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## Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron

### Sail and Power Boating

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

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### Commander's Message

May 2009

Molly Cox, AP

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

About 20 members and guests attended our April 18th membership meeting at Aris' Harborlight Marina Restaurant. The weather was ideal, so we gathered outside on the deck overlooking the water for the usual attitude-adjustment hour and a nice dinner from Ari's kitchen. John DiPrima discussed the possibility of two canal trips next year coordinated by Tom Hudson of the Music City Squadron – one on canals in France and one on the Erie Canal. Jack Cook announced that the state boating course will be offered at McCallie School on May 4, 7, & 8. It was my pleasure to administer the USPS oath to new members Carol Million, Stephen Offutt, and Susan Smith.

Our next membership meeting will be on the Boat Club dock at the end of the road through Island Cove Marina on May 9th. Mary Bricker-Jenkins has volunteered to grill hamburgers for this "Great American Cookout." Bridge members will bring hors d'oeuvres and other squadron members are asked to bring a picnic side dish to share.

For newer members of USPS, memberships are renewed annually on the first of the month in which they joined. However, for me and for most other members of our squadron, memberships are renewed on June 1st, and annual dues are due by May 31st. Before writing this, I sat down at my computer and went to the web page <http://www.usps.org/dues/> to pay my dues online. Entering the certificate number and invoice number on my renewal notice and the account number and expiration date on my credit card was all it took to renew my membership for another year. There is no extra fee for doing this, and I find it easier than writing and mailing a check. Whichever way you choose to renew, please remember to do it by the due date.

### Welcome New Members



Stephen Offutt, Susan Smith, and Carol Million



*It's a great American cookout*

*May 9, 2009*

*Island cove boat club dock\**

*6:00 social hour*

*7:00 dINNER*

*\$4.00/adult*

*kids under 5, free; over 5, \$2.00*

*It's time to share your favorite picnic dish with your friends!  
Bring a salad, vegetable, or that secret family recipe that everyone asks for.*

*The bridge members will provide the  
hors d'oeuvres.*

*The squadron will provide the hamburgers and dessert along with soda and iced tea. Plates and the accessories will be provided.*

*Byob*

**\*Island Cove Boat Club is located in Harrison off Rte. 58 at Island Cove Marina. Drive to the very end of the road to the last floating dock. You may also come by boat entering the cove through the marina. Contact John DiPrima if you wish to have overnight dockage.**

**Executive Officer's Message**

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No message this issue.

### Administrative Officer's Message

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

Because we had to work around Easter last month, it hasn't been quite a month since we met, but I'm sure we are all willing to eat again!

This month we are back to the floating dock at the Island Cove Boat Club located at Island Cove Marina. This is another event at which you may come by boat or car.

This month our cook will be one of our newer members, Mary Bricker Jenkins who has agreed to step in for the travelling Norm. She will be cooking up the burgers and the squadron will also provide the dessert. The bridge members will provide the hors d'oeuvres and **YOU WILL BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC DISH TO SHARE!** As usual, there will be plates, tableware as well as soft drinks. If you want anything stronger you will need to bring it. We have several new members whom we hope are able to join us as this is always a fun venue.

And speaking of new members.... I will be presenting a two hour introduction to the Power Squadron sometime this spring. The presentation is part of a course called Operations Training and it familiarizes you with the structure of the squadron in relationship to our local group as well as to the National USPS. It is a good opportunity to get clarification of many of the questions new members have. If you are interested in attending, please let me know.

The new Directories are available! There will be copies available at the meeting. In the meantime, the WEB site has a list of our monthly activities along with pictures of past events. Visit it at: [www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga](http://www.usps.org/localusps/chattanooga).

### Education Officer's Message

John P. Cook, SN [john.p.cook@att.net](mailto:john.p.cook@att.net)

#### **CSPS Education Department Report, May 1, 2009**

The Chattanooga Sail & Power Squadron Education Department is alive and well thanks to the immediate Past SEO, Ed Ford. Ed is so well organized that he has laid out a schedule of courses to be taught over the next three years – through the middle of 2012. And, we are on track with his schedule as of this date.

Ed is teaching an Advanced Piloting class that is about to be wrapped up this month (May), and we have a Navigation class (08 Beta) that is about half way through according to the number of chapters completed. But the more time consuming part of the course is yet to come, completing sight folders, learning to use new computer software for sight planning, cruise planning and navigation underway – exciting new stuff.

There is an accelerated Seamanship class scheduled for July. As Ed explained to me, anyone wanting to gain credit for Seamanship should make that known to me right away. We will order the Student Manual(s) for self study through most of the chapters during May and June. Then in July,

we will hold a few review class sessions to make sure no one has any unanswered questions, and then take the examination.

Also in July, a Weather Course will be started with Rick Schoonmaker as instructor. This will be the new Weather Course, one course, taught out of one Student Manual, instead of Wx 101, 102. Weather is one of the courses required for the new Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program.

And finally in July, we are planning to start a series of the new USPS Seminars, again in line with the subjects required for the BOC program.

Next month I will tell you about the Fall line-up of classes. Meanwhile, contact me if you want to take one of the classes mentioned above, or if you are willing to help teach or proctor any of the classes. My cell phone number is 423-505-3935.

Jack Cook

### **Secretary's Message**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHATTANOOGA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

**18 APRIL 2009**

### **ARI'S HARBOR LIGHTS RESTAURANT**

Nineteen members and guests were in attendance for the "Deck Party" that preceded the meeting. The weather cooperated and a pleasant meal was served on the outdoor deck overlooking the lake.

Acting Cdr. Joe Blass, AP called the meeting to order at 1945.

He introduced D/Lt/Cdr John DiPrima, AP, who discussed D17's French Canal Trip that is scheduled for 2010. There will also be an Erie Canal Trip in September, 2010. The trips are being coordinated by Music City's commander, Tom Hudson ([tom@m-hc.com](mailto:tom@m-hc.com)). Members should contact him for more information.

In response to Ed Ford's resignation as SEO, P/D/C Jack Cook, SN has accepted the position. He announced that the Tennessee safe boating course will be taught at McCallie School on May 4, 7, & 8 beginning at 1800 each night. Jack asked for members to volunteer to assist.

New members Carol Million, Stephen Offutt, and Susan Smith were introduced and sworn in by Joe Blass.

Administrative Officer P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN, announced the next meeting will be at Island Cove Boat Club dock on May 9, 2009. The theme is The Great American Cookout. Hamburgers will be cooked on the grill by member Mary Bricker-Jenkins. Members are to bring their favorite picnic dish to share. The members of the Bridge will provide hors d'oeuvres.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2010.

P/C Sandy Schoonmaker, SN

Administrative Officer

### **Treasurer's Message**

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

Dues and old members

If you know a member that dropped out last year this would be a good time to encourage them to rejoin. Dues bills were sent to past members that have only been out one year. If they just pay them they will be a member again. (No reinstatement fee).

Rick

### **Dragon Boat Races 18 April 2009**

Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron was represented by volunteers Don & Linda Grotjan. On their boat was an official and his assistant for the start of all the 250 meter races. The races are very exciting to watch as 22 members of a team paddle with the same stroke and the choreography required is amazing. Forty-nine teams raced to raise money for T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital. T. C. Thompson serves more than 36,000 children a year.

Next year the National Dragon Boat races will be held in Chattanooga.



### **Women's Health Fair**

Rachel Vincent

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – at Chattanooga Convention Center  
Free and open to the public – Free screenings for asthma, blood glucose, blood pressure, bone density, cholesterol and more. Pre-Registration required for door prize and screening eligibility.  
Call: Chattanooga State's office of Continuing Education 423-697-3100.

### **Symposium on End of Life Issues**

Rachel Vincent

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – at Chattanooga State-Humanities Auditorium, 4501 Amnicola Hwy. Jed Mescon will be the Master of Ceremonies and several topics will be covered, Talking About the Tough Stuff, Caring for the Care Giver, Kids Have Feelings Too, Legal Matters and Economic Issues and more. This symposium and lunch are free to the public but you must register to attend. Call: Chattanooga State Office of Continuing

## **CSPS-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**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**

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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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