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Note from the Commander

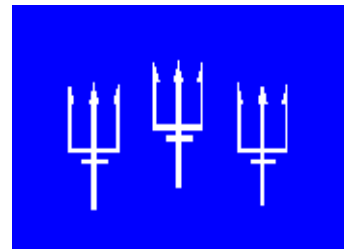
I started off this month by attending the 2009 D26 Fall Conference & COW in Charleston. Saturday night was the COW dinner and it was served on the Yorktown in the hanger deck with the big doors open, giving us a spectacular view of the sunset in Charleston. (See photo inside).

A lot of business was taken care of on Saturday including, approving the new bylaws and voting in the new District Bridge, but what stood out the most was the discussion on membership. Over the last year membership has dropped Nationally, plus across the District and in our own Squadron.

Swamp Fox has lost members but we've also welcomed new members as well. There is always the question though of how do we keep growing: It takes all of us working together... attending meeting, joining a class, boat outing, picnics. We want everyone to be active and have fun so your feedback is crucial to our success, as well as your attendance and we want to hear from you.

All members or potential members please join me on Thursday night at **Angelos Seafood Restaurant**.

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Executive Officer P/C Bill Wilkes, SN

We put two teaching aids in the District 26 Fall Conference Teaching Aid contest but didn't win.

Congratulations to the squadrons who did.

The participating squadrons and their aids were:

Hilton Head – General – Portable Lectern

Long Bay – Seamanship – Marlinspike – Block & Tackle

Golden Corner Lakes – Marlinspike – Knot Tying

Golden Isles – Basic Boating – Navigation Light Arrangements

North Strand – Piloting – Range Markers

Swamp Fox - Piloting – Relative Bearings

Swamp Fox – Piloting – TVMDC

Savannah River – Junior Navigation – Introduction of Sextant (angles)

The judges were :

P/D/C Dick Erler, Hilton Head

D/Lt Don Funderburk, Tybee Light

P/D/C Archie Trawick, Lake Murray

And, finally, the results:

First Place – North Strand - \$50 credit for Educational Materials with USPS

Second Place - Golden Corner Lakes - \$30 credit for Educational Materials with USPS

Third Place - 2–way tie – Long Bay and Savannah River - \$20 credit for Educational Materials with USPS

Piloting is still proceeding on Tuesday evenings, and P/C Bill and P/C Bobby are studying Cruise Planning on Wednesday evenings at Bill's house. There's still time for anybody else to join in. It's turning out to be a very good elective course. They have found that a lot of the stuff is common sense but every now and then come across an "Oh yes - I'd never thought of that!"

P/C Bobby Henegar, SN

We have just completed teaching Americas Boating Course (ABC), the USPS newest boating course to two students. This new course is more comprehensive than the old one and has an introduction to charting. It also includes an interactive CD that the students use to get a more practical feel. If you see Beth Williamson or Margaret Charles, please give them a congratulations and a job well done for passing the course with flying colors. Margaret's husband was very impressed with her new found knot tying abilities.

Administrative Officer Report

Joan McVey, Administrative Officer

September Report 2009

September 1 flew by before we knew it and we ended the month with dinner at the Florence Country Club. Our guest speaker was Officer David Cobb from the South Carolina Department of Transportation. A boater himself since childhood he gave a very insightful presentation on boating issues on the highways of South Carolina.

Unfortunately, due to lack of adequate attendance, this was the last dinner we would have there until we build our membership back up. In fact, when looking for an alternate place to meet and eat we found most restaurants require a minimum number of meal ordering attendees before they will provide a meeting room at any price. The location of a new meeting place will be announced before the next meeting on October 15. Any suggestions you have would be greatly appreciated. Call Kelly at 669-3160.

The Bridge is looking into attending a special holiday event in November or December. Two years ago we went to Myrtle Beach for dinner and then attended a Broadway at the Beach performance. It was very good and we all had lots of fun. The time to line up some of these things is now so again please let us know appeals to you, after all this is your squadron and part of our mission is to have fun.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan

October Squadron Meeting
1830 on October 15
Angelos Seafood Restaurant
1243 W Lucus Street

District 26

Fall Conference and Change of Watch Welcome the 2009—2010 District Bridge



Charleston Sunset from the Yorktown

Betty Walton, AP

Commander

Eric Pearson, SN

Executive Officer

Joe Warren, JN

Educational Officer

Tim Tate, AP

Assistant Educational Officer

Bob Boal, SN

Administrative Officer

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Treasurer



Early reminder to mark your calendar

Swamp Fox Power Squadron

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 5, 2009

More information to follow!

Swamp Fox Power Squadron's thanks to Jim and Joan McVey

Jim and Joan tell us they are going to be doing a lot more boating in the future, and with their boat at Little River they are transferring their memberships to North Strand Sail and Power Squadron. Jim's transfer takes effect at the end of October, but Joan will finish out her tour of duty as our Admin Officer and then transfer after our Change of Watch. We got to know Joan when she became Jim's other half and she has been a wonderful addition to this year's Bridge. Thank you Joan for your hard work.

Jim has served Swamp Fox Power Squadron in a number of Bridge positions, including being Commander twice, plus served USPS on District 26 Bridge including service as the District Commander. He's also been involved at the National level with JN and N education.

You will both be missed and we, of Swamp Fox Power Squadron, wish you the best in your new squadron home.

Offshore Wind Public Hearing

6 - 8 PM this Monday, October 12th

Dear Member,

South Carolina is beginning to focus on offshore wind as an ideal way to produce clean, renewable energy while also creating jobs and generating revenue for our state. The first public hearing on this topic is being hosted by the SC Legislative Offshore Wind Study Committee and will take place on Monday in Georgetown.

When: Monday, October 12th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Baruch Institute, 177 Hobcaw Road, Georgetown, SC 29440

Offshore wind represents South Carolina's most promising utility scale renewable energy resource. The US Department of Energy estimates that up to 20,000 jobs and \$80 billion in revenue could result from a wind industrial cluster in our state, and preliminary studies suggest that our offshore wind resource could satisfy a significant portion of our electricity demand.

If we are to make this opportunity a reality, the public must begin to engage our elected officials on this issue and encourage the adoption of the necessary energy policies. We hope you will join us at this public hearing to make your voice heard.

Best,
Hamilton Davis
Energy & Climate Director
Coastal Conservation League

2009 UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS



10 Jan	Change of Watch	30 July	ExCom
29 Jan	ExCom	20 August	Squadron Meeting
19 Feb	Squadron Meeting	27 August	ExCom
26 Feb	ExCom	17 September	Squadron Meeting
20-21 Mar	District 26 Conference	24 September	ExCom
26 Mar	ExCom	15 October	Squadron Meeting
16 April	Squadron Meeting	29 October	ExCom
30 April	ExCom	19 November	Squadron Meeting
21 May	Squadron Meeting	05 December	Christmas Party
28 May	ExCom	2010	
18 June	Squadron Meeting	09 January	Change of Watch
25 June	ExCom		
16 July	Squadron Meeting		



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