

# THE C-WAY



## Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron

Sail and Power Boating

A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons® - District 17

America's Boating Club®



March 2009

### Commander's Message

Molly Cox, AP

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

The Valentine's Dinner on February 13th was very enjoyable. The food and service at Fox Cay Restaurant, Island Cove Marina, was very good, and after dinner, our guests, Britta and Kent Kendervater, described their experiences living aboard their sailboat for many years before settling in the Chattanooga area. Attendance was a little less than last year, so Carole and I decided to present two roses, instead of one, to each of the ladies present, along with our best wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day.

An able team composed of Ed Ford, John DiPrima, Tom Garverick and Sandy Schoonmaker will be teaching America's Boating Course and the Tennessee Boating Safety Course at Chattanooga State Technical Community College on the evenings of March 2nd – 5th.

Our next membership meeting will be on March 7th at Privateer Yacht Club. Getting an early start on St. Patrick's Day, the dinner menu will include the traditional Irish-American corned beef, cabbage and potatoes prepared by our celebrated chef for all seasons, Norm Oien. (My mother's parents came from Ireland and my father's parents came from Germany, so I'm equally content with the themes of our March and October meetings.) Our guest speaker will be Matt Majors of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, who will share his experiences patrolling our waterways.

If you are planning to attend the District Conference in Pigeon Forge, March 20th – 22nd, be sure to make your reservations soon.

Our website, designed and maintained by Rick Schoonmaker, is updated frequently. Check it out at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga/>

### Executive Officer's Message

Thomas J. Garverick, AP – [tgarverick@juno.com](mailto:tgarverick@juno.com)

We had a fine turnout for the January boat show this year. It seemed to me that the traffic wasn't as great as last year but I guess we can blame the current economic condition on this. Nevertheless, we still had about two dozen people sign up for our public boating courses.

I want to thank all those that helped man the booth and especially those who helped on the set-up and take-down. I couldn't have done it without you. What was really gratifying to me was that anytime I asked a member for help, whether for manning the booth during an open time slot, or assisting on set-up and take-down, that member responded enthusiastically.



ONCE A YEAR THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF IRISH IN ALL OF US!  
JOIN US FOR CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE & ALL THE FIXINGS!

MARCH 7, 2009  
PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB\*  
6:00 PM -SOCIAL HOUR  
7:00 PM -DINNER  
\$8.00/person  
Children under 5 free  
Children 5-12, \$4.00

The menu will include salad, bread, corned beef, cabbage and potatoes cooked by the great Irish chef Norm O'Oien, himself, with a real Irish Trifle for dessert.

Soft drinks will be available. BYOB

\* Directions: Off 153N exit onto Lake Resort Drive just after crossing the Chickamauga Dam. Head upriver 1.6 miles to Gann Store Road, turn right and go 1.1 miles to the an intersection where you proceed straight onto Privateer Road, drive to club house at end.

## **Administrative Officer's Message**

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

I hope that the remaining meetings that we have planned go as smoothly as the evening at Fox Cay. A special thanks from all the ladies to our Acting Commander Joe Blass who presented each of us with two long stemmed red roses.

As mentioned previously, this year we are asking one member/couple to assist each month when we have one of our own squadron members cooking the meeting meal. I passed around a sign-up sheet at the meeting but found no one had signed up to help Norm Oien with the up-coming Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 7 at Privateer Yacht Club. If you would like to step into this void, please contact me at [schoon67@comcast.net](mailto:schoon67@comcast.net) or call at 423.553.8849. The duties of the assistant are to set up the tables, find 3 or 4 people to bring hors d'oeuvres, and to help with the clean up. Norm will have all the plates, cups, etc. on hand, along with the necessary food.

Another HUGE request for the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is that we need a "Grill Chef" who will cook up some burgers and hot dogs for the Great American Cook-out. This will be a potluck meal featuring each family's favorite picnic dish...but we still need someone to do the burgers and dogs. Here again, let me know if one of you is hiding your skills as a chef!

And last but not least one more reminder that the Executive Board voted to change the Calling Committee to an Emailing Committee. Linda Grotjan, who emails your *C Way*, will also be sending you a monthly email regarding the next meeting. You will have to respond to her to make your reservations for attendance. We have five families that are not on-line and they will receive a phone call from Carole Blass who will take your reservations. If you do not hear from either of these, please contact me at the above email address or phone number!

### **March Meeting Speaker**

At the meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> we are honored to have a representative from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Matt Majors, Area 33 Boating Officer, will give a brief presentation about the TWRA, will talk about some of his experiences and will answer any questions you may have.

He is looking forward to meeting our membership and hearing from us.

## **Education Officer's Message**

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

No message this issue.

## Secretary's Message

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

### CHATTANOOGA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

14 February 2009

Fox Cay Restaurant

Acting Commander Joe Blass, AP called the meeting to order at 1920.

He recognized new member Mary Bricker-Jenkins who was sworn in and presented with her Membership Certificate.

He then gave a brief up-date on Commander Molly Cox who is feeling much better. P/C Lloyd Cox has had some surgery and is expected to be home soon.

After recessing for dinner the meeting reconvened at 2030.

In his absence, SEO Lt/C Ed Ford, JN, submitted the following written report along with a report from Lt. Lorraine Ford, S, Membership Chairman:

#### **SEO Report:**

Piloting is complete and all students are in the testing phase.

1. Advanced Piloting is prepared to start shortly, within a couple of weeks. I will instruct.
2. Navigation will start the same week as AP; Jack Cook will instruct.
3. ABC books are on order. TN books are on hand.
4. Lorraine is arranging housing for the ABC/TN courses at Chattanooga State.
5. We will need instructors for the Public Courses March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be developed as time draws near.

#### **Membership Report:**

Two new members have sent in their application and money and are being processed.

Executive Officer Lt/C Tom Garverick, JN, thanked everyone who worked at the Boat Show booth. As a result, there are people signed up for the upcoming ABC course and many attendees took information regarding USPS.

Administrative Officer P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, asked for members to sign up to act as Assistants to the cooks for membership meetings. The individuals will help with the set-up and clean up and arrange for the hors d'oeuvres for the social hour.

She also reported on the Spring D17 Conference in Pigeon Forge and handed out hotel information and registration forms.

Lt/C Tom Garverick introduced the evening's speakers, Britta and Kent Kenderwater, who spoke about their experiences while sailing the Atlantic Ocean and living in numerous foreign ports.

Prior to adjournment, Cdr. Blass presented each lady with two red roses and his wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day.

Meeting adjourned 2130

Sandy Schoonmaker, SN  
Administrative Officer

## **Treasurer's Message**

Richard D. Schoonmaker, SN - schoon67@comcast.net

It seems that all the treasurer has to talk about is money. A dull subject but somehow interesting to all.

You may have heard that there was a discussion at the national meeting about having all of the squadrons change to 'anniversary billing'. This is not a concern for Chattanooga as we changed to 'anniversary billing' last year, so whatever they do will not affect us.

What 'anniversary billing' means is that most of us will still get our dues bill around April 1, but new members will get their bill in the month they joined.

**Please check our website below for current information and also note the calendar below has updated information each month. Sometimes a date will change or a place for the meeting.**

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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**



- MARCH:**        7    **CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE**  
                          Privateer Yacht Club  
 20-22 **DISTRICT 17 SPRING CONFERENCE**  
                          Pigeon Forge, TN
- APRIL:**        4    **ARIS' HARBOR LIGHT MARINA RESTAU**  
                          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