

# 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®



### Commander's Message

October 2009

CDR Joseph J. Blass, AP [jjblass@comcast.net](mailto:jjblass@comcast.net)

There was a smaller turnout than usual for the membership meeting on September 19th, due perhaps to concern about the weather and the fact that an event at Privateer Yacht Club had been rescheduled for the same evening. Having previously been advised to gather aboard Southern Jewel, John and Lynda DiPrima's houseboat, instead of the somewhat more exposed Island Cove Yacht Club Dock, 15 members and guests enjoyed a pleasant social hour, with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a wonderful Italian dinner prepared by chef Sandy Schoonmaker. A very complete account of the meeting, prepared by Secretary John Smith, appears in this issue of the C-Way.

Our next membership meeting will be at Privateer Yacht Club on October 17th. The versatile and talented squadron members who last year introduced us to their version of "Oktoberfest," featuring German-style draft beer, appetizers, main course and dessert, will be back this year trying to outdo themselves. If you missed this event last year, you shouldn't make the same mistake again. Additional information is in this issue of the C-Way.

Don and Linda Grotjan helped set the course for the Tennessee River Blueway Canoe and Kayak Races at Maple View Recreation Area on Saturday, September 26th. Outdoor Chattanooga officials appreciated their participation on behalf of the Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron.

Several members of the squadron will be serving again this year as on-the-water volunteers for the annual "Head of the Hooch" Rowing Regatta. With 5,000 rowers and 1,300 entries (eight-, four-, two- and one-place racing shells) in 80 events, it is the largest "head race" (5,000 meters or 3.1 miles against the clock) in the south, and the second largest in the country. Following afternoon practice on Friday, November 6th, the races will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th, on the Tennessee River, ending at Ross's Landing in downtown Chattanooga.

For more information, follow the link:

<http://www.headofthehooch.org/>

Since the "Head of the Hooch" has become a premier sporting event for the City of Chattanooga, drawing 8,000 spectators, we are trying to arrange for a booth at Ross's Landing to get the USPS message out to the public. If you would like to volunteer some of your time for this event, either on shore at our booth or on the water, please contact Executive Officer Tom Garverick [tgarverick@juno.com](mailto:tgarverick@juno.com) or me.

Recommendations for merit marks are to be submitted to USPS by November 15th. Don and Linda Grotjan are working hard on the documentation. If you haven't already done so, please contact them at 843-9743 or [dlgrotjan@aol.com](mailto:dlgrotjan@aol.com) to make sure that they are aware of all of your efforts for the squadron this year.

Administrative Officer Sandy Schoonmaker [schoon67@comast.net](mailto:schoon67@comast.net) is seeking volunteers to help with the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th at the home of Lloyd Cox. If you can help, please let her know.

### **Executive Officer's Message**

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

No message at this time.

### **Education Officer's Message**

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

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

Several items of interest to report this month.

First, the Weather Course completed the exam on September 21. Seven of nine students took the exam and are anxiously waiting for the results.

Second, a report distributed by District Education Officer Margaret Sherrod lists all D-17 certified instructors and those whose certification has expired within the last couple of years. CSPS has 14 certified instructors and 5 who have recently lost certification. The remedy will be provided at the District Conference in Oak Ridge, October 23 – 25. There is a recertification seminar that will be provided for those instructors who need to be recertified. If you are not sure whether your certification has expired or not, please call me (423-505-3935 cell).

Third and final, the only course ongoing at this moment is the Navigation course. It will be ongoing for a while longer. Meanwhile, I want to start a Piloting class by the first part of November - the next course in line for the Advanced Grades. Those who recently completed Seamanship should be ready for Piloting. Anyone who has not seen the new Piloting course might consider auditing the class to catch up on the latest methods of coastal piloting. I will let you know as soon as the scheduled start is firm.

Hope to see everyone at PYC on October 17.

Jack Cook, SEO



**ROLL OUT THE BARREL  
IT'S TIME TO HAVE A BARREL OF FUN  
17 OCTOBER 2009  
PRIVATEER YACHT CLUB  
6:00 SOCIAL HOUR  
7:00 HOUR DINNER**

**MENU**

**Bratwurst in bun**

**Sauerkraut**

**German Potato Salad**

**Autumn Apple Salad**

**Dessert**

**Soda**

**FREE BEER**

**(Thanks to Associate Member, Tim Tyson)**

**\$10.00/adult**

**\$5.00/child 12 and under**

**Free/ child 5 and under**

**Reservations to Linda Grotjan – [dlgrotjan@aol.com](mailto:dlgrotjan@aol.com)**

## D17 FALL CONFERENCE 23-25 October 2009

It may still be summer but it's not too early to make your plans to attend the Fall Conference in Oak Ridge. The festivities will begin on Friday night with cocktail hour followed by dinner. The challenge for the evening is to come attired as your favorite football team's mascot! Saturday will be busy with meetings while spouses not involved may wish to visit the numerous sites listed below. Saturday night's dinner will conclude the weekend of fellowship with folks who share a love of boating.

Make your reservations early to assure the discounted price!

### **Doubletree Hotel Oak Ridge**

215 S. Illinois Avenue  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830  
Tel: 1-865-481-2468  
Fax: 1-865-481-2474

**Room Choices: 1 King or 2 Doubles = \$89.00/night**

#### **Link for reservations:**

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/ORKDTDT-UPS-20091023/index.jhtml>

The **Doubletree Hotel Oak Ridge** in the heart of **Oak Ridge, Tennessee**, 11 miles west of Knoxville, is Oak Ridge's premiere, full service hotel.

**Hotel Amenities: Hi-speed internet; heated pool; fitness center; glass enclosed social area in lobby; rooms furnished with TV, phone, desk, refrigerator, coffee maker, hairdryer, iron & board, comfortable chair & ottoman.**

**Local sites of interest: American Museum of Science & Energy; Oak Ridge Art Center; Museum of Appalachia; Turkey Creek Shopping Center; West Town Mall.**

**Reserve your room by internet as per above. Phone reservations should indicate that you are with USPS D17 Fall Conference**

Complete your meal reservation form below and send to Sandra Schoonmaker. Complete activities schedules will be available at the Registration Desk when you check in for the weekend. It is a great time for our District Squadrons to share ideas and information.

**Doubletree Hotel Oak Ridge, Tennessee**  
**Hosted by Oak Ridge Power Squadron & District 17**  
**MEAL RESERVATION FORM**

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

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

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

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

**Friday Night, 23 October 2009:**

Dinner - Grilled Breast of Chicken with Mornay Sauce  
Vegetable Bouquetiere  
House Salad with Dressing  
Hot Yeast Rolls and Butter  
Dessert Array  
Iced Tea, Coffee

\_\_\_\_\_ *Tickets @ \$24.00 per person* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Noon, 24 October, 2009:**

Lunch - Croissant Club Sandwich: (sliced turkey, crisp bacon strips, Swiss  
Cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, honey mustard dressing)  
Potato Chips  
House or Caesar Salad  
Hot Yeast Rolls and Butter  
Chef's Choice of Dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ *Tickets @ \$17.00 per person* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Night, 24 October, 2009:**

Dinner - House of Blues Buffet:  
Fried Catfish  
Memphis Style BBQ Slab of Ribs  
Red Beans & Rice  
Southern Style Potato Salad  
Garden Green Salad with Dressing  
Braised Collard Greens  
Smothered Green Beans  
Corn Bread Muffins, Hot Yeast Rolls, and Butter  
Hot Fruit Cobbler  
Iced Tea, Coffee

\_\_\_\_\_ *Tickets @ \$29.00 per person* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

All meals are inclusive of tax and gratuity.

**No reservations or cancellations after 20 October 2009**

Make checks payable to: **District 17**

Mail check and this completed form to:

Sandra Schoonmaker  
9109 Quail Run Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
[schoon67@comcast.net](mailto:schoon67@comcast.net)

## Administrative Officer's Message

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

My role as Administrative Officer will soon end. We have only three more meetings to go and they look like they will be a lot of fun for all of you who attend. 17 October will be the popular Oktoberfest at PYC for which our associate member Tim Tyson has once again procured a keg of beer. I will be cooking the meal while chef Norm will grill the brats...and I'm asking for volunteers to bring their favorite German hors d'oeuvres.

In November we will meet again at PYC for the traditional Chili Dinner cooked by Chuck and Steve Morgan, the holders of "the best ever chili recipe". And this year we will once again be the guests at the home of Lloyd Cox where we will celebrate the Holiday Season and the life of our dearly missed commander and friend, Molly Cox

As the nominating committee is working on filling the roster for next year's bridge, I would like to take this opportunity to recommend the Administrative Officer as a position to anyone who may be asked or who may be considering serving the organization. The Administrative Officer is the individual who is responsible for "in house" activities. In the case of the Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron that is primarily to plan each monthly meeting. And that is not a huge problem for the AO of our squadron where there are so many folks who are willing to assist in this endeavor. This past year I have fulfilled this role with assistance from the other bridge members, our ever wonderful chef Norm Oien, the gracious hosts Pete and Jane DuVoisin, Jack and Rachel Vincent and Lloyd Cox, the hamburger flipper Mary Bricker-Jenkins, the PYC and Island Cove Yacht Club, all of you who have provided the many delicious hors d'oeuvres...and even me who has discovered that I like cooking for a crowd. So if you are approached, or even if you would like to throw your name into the ring, please consider this as an option.

And in the ensuing months, thanks for your continued support as being eager eaters and contributors to the menu by contributing your favorite hors d'oeuvres.

## Secretary's Message

John Smith, [jes@geep.com](mailto:jes@geep.com)

**CHATTANOOGA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
19 SEPTEMBER 2009  
ONBOARD M.V. SOUTHERN JEWEL  
ISLAND COVE MARINE  
HARRISON, TENNESSEE**

The members began to arrive just before 1800 for the social hour which was moved from the somewhat open Island Cove Yacht Club dock to D/Lt/C John, AP, and Lynda, S, DiPrima's boat, SOUTHERN JEWEL, at the Island Cove Marina due to inclement weather. The assembled group of 13 members and 2 guests from the New Orleans Power Squadron, Jim and Sue Kuemmel were warmly greeted by the DiPrima's and Commander Joseph Blass, AP.

The Celebrity Chef for the evening, P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN, advised the Commander at 1900 that dinner was ready to be served and R/C R. Herman Green, JN, gave the blessing for the assembled group. (Editor's Note: For those members who missed the dinner, you missed a fantastic meal and great comradeship.)

Commander Joseph Blass, AP, called the membership meeting to order at 2000 on the top deck of the M.V. Southern Jewel.

Cdr Blass recognized the guests from the New Orleans Power Squadron and thanked them for joining the assembled group. He further thanked the Chef, P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, for the great meal and all those who prepared the excellent hors d'oeuvres that quickly disappeared.

R/C R. Herman Green, JN, Master Certifier, Boat Operator Certification Program, presented the award of Advanced Certifier to Lt/C Thomas Garverick, JN, and advised that John (Jack) Cook, SN, and Edward Ford, JN, had also completed the requirements to be an Advanced Certifier in the Boat Operator Certification Program. He went on to say that there would be an opportunity for additional members to be certified during the District Fall Conference in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

P/C Sandra Schoonmaker, SN, advised that the October dinner/meeting would be held at the Privateer Yacht Club on 17 October 2009 and the theme would be Oktoberfest. Squadron Chef de Cuisine, P/D/C Norman Oien, AP, will be preparing the bratwurst and Susan Smith will be preparing the dessert. She went on to say that so far only six people in the District had signed up for the dinner at the District Fall Conference being held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee during the period 23 – 25 October 2009. She hoped that additional people from the Squadron would participate in the conference.

R/C R. Herman Green, JN, spoke about meetings and discussions that took place during the National Governing Board Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri and the fact that membership in the United States Power Squadron was steadily declining whereas, the Canadian Power Squadron membership was increasing. He said much discussion had taken place to determine the best way to reverse this trend and create greater interest within the boating public. D/Lt/C John DiPrima, AP, further commented on many of this proposed changes and actions that Squadrons were going to have to take if the organization was going to remain viable. On a positive note Herman Green announced that District 17 and all the Squadrons in the District had received the Bowsprit award from National for membership recruiting and membership attendance in various offered education courses.

There being no further business, the Commander adjourned the meeting at 2047.

JOHN E. SMITH, P  
Secretary

## **SECOND REQUEST**

### **ATTENTION ALL SQUADRON MEMBERS**

The Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron is attempting to locate and catalog all of the Squadron's property that may be located at various member's homes or businesses. If you have been storing property for the Squadron please contact the Squadron Secretary, John E. Smith, either by Email at: [jes@geep.com](mailto:jes@geep.com) or via phone at: 423-451-7244 and provide a detailed listing of what property is in your possession.

**Treasurer's Message**

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

No message at this time.

**CSPS-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- OCT:**       **17**   **OKTOBERFEST**  
                  Privateer Yacht Club  
**23-25** **D17 Fall Conference – Oak Ridge, TN**
- NOV:**       **6-9**   **HEAD OF THE HOOCH VOLUNTEER EVEN**  
                  Chattanooga River Front  
**21**       **CHILI SUPPER**  
                  Privateer Yacht Club
- DEC.:**       **12**   **CHRISTMAS PARTY - Lloyd Cox's Home**
- 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.**