



Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron



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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

There was another large turnout for our membership meeting October 17th at Privateer Yacht Club. Forty-two members and guests enjoyed our version of "Oktoberfest," featuring German-style draft beer, appetizers, main course and dessert. Thanks again to those who made it happen. (Tim Tyson used his connections to get the Big River Grille & Brewing Works to donate a keg of beer and Rick Schoonmaker picked it up. Carole Blass, Elizabeth Dehart and Jim Barkley brought appetizers. Norm Oien grilled the sausage and Sandy Schoonmaker provided everything else.) After dinner, John DiPrima gave a report from the Nominating Committee and Don Moon presented an interesting program on his cruise up the intra-coastal waterway to Washington, DC. Minutes of the meeting, prepared by our Squadron Secretary, Sandy Schoonmaker, are included in this issue of the C-Way.

The next meeting, the chili dinner on Saturday, November 22nd, will also be at Privateer Yacht Club. Members of PYC have been invited to join us. Details are included in this issue of the C-Way.

Meet at 6:00 P.M. Eat at 7:00 P.M.

Cost: To be Determined

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Five members of the squadron (Don & Linda Grotjan, Rick & Sandy Schoonmaker and myself) served as volunteers for the Head of the Hooch Rowing Regatta this year, starting Friday afternoon, October 31st, and ending Sunday morning, November 2nd. (<http://www.headofthehooch.org/>) As stated in Sandy's article in this issue of the C-Way, we wore the inflatable PFDs donated by the US Coast Guard and showed off our new squadron banners for the first time. To show their appreciation, regatta organizers invited us to attend a very nice dinner Saturday evening at the newly renovated Doubletree Hotel downtown.

SQUADRON MEMBERS DISPLAY NEW BANNERS

At the Oktoberfest Meeting CSPA members voted to purchase four banners to be displayed during boating activities. The banners were unveiled at the Head of the Hooch October 31-November 2 when several members volunteered one boat and 144 hours of their time.

The new banners feature the 95th USPS Anniversary Logo. Don and Linda Grotjan's boat, which was at the finish line for two of the three days of the event, displayed one of the banners. The other three were attached to jon boats driven by Rick Schoonmaker, Sandy Schoonmaker, Joe Blass (Fri & Sat) and Don Grotjan (Sun).

While the Grotjans were at anchor on Friday, Joe, Rick and Sandy patrolled the 5000 meter course acting as safety boats. The only rescue occurred early in the day with the Grotjans providing assistance.

Saturday was a full day of racing. It began with near freezing temperatures and light fog on the river. Joe, Rick and Sandy drove boats for referees who were assigned different areas of the course. By mid-morning the weather reached the perfect temperature for the event and each of the volunteers was able to enjoy the race while working with their assigned referee.

Sunday was a half-day of racing. The start was delayed for 40 minutes due to heavy fog at the start gate but once the fog lifted, it was another gorgeous day on the water. On this day, due to a shortage of drivers, Don joined the jon boat regatta leaving Linda to captain their boat with the able assistance of her granddaughter Marisa. Several single rower sculls did capsiz but no rescues were required.

In addition to displaying the squadron's new banners, the volunteer members each wore an inflatable PFD, three of which were donated by the US Coast Guard. Several of the referees noted the comfort of the PFDs and were encouraged to consider wearing them at future events.

In all there were 1300 boats entered into the event and 10,000 visitors lining the shores at Ross' Landing. The banners proudly displayed by our members brought recognition to the squadron and its involvement in all boating venues.

For additional pictures of the CSPA participation, go to the squadron WEB site, www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga, and follow the link under "Boating Events"

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome to Mike and Deborah Arnold

Chattanooga Sail & Power Shows Its Colors

The Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron purchased four new banners to be displayed at boating events. Each banner features the new 95th USPS Anniversary Logo. The banners were unveiled the weekend of October 31-November 2 at the Head of the Hooch, the nation's second largest rowing regatta head race held for the past five years in Chattanooga. The event attracted 10,000 viewers and 1300 registered rowing teams.

One squadron boat and five squadron members donated 144 volunteer hours for the event. The member boat was used for three days at the finishing line. Four other members drove event jon boats that were used by the referees through-out the 5000 meter course. Each boat displayed a new banner and the members each wore an inflatable PFD, three of which were donated by US Coast Guard as a part of their Wear It program.



Rick Schoonmaker – Head of the Hooch

Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron
Membership Meeting Minutes

17 October 2008
Privateer Yacht Club
Chattanooga, TN

Forty-two members and guests attended the Oktoberfest hosted by Norm Oien, Sandy Schoonmaker and Carole Blass.

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

Cdr. Blass thanked all the members who had contributed to the German meal. He especially thanked Tim Tyson for obtaining the contribution of a keg of beer from the Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant Group, Inc. The beer was picked up at the local Big River Grille and Brewery in downtown Chattanooga. Cdr. Blass will send a letter of gratitude to the company.

Cdr. Blass introduced Jim Barkley from Knoxville and Harold and Elizabeth DeHart from the Huntsville squadron. He thanked both for contributing hors d'oeuvres.

Cdr. Blass then introduced new members Mike and Debra Arnold along with Luke Spiekermann who has been a member for several months. The new members were sworn in and given their certificates and pins.

Cdr. Blass reported on the D17 conference in Huntsville. Molly and Lloyd Cox are the district conference chairs and were accredited with the success of the event. Several Chattanooga members presented workshops and the Schoonmakers coordinated the Hospitality Room.

At the Conference, Chattanooga received a National Membership Growth Award for their almost 5% increase in members. Joe Blass and Tom Garverick received Education Proficiency Awards and Don Grotjan received a certificate for being on the Cooperative Charting Honor Roll.

Secretary Sandy Schoonmaker stated that she would be working on public relations next year and to that end encouraged members to visit the Ship's Store and purchase Chattanooga Power Squadron Tee Shirts at half price to wear when out boating. She also introduced the proposal of Don and Linda Grotjan that the squadron purchase four banners to be displayed when members are engaged in community service projects. Motion made, seconded and passed to that effect.

Cdr. Blass stated that squadron members would be assisting the Head of the Hootch Regatta with their own boats as well as driving the jon boats provided by the event holders. This is an annual community service project for the squadron.

D/Lt/C John DiPrima then read off the slate of officers for the 2009 Bridge Year for the Chattanooga Power Squadron. (See Attachment)

There being no other business, Cdr. Blass adjourned the meeting and introduced the evening's speaker, Don Moon.

Meeting adjourned 2000.
Sandy Schoonmaker, SN
Secretary

Presented to all in attendance at the General Membership/ October Fest gathering October 17, 2008 at Privateer Yacht Club. Copy to be sent by the secretary to those not present. To be voted on at the Annual Meeting in December.

NOMINATING COMMITTEES SLATE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ELECTIVE COMMITTEES ARE PROVIDED HEREIN AS SPECIFIED IN THE BYLAWS FOR THE CHATTANOOGA POWER SQUADRON, INC. AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING WHICH SHALL BE HELD IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Nominations for the 2009 year ending with "change of watch" January 2010 as follows:

BRIDGE:

COMMANDER	D/LT/C MOLLY COX, AP
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LT/C THOMAS J. GARVERICK, AP
EDUCATION OFFICER	1ST/LT EDWARD J. FORD, AP
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	P/C SANDRA R. SCHOONMAKER, SN
SECRETARY	JOANN W. GREEN, AP
TREASURER	LT/C RICHARD D. SCHOONMAKER, SN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

C/ JOSEPH J. BLASS, AP	D/LT/C MOLLY COX, AP
LT/C THOMAS J. GARVERICK	P/C SANDRA R. SCHOONMAKER, SN
P/LT/C RICHARD D. SCHOONMAKER, SN	1ST/LT EDWARD J. FORD, AP
JOANN W. GREEN, AP	LT LORRAINE FORD, S

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

P/LT/C MIKE WILLIAMSON, AP	1 YR (CHAIRMAN)
C JOE BLASS, AP	2 YR
DAVID W. COX, AP	3 YR

RULES COMMITTEE:

P/D/C JOHN P. COOK, SN	1 YR (CHAIRMAN)
ROBERT MCMAHAN, AP	2 YR
JOHN R. DIPRIMA, AP	3 YR

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

P/C/ J. LLOYD COX, AP	1 YR (CHAIRMAN)
P/C JOHN DIPRIMA, AP	2 YR
C/ JOE BLASS, AP	3 YR

PORT CAPTAINS

Do you know who a Port Captain is or what he does?

A **Port Captain** is a member of the United States Power Squadrons®, who stands ready, at all times of his or her choosing, to provide advice and assistance to USPS® members, and if the Port Captain chooses, to others making contact.

The **Port Captain** can recommend mechanics, sail makers, and repair yards in the area as well as medical and dental facilities in his or her locale. the Port Captain can also direct weary sailors and boaters to local restaurants and motels.

The **Port Captain** is familiar with the activities of local USPS® squadrons, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

While Port Captains are under no obligation to provide more than friendly advice, they are persons who enjoy meeting people and serving their fellows.

Still, their primary expertise lies in their knowledge of local waters and unmarked hazards to safe navigation. The objective is to provide information, reliable advice and comradeship. Their aim is make fellow members feel they are welcome and have found a friend. It is inevitable that word of the program will circulate through the boating public....Port Captains are to project the image of being part of a fraternal organization devoted to boating safety. Persons interested in USPS® or the public Boating Course (SM) will be referred to their nearest squadron commander or squadron educational officer.

Knowledge, seamanship, service to others, friendship and fraternity -- this has been the essence of the United States Power Squadrons® since 1913.

P/C/C Pou Bailey, SN

WELCOME TO OUR WEB SITE

www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga

With the departure of Jack Everett to the sunny shores of California, Rick Schoonmaker has assumed the management of the squadron WEB site.

He has made a few changes to the site among which are links to monthly postings of pictures from Squadron, District and Boating Events. Since these pictures change frequently, members are encouraged to look periodically to see if they recognize any friendly faces.

The most recent *C WAY* is posted along with an archive of past editions for those who may want to review a past event. For each upcoming month there is also a flyer that includes the event date, time, location and price, once it's made available.

Other links lead the reader to a variety of current articles of interest to boaters. These links are maintained by National and include a wide range of topics.

The WEB site is free to the squadron and provides an immediate source of information to its members and any interested future members. It is just one more method of communication that is available to members who wish to remain involved in the many activities available to them. Please add the above to your "Favorites" so you stay current with what is happening.