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Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron

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Commander's Message

April 2009

Molly Cox, AP

P/C Joseph J. Blass, AP, Acting Commander – jjblass@comcast.net

The March 7th membership meeting at Privateer Yacht Club was very well attended. No doubt the 38 members and guests were anxious to get an early start on St. Patrick's Day by sitting down to a traditional Irish-American dinner of corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. It was prepared by our celebrated chef, Norm Oien, with the able assistance of Sandy Schoonmaker, John and Susan Smith, Mary Bricker-Jenkins and probably several others who somehow escaped my notice. It was my pleasure to administer the USPS oath to new members John and Marti Powell, and to present a 25-year pin to Bob McMahan. Best of all, Commander Molly Cox was there, receiving best wishes from all of her friends in the squadron. Following dinner we had a very interesting presentation by Matt Majors of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Our next membership meeting will be on April 18th at Aris' Harborlight Marina Restaurant. If the weather is good, we'll be outside on the deck. If not, we'll seek shelter inside. Either way, we should have a great time.

The District Conference in Pigeon Forge, March 20th – 22nd, featured presentations by National Education Officer Bob Sweet and his Assistant, our own Herman Green, on the new educational initiatives being undertaken by USPS.

District 17 Bridge 2009-2010

Don Grotjan, Dale Hamilton, John DiPrima, Mike Scher, Margaret Sherrod, and Jeff Wise



Lorraine and Ed Ford recently completed two very important squadron publications, the 33-page 2009 Members Directory and the 15-page New Member Handbook. Both are very well written and contain a wealth of useful information. The Directory will be distributed to all members, starting with those who attend the next few membership meetings, and the Handbook will be given to new members, as a compliment to the Directory and as a guide to understanding squadron organization and activities. Our thanks are due to Lorraine and Ed, for a difficult job very well done.

Ed Ford recently informed me of his earnest desire to make a transition out of the Squadron Education Officer position so that he could focus more on teaching than administration of our educational program. I conveyed this information to the Executive Committee and a few other key members of the squadron. Fortunately, Chapman Award Winner Jack Cook offered to help in any way that he could, and in accordance with the Squadron By-Laws, the Executive Committee assigned the duties of SEO to him. Ed made it clear that he would work closely with Jack to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Executive Officer's Message

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No message for this issue.

Administrative Officer's Message

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WITH APRIL COMES SPRING!

The month of April marks the beginning of consistently warm weather and the rising waters of the surrounding lakes. With these two ideas in mind, this month's meeting will be held on the deck at Aris' Harbor Lights Marina Restaurant on 18 April. Hopefully the water levels will have risen sufficiently that most boaters will be able to choose to come by water and the temperatures will be warm enough that we can eat outdoors on the deck.

If, however, the weather and water do not cooperate, we can all come by car and eat indoors!

The menu is in keeping with a "Deck Party" and the enclosed flyer will list your choices. Keep in mind when you evaluate the cost of the meals that you are paying for the very hearty sandwich, plus steak fries, plus the dessert, plus iced tea, plus the tip and taxes. That is how the numbers add up so quickly when we have restaurant meals. Aris has a bar that serves beer, you are allowed to bring your own wine for which you pay a nominal corkage fee and sodas will be discounted for those who prefer it to iced tea. Although it is more expensive, we have included the Grouper Sandwich, probably the best known item on their menu. I hope to see a whole lot of you there for socialization at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. And please remember, that restaurants are not always forgiving with last minute cancellations!!!

The other exciting thing that happened since our last newsletter is that the Membership Directory is available! The time and effort that goes into putting this together is unimaginable and both Lorraine and Ed Ford deserve our sincerest of thanks!!! Lorraine is distributing the directories by hand since mailing would be prohibitive. They'll be at the April meeting giving you another reason to attend.

The Directory lists the Calendar for the year. Please take time to look over the dates and then to record them on your own calendar so that we have a great turn-out each month. If changes to the calendar become necessary, they will be announced in the C-Way and on our WEB site, www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga.

Education Officer's Message

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No message for this issue.

Treasurer's Message

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This is the time of year that all treasures love, dues time. All that money coming in. Most of us will receive our dues notification next month. The good news is if you have additional family members on you bill, your bill should go down. The squadron has changed its billing to match that of national so that any additional family members are covered by an single half of local dues or 12.50. If you are a new member do not feel left out your dues notification will come in the month you joined.

Rick

WELCOME TO OUR WEB SITE

www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga

There have been many improvements to our local WEB site and we encourage members to “check it out”.

The Home Page still lists the up-coming venue for the monthly meeting.

The big change is that there is now a directory at the top of the page that sends you to various other sites of interest. If you missed the last meeting, there is a site on which photos of the event are recorded. If you lost your C-Way or want to know something from a past issue, click on the site and browse to you're content.

There is also a link to the District WEB site which will soon be featuring the details of the exciting trips that are being planned for district members: a spring 2010 trip on the Canals of France and a fall 2010 trip on the Erie Canal.

The WEB site is a tool that is immediately available for any questions you may have regarding our squadron and its activities. List it on your “Favorites” and refer to it frequently. If there are items not included, please feel free to share your thoughts with our WEB Master, Rick Schoonmaker.

λϞ **DINNER ON THE DECK** Ϟλ

APRIL 18, 2009

6:00 pm Social

7:00 Dinner

COME BY BOAT*, COME BY CAR

MENU

Each meal includes sandwich, steak fries, choice of carrot cake or chocolate delight cake, iced tea. Tax and gratuities included.

Jumbo Cheeseburger (10-12 oz) - \$15.00

BBQ Pork Sandwich with Slaw - \$15.00

Grouper Sandwich - \$19.00

Reservations must include choice of entrée.

The restaurant has a bar; members may bring their own wine (corkage fee will be charged).

- To check water levels, call Aris' Harbor Lights at 423.843.2800
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Secretary's Message

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7 MARCH 2009

PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB

With 38 members and guests in attendance, the evening convened with the invocation by P/D/C Norm Oien, followed by a corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Acting Commander Joe Blass called the meeting to order at 2000.

He thanked Norm Oien, Sandy Schoonmaker, John and Susan Smith, Mary Bricker Jenkins, and all the members who contributed to the evening's meal.

He recognized Commander Molly Cox, AP, who thanked the members of the bridge for carrying on for her during her unanticipated illness. She then reminded folks of the up-coming D17 Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN, and encouraged members to attend.

A/Cdr Joe Blass then asked new members, John and Marti Powell, to stand and be sworn in. He welcomed them.

A/Cdr Blass then presented Bob McMahan with his 25 Year Pin.

Membership Chairman Lorraine Ford introduced Susan Smith as the newest member of CSPA.

Administrative Officer Sandy Schoonmaker announced the next meeting for Aris Harborlights Marina Restaurant on 18 April. The date was changed in hopes that members will be able to come by boat as well as by car. The meal will be on the deck, weather permitting. She also stated that in Norm's absence in May there was a need for someone to cook the hot dogs and hamburgers at Island Cove. The meal will be potluck. Mary Bricker Jenkins volunteered to do the cooking.

Sandy Schoonmaker then introduced Matt Majors of the TWRA who gave a presentation about his agency.

Meeting adjourned at 2100.

Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

Administrative Officer

Vessel Safety Examiner Chairman

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Don Grotjan traveled to Percy Priest Yacht Club in Nashville, TN and certified Nathan B. Dosier as a new Vessel Examiner for D17. Nathan was very excited and inspected 8 boats on a very cold day. His enthusiasm and determination to have all his yacht club boats in good order was fantastic. If you would like to become a vessel examiner and have your yacht club boats, marina dock boats, etc. "Safe" please let me know and we'll work on getting you certified too! Don Grotjan



Nathan B. Dosier

Don Grotjan

Editor's Input

Copied from the Atlanta's Waterlog (Feb. 2009)

BOATERS, FLOATERS, PADDLERS AND SAILORS

Boaters are a strange breed.

They come in several varieties, paddlers, fishpersons, skiers, racers, sailors, cruisers, and house boaters to name a few. All exhibit unique characteristics, but all share at least one underlying common trait.

Paddlers like the peaceful excursions up and down the creeks and rivers in the kayaks or canoes. Their entertainment is the soft sound of the oar dipping into the water, the birds songs in the trees or marsh grass, and the occasional whoosh of a dolphin sounding or a splash from a fish jumping.

Fish persons tend to favor outboard – powered boats or big sports cruisers to get them where the fish are and back quickly. Their entertainment is partly in the ride but mostly in the catch.

Skiers – and I include wake boarders and wind surfers here – are into physical water sports. Skiers and wake boarders favor small, fast, runabouts, that are highly maneuverable on the water. Their entertainment comes from the thrill of being towed across the water at fast speeds.

Boat racers are the NASCAR drivers of the water. They love speed, the deafening roar of enormous engines and the exhilaration of being aboard the relatively small and light weight boat propelled by all that horsepower.

Sailors consider themselves the only true boaters – and frankly they have a strong argument. Whether maneuvering a 10 ft cat boat along tidal creeks or captaining a 30-m sloop across the Atlantic, sailors get their kicks in handling their boat. Unlike most other types of boaters, to a sailor being on their boat is the end; it's not the means.

Cruisers are a lot like sailors, except they don't like to work as hard. They also feel that being on their boat is the important thing and where they're going or why they're going there is somewhat secondary. They'd just rather point the bow in the right direction and shove the throttle levers forward instead of having to do all trimming and furling and tacking (I got tired just thinking about it).

Some have said, "House boaters are floaters, not boaters," but I disagree. There are some very competent skippers whose vessel of choice happens to come with a washer and dryer. If you don't believe me, watch someone dock a 75 footer in a tight slip. Add a light crosswind and it's not an easy task. House boaters simply like to feel at home when they are out on the water, or enjoying a beautiful sunset at their dock.

So with all this variety, what is the common thread that binds us together? It's a love of the water – more specifically, a love of being on the water. It may be feeling the spray in your face as you jump the wake behind your ski boat. It may be getting the trim just right as you set out on a new tack. Or it may be taking pictures of turtles sunning themselves on a piece of driftwood. Whatever it is, it can only happen on the water. HAPPY BOATING!!!!

CSPS-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- APRIL:** 18 ARIS' HARBOR LIGHT MARINA
RESTAURANT Hixson, TN
- MAY:** 9 GREAT AMERICAN COOKOUT
Island Cove Yacht Club Boat Dock
- JUNE:** 6 ANNUAL FISH FRY
Jack & Rachel Vincent Hiwassee River Place
26-28 KNOXVILLE POWER SQUADRON RENDEZVOUS
Terrace View Resort
- JULY:** 11 ANNUAL STEAK FRY
Home of Pete and Jane Duvoisin
- AUGUST:** 8 JERK CHICKEN ISLAND PARTY
Island Cove Yacht Club Dock
- SEPT. :** 8-13 USPS GOVERNING BOARD
Kansas City, Missouri
19 DINNER ON THE DOCK
Island Cove Yacht Club Dock
- OCT:** 17 OKTOBERFEST
Privateer Yacht Club
23-25 D17 Fall Conference – Oak Ridge, TN
- NOV:** 6-9 HEAD OF THE HOOCH VOLUNTEER EVENT
Chattanooga River Front
21 CHILI SUPPER
Privateer Yacht Club
- DEC.:** 11 CHRISTMAS PARTY = TBD
- JANUARY:** 9 CHANGE OF WATCH
Valley Brook Country Club

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga/
for more pictures and details of our events.
