchases consumed by the squadron, not for purchases that will be resold.

The Atlanta Power Squadron has invited Chattanooga members to join them on their cruise from Chattanooga to Watts Bar September 26-28.

The D17 Conference will be held in Huntsville, AL October 10-12. Several Chattanooga members will be making presentations during Break-out sessions. All members are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will be an Oktoberfest held at Privateer Yacht Club on October 17. Associate member Tim Tyson has received a donation of a keg of beer from Big River Grill. P/D/C Norm Oien will be in charge of the COW in January and is considering options for the event.

There are several opportunities for Community Involvement with the up-coming rowing events . Included are the October 11 Head Race and the Head of the Hootch on October 31. Don Grotjan and Joe Blass both have information for those who wish to volunteer.

D/Lt/C John DiPrima has been certified as a Red Cross CPR, AED, First Aid Instructor. He is willing to schedule trainings for members of CSPS.

The US Coast Guard has presented CSPS with four Mustang Survival inflatable PFDs that are to be used by the squadron during any public boating activity including VSC exams, boating courses and boat shows.

Cdr. Blass is required to submit reports of usage.

Don Grotjan reported on the Highland Sportsman's Club Youth Show where squadron members demonstrated PFDs and inflated one for the participants to see.

Norm Oien introduced P/D/C John Cook who has returned to the area from California where he was one of the recipients of the Chapman Educator Awards. Cdr. Blass welcomed new Associate Members Tammy and Mike Litke.

D/Lt/C Molly Cox reported that Lt/C Tom Garverick has received an Education Proficiency Award. This will be presented at the District Fall Conference. She then reported on the up-coming D17 meeting and encouraged members to submit their meal reservations to Lloyd Cox as soon as possible. The weekend event will be held at the Four Points Sheraton. Changes to the agenda include the cancellation of Ed Ford's Sunday talk and the substitution by Sandy Schoonmaker for the Saturday PRO Break-out session.

Herman Green reported from the Governing Board for the Education Department:

- *As of the end of February, all courses have been rewritten.

- *All courses are now geared to active boat handling and include the latest in electronic tools

- *The Boat Operating Certificate on the water courses are all now available.

Cdr. Blass reminded members of the next three meeting and mentioned that Don Moon will be speaking at the Oktoberfest.

Meeting adjourned 2015.

Sandy Schoonmaker, SN
Secretary

Dear Outdoor Chattanooga Volunteers and Friends,

I have had a special request from the Lookout Rowing Club. They need an army of volunteers for the Head of the Hooch Rowing Regatta the first weekend of November. This event is the largest that we host on the waterfront: 1,400 rowing teams, 5,000 rowers, 10,000 spectators, it's a ZOO!

If you have not seen this event, you have missed the biggest competitive three-ring circus that Chattanooga hosts—loads of high-energy fun.

Volunteer shifts begin on Thursday, Oct. 30 and end on Sunday, Nov. 2. People are needed to fill 4-hour shifts for the following jobs:

Dock master on the launch and recovery dock.

This person helps the teams get their boats and oars out of the water without losing life, limb, and balance. If you want to be right in the thick of the action, this job is for you.

Course installation

Putting buoys and markers on the course, and taking them off the course after the event.

Muscle is needed for this job.

Road closure

Monitor race traffic and direct regular traffic away from the race venue.

Trailer parking

Direct teams as to where they should park their rigs in the Republic Parking lot.

Crowd Control

Keeping teams and spectators from colliding during the event.

Launch Drivers

Pilot John boats on the course during practice on Friday and competition on Saturday and Sunday.

Interested volunteers can contact me, or get in touch directly with Ann Cater of the Lookout Rowing Club. If you can't volunteer, please pass this information on to someone you think might be interested.

Contact Ann Cater:

(423) 653-4504

(423) 622-0889

adcater@bellsouth.net

P.S. We will also need volunteers for two-hour shifts at the Bicycle Valet lot on Chestnut and 2nd Streets, on Saturday, Nov. 2, from about 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can contact me directly about this job. Better yet, bring your bicycle, park it in the valet lot, work a volunteer shift, then go watch the action. The race venue runs up along the Riverwalk from Ross' Landing to just below S. Chickamauga Creek.

Thanks Y'all!

-Ruthie

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