

# THE C-WAY



## Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron

Sail and Power Boating

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February 2009

### Commander's Message

Molly Cox, AP – [lcox101@comcast.net](mailto:lcox101@comcast.net)

Message by P/C Joseph J. Blass, AP, Acting Commander – [jjblass@comcast.net](mailto:jjblass@comcast.net)

At the beginning of the year, members of the Squadron's Executive Committee were very distressed to learn that Commander-Elect Molly Cox, AP, had experienced a recurrence of a serious illness and would not be able to attend the annual Change of Watch on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Accordingly, arrangements were made to administer the oath of office as Commander to Molly in her home a short time before other elected members of the bridge were installed at Valleybrook Country Club. Everyone present offered their congratulations to Molly, along with their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Executive Committee subsequently met on January 18<sup>th</sup>, and in accordance with the Squadron By-Laws, assigned the duties of Commander to immediate P/C Joseph Blass, AP, and the duties of Member of the Executive Committee to P/C John R. DiPrima, AP. Both assignments are to end when Molly is able to assume those duties.

Among other things, the Executive Committee also heard from Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Edward J. Ford, AP, on the schedule of courses for the year and from Squadron Administrative Officer Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN, on the schedule of membership meetings for the year. Their reports appear in this issue of the C-Way.

The Executive Committee also adopted a policy regarding "no shows." Many of our monthly meetings are held at restaurants, or are catered, and reservations are required. Since the squadron is usually charged for the number of reservations made, members who do not attend, and who do not cancel their reservations before the announced deadline, will be expected to bear the cost of the reservations.

### Executive Officer's Message

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No message for this issue.

**Administrative Officer's Message**

Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN - [schoon67@comast.net](mailto:schoon67@comast.net)

**VALENTINE'S DINNER AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**13 FEBRUARY 2009**

**6:00 PM – SOCIAL HOUR (cash bar) 7:00 - DINNER**

**Bring your partner and join your friends for an enjoyable evening of dining and fellowship at:**

**FOX CAY RESTAURANT**

6701 Highway 58

Island Cove Marina

**Choose from one of the following dinners:**

Wood Grilled Ribeye \$23.00

Wood Grilled Tuna \$24.00

Little Harbour Chicken Breast \$22.00

All dinners include bread, salad, one additional side, dessert (chocolate cake/bread pudding) and a choice of tea, coffee, or soft drink.

(A child's menu is available and can be ordered upon arrival.)

**Make your reservation RESERVE YOUR ENTRÉE when you are contacted via e-mail or phone. RESERVATIONS FINAL AFTER TWELVE NOON ON 11 FEBRUARY.**

**To cancel: contact Sandy Schoonmaker at [Schoon67@comcast.net](mailto:Schoon67@comcast.net) or 553-8849.**

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January was a busy month with planning the calendar of events for the up-coming year. We have twelve months worth of meetings but as the year progresses we may have to make some alterations, so read your C-Way, check our WEB site, or check your email to be sure you keep informed.

As in the past, several of our events are meals that will be cooked by our squadron members. In order to make their job easier we are asking this year that there be at least one member or family who volunteers to be the Assistant to the Cook. The duties will vary depending upon the cook, but overall the assistant would be available for set up, table decorations if needed, arranging for the hors d'oeuvres before the meal, and most importantly with the clean-up. I think you will all agree that we have some great meals and we want to keep those cooks happy!!! There will be a sign-up sheet at the February meeting and every meeting thereafter until the openings are filled. A reminder, this will count toward your merit mark!

A policy that was enacted a few years ago is going to be reinstated this year. For catered meals (those not cooked by a squadron member) there will be a published reservation dead-line after which the member will be asked to pay the cost of the meal regardless of attendance. The squadron

is billed for the number of reservations and has had to pay for those who failed to cancel and failed to attend. To cancel, you may contact your caller or contact me directly at [schoon67@comcast.net](mailto:schoon67@comcast.net) or 423.553.8849.

And last but not least, the format of the Calling Committee will be changing this year. Each of you has been contacted and asked to indicate your preference...a phone call or an email? If you don't respond, we are assuming an email is your choice. If you choose a phone call, you will be called as normal. If you choose an email, you may then respond by email and your attendance will be compiled and given to me for meal orders. Remember, you have a choice, so please respond to make your wishes known. At this time, we are in need of someone who would be willing to work on this committee, either as the Caller or the Email Contact. Use the above to contact me if you are interested. Another way to earn your merit mark!!

### Education Officer's Message

Edward J. Ford, AP – [edjford@comcast.net](mailto:edjford@comcast.net)

#### The COW 2009 SEO Notes on Status of Members Classes for 2008

Kudos to: *in-class students for Seamanship, Piloting, and Junior Navigation, and Instructor Development*

- *Seamanship:*
  - Deb Arnold, Eric & Mark Childress, Tom Clark, and Matt Townson passed this past fall,
  - and in the spring we had Bo & Marti Powell and Ron Childress
  - Both of these Seamanship sessions were accelerated and completed in about 2 ½ weeks of instruction
- *Piloting:*
  - attaboy to **Bill Simons** who was credited with Piloting this year
  - and attaboys to our current Piloting students: Deb Arnold, Mike Arnold, Eric & Mark Childress, Ron Childress, Tom Clark, and Matt Townson
- *Instructor Development:* Congratulations to the Instructor Development students for the initiative to take ID:
  - Deborah & Mike Arnold, Matt Townson, Tom Garverick, John DiPrima, and Ed Ford

Special Kudos to *self-study students 3:*

- Herman Green for WX
- Tom Garverick for EM and SA (and CP and ME late in 2007)
- Ed Ford for EM and ME (SA and AS in progress)

The *Special Endurance Awards* go to...

- the *Junior Navigation* students:
  - Lloyd & Molly Cox, John DiPrima, Ed Ford, Tom Garverick, Luke Spiekermann, Norm Oien, and Tom Street
  - and our auditors: Janice and Ben Owen

And the *Special Endurance Award Instructor Division* goes to...(drum roll please)

- our own Herman Green...many thanks for hanging in there, HG!

Special Note:

*Mike Arnold occupies a special USPS category which we are implementing whereby if you hold a USCG Captains license you can be waived on Seamanship; if you hold a Masters License you can be waived for Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting. Mike's experience and background as a Master has already proven to be of value as an in-class resource and we look forward to him continuing as an in-class Auditor.*

Current Stuff:

- *P Piloting class is in progress and due to finish up the end of this month, test received*
- *ID Instructor Development course is in progress, with student presentations this Sunday pm*
- *AP Advanced Piloting class due to start soon after Piloting*
  - *If you are already an AP or higher (but it's been awhile) consider auditing for refresher and updating. You can even take the exam (discretely if you wish) without jeopardizing your present grade.*

The *Weather* course may be an interrupt to the navigation series if it soon becomes available; otherwise, due to local demand, we will kick off the *Marine Electronics* series after the navigation. The ME series will also be used as a prerequisite to a course of study leading to an FCC HAM license.

I would encourage anyone planning to pursue the FCC license to start thinking of joining a local HAM club (to find an Elmer) and prepare to be involved in the June HAM Field Day exercises

New Stuff

- *a 3-Year Rolling Schedule has been drafted (and will be sent to our web site for publication*
  - *the schedule is expected to be volatile and will need frequent updating by Education*
- *a New Members Handbook is being developed and will be circulated for comments deletions, additions, or modifications*
  - *Target completion is for start of Public Courses and perhaps the Boat Show*
  - *The NMH is a cooperative effort between Education and Membership*

Submitted by

EJ Ford, SEO

Saturday, January 10, 2009

**Secretary's Message**

[Jo Ann Green, AP – joannwgreen@aol.com](mailto:joannwgreen@aol.com)

Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron

Membership Meeting

10 January 2009

Valleybrook Country Club

Port of Chattanooga, TN

Commander Joseph Blass, AP, called the meeting to order at 1900.

The Presentation of Colors was conducted by P/D/C Norman Oien, AP and P/Stf/C Donald Grotjan, SN. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/C Malcolm Cross, JN and the Invocation was given by Stf/C Herman Green, AP.

Cdr. Blass related that Molly Cox, AP, is very ill and unable to attend the COW. At 1700 the Bridge members joined P/D/C Janis Owen, JN, at the Cox residence where Molly was sworn in as Commander and presented her with her Commander's flag.

Lynda DiPrima, S, presented the squadron with a thank you note from the Samaritan Center for the Christmas gifts donated by members at the holiday party in December.

The meeting was recessed at 1915 for dinner.

The meeting was reconvened at 2000.

P/D/C Norm Oien presented an audit report.

Cdr. Blass introduced guests mentioning that P/D/C Janis Owen was also an associate member of CSPS and would be the D17 swearing in officer. He then introduced D/Lt/C Jeffrey Wise, SN, and his wife Patti who are members of the Atlanta Squadron. He also welcomed four year old Chance, son of new members Matt and Dawn Townson.

P/D/C Oien and D/Lt/C Wise then presented an original skit.

The following Past Commanders were then acknowledged: Sandra Schoonmaker, SN, Cocoa Beach; Donald Grotjan, SN, Decatur, Ill and CSPS, Joseph Blass, Oakridge; and Malcolm Cross, JN, William Williamson, P, Martha Williamson, P, Norman Oien, AP, Herman Green, AP, John Cook, SN, John DiPrima, AP all of CSPS.

Assistant SEO Edward Ford, AP, presented a year-end report which is attached herein.

Cdr Blass announced that Lynda DiPrima and John Hearn had both earned their Sr. Members status. He asked the members to note the 28 members who earned Merit Marks

Cdr. Blass commended members Lorraine and Ed Ford, Rick and Sandy Schoonmaker, and Linda and Don Grotjan for their numerous contributions to the squadron this past year. He thanked John DiPrima for assistance with scheduling for the past year and Norm Oien for his contributions to the meetings, including the coordinating the COW. He then presented the Frank W. Jarnagin Memorial Award for Excellence in Service to Lt. Linda Grotjan.

Stf/C Herman Green updated the membership on issues concerning the national organization, stating that the meeting in Annaheim, California will result in a change of the funding base from membership dues to a market base. He emphasized that the organization is dependant upon the individual squadrons and members should feel empowered to share their thoughts with national officers, himself included.

Guest, D/Lt/C Jeff Wise gave a brief talk emphasizing the importance of marketing squadrons locally and to be sure that the "fun" part of membership is not left out of the annual planning. He suggested squadrons need to increase boating activities to encourage and keep new members.

Cdr. Blass then turned the meeting over to P/D/C Janis Owen for the installation of officers.

The following 2009 Bridge Members were called forward and sworn in:

Executive Officer – Lt/C Thomas J. Garverick, AP

Educational Officer - Lt/C Edward Ford, AP  
Administrative Officer P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN  
Secretary - Lt/C JoAnn Green, AP  
Treasurer - Lt/C Richard Schoonmaker, SN

She turned the meeting over to P/C Blass who announced that the Executive Board would be meeting at his home on January 18 to make plans for the upcoming year. At that time, he will accept Executive Board approval to act in Cdr. Molly Cox's place until such time that her health allows her to assume her duties.

Executive Officer, Lt/C Garverick announced the Chattanooga Boat Show will be held January 29 – February 1, and he needed volunteers for the CSPA booth. Sign-up sheets were available after the meeting.

The colors were retired at 2100 and the meeting adjourned.

Sandra R. Schoonmaker, SN  
Secretary

### **Treasurer's Message**

Richard D. Schoonmaker, SN - [schoon67@comcast.net](mailto:schoon67@comcast.net)

No message for this issue.

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**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: [www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga/](http://www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga/)  
for more pictures and details of our events.**

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## CSPS-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEBRUARY:** 13 VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER  
Fox Cay Restaurant  
17-22 USPS ANNUAL MEETING  
Garden Grove, California
- MARCH:** 7 CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE  
Privateer Yacht Club  
20-22 DISTRICT 17 SPRING CONFERENCE  
Pigeon Forge, TN
- APRIL:** 4 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.:** 9-11 DISTRICT 17 FALL CONFERENCE  
Nashville, TN  
17 OKTOBERFEST  
Privateer Yacht Club
- 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



## Welcome to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for the District 17 Spring 2009 Conference!

Nestled on a 25-acre farm just two blocks off the Parkway in Pigeon Forge, the MainStay Suites was built to accommodate a particular kind of guest to the Smokies. . . a guest who enjoys quietness and privacy, but one who prefers to be within walking distance to all the shopping and conveniences that this mountain city offers.

MainStay Suites  
410 Pine Mountain Road  
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 37863  
**(888) 428-8350**

**The weekend of 20-22 March** is the date of the Spring Conference which includes the Change of Watch. Scheduled later in early spring, it should be a perfect time to visit this Smokey Mountain resort.

The room rate is only **\$79.00 plus tax** with these special rates available two days prior to and two days after the scheduled dates. What better deal could you ask for an extended visit to this popular tourist area!?!?

Each room contains two double beds as well as a complete kitchen for your convenience. Also included are free local calls and hi-speed internet connections

The amenities of the resort are complimented by the beauty of the acreage surrounding the buildings. And just a short distance away are the attractions of Pigeon Forge, including restaurants, shops, shows, including Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede.

With a busy schedule of conference events and so many outside attractions, everyone will be happy to note that the indoor heated pool and outdoor heated pool with hot tub are great spots to relax and socialize with other squadron members.



So why aren't you on the phone making your reservations!?!?!?

**REMEMBER: Call the hotel resort directly and state that you are with the D17 Conference to assure you are booked in a room in our reserved area and charged the \$79.00 plus tax fee for your stay!!**

A Registration Form is attached and you may also find one in the D17 News or email [schoon67@comcast.net](mailto:schoon67@comcast.net) for a form.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Friday night's Original Country Buffet and at the Saturday evening seated meal featuring Bistro Filet and the **2009 Change of Watch**.

# DISTRICT 17 2009 SPRING CONFERENCE

## United States Power Squadrons

Hosted by the Knoxville Squadron and the District Meetings Committee  
The MainStay Suites, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

### Meals Reservations Form

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Other in Party (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night, 20 March 2009

Dinner -

#### **Original Country Buffet**

Pit Cooked Pulled Pork  
Roasted Chicken  
Fried Farm-Raised Catfish  
Potato Salad Baked Beans  
Corn-on-the-Cob  
Cole Slaw  
Hushpuppies and Rolls  
Condiments Tray and Extra Sauces  
Blackberry Cobbler

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets \$24.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Morning, 21 March 2009

Breakfast -

Complimentary

Saturday Noon, 21 March 2009

Lunch -

#### **Soup and Salad Sideboard**

Vegetable Beef Soup  
Assortment of Deli Meats, Cheeses and Breads  
Cole Slaw  
Potato Salad  
Brownies

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @\$13.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night, 22 March 2009

Dinner -

#### **Plated Bistro Filet Dinner**

Tossed Salad  
Bistro Steak Filet  
Baked Potato  
Vegetable Medley  
Apple Pie with Caramel Drizzle

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$ 20.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SUBMITTED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All meals include freshly brewed iced tea, regular and decaffeinated coffee and lemonade.

All meals are inclusive of tax and gratuity.

Dinner reservations must be received no later than 12 March 2009

Make checks payable to: **District 17 Meetings Committee**

Mail check and this completed form to:

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