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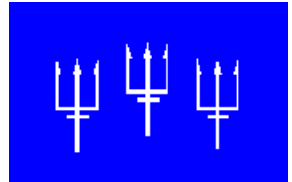
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Commander's Comments

Cdr Margaret Edidin, P

The District 17 Spring Conference and Change of Watch was held 19-21 March aboard the *Delta Queen* in Chattanooga, TN. Attendees from Knoxville Power Squadron included Jim Barkley, Hank and Cindy Davis, Glenna Druif, Ira and Margaret Edidin, Bob Huffman and Laura Ayers, Mike Scher, Chuck and Vickie Smith, and Ron and Eva Stob. *(See photos page 5.)*



The Knoxville Power Squadron was recognized for increasing membership, Educational Fund contributions, its website, and the percentage of members earning Merit Marks for volunteering their time to the squadron and the number of Vessel Safety Checks.

(Editors' note: The KPS newsletter received the Distinction in Journalism award for the second consecutive year. The certificate is made out to the Staff of Now Hear This! Perhaps the computer that printed the certificate had a lisp.)

The District 17 Conference included its Change of Watch. KPS members who are now serving District 17 are Hank Davis (Treasurer), Mike Scher (Chairman of Nominating Committee), Reba Pekula (Nominating Committee), Ben Birdwell (Planning Committee), Sharon Birdwell (Rules Committee), Jim Barkley (Law), and Ron Stob (*ENSIGN* Correspondent).

The District Council voted to stop the \$25 rebate program for new members effective 15 April. Thus, if you know any people who are planning to join KPS, have them send in their applications, along with the appropriate check, to our Treasurer, Larry Lanz, as soon as possible. The cost of joining is \$64.50 plus the \$25 initiation fee for individuals and \$105.40 plus the \$25 initiation fee for families.

Our 22 March pot-luck dinner meeting at the Concord Yacht Club was a huge success with many members and guests attending. The food and camaraderie were both outstanding. I thank Jim Barkley for arranging the use of the facility and showing his video of last year's cardboard boat race from our Watts Bar Invitational.

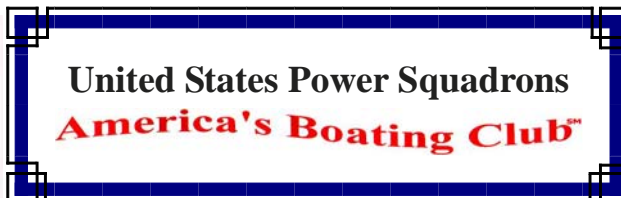
Don't forget to get in your reservations early for this year's Watts Bar Invitational being held 25-27 June. Our Invitational is open to all District 17 squadrons and it keeps getting more and more popular. If you would like to help plan the next KPS cardboard boat entry, come to the 26 April dinner meeting an hour early at 1700.



Don't forget to check out the Seminar Schedule which begins 20 April at West Marine with "Using the GPS." These seminars will occur once per month through September. *(See SEO report on page 4.)*

We had good attendance at our February and March ABC Courses. There are two more courses scheduled – one beginning 6 April at Travis Marine and one beginning 4 May at Sea Ray.

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ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

AUDIT:

CHAIR: Robert E. Huffman, Jr. AP
2 YR Janine Johnson
3 YR P/C Glenna Druif, P

NOMINATING:

CHAIR: Ira Edidin, P
2 YR Polly Lanz
3 YR Don Eatock, AP

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CHAIR: George Fulmer
2 YR Chuck Q. Smith
3 YR Larry Nicolaysen, P

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The LUBBER LINE*



The 1st Annual Sea Tow Boaters Safety Day will be held on 1 May in Lenoir City Park. TWRA, USCG, USCGA, Safe Boating Council, Wear It Tennessee Program, Sea Tow Safety Foundation and Knoxville Power Squadron will be there with literature, demonstrations, vessel safety checks and other information for Safe Boating. To learn more about this event, contact Capt. Chad J. Walters (865-388-6140) or KPS member, Larry Lanz (865-856-3062).

Lock Closures:

Fort Loudoun Lock will be closed 20 April through 11 May.

Watts Bar Lock will be closed 12 October through 2 November.

Chickamauga Lock will be closed for 72-hour periods from 0700 Tuesdays to 0700 Fridays beginning 20 April through 7 May. This lock will also be closed 20 July through 16 August.

For the latest on lock closures and other Navigation Notices on local waters, visit the Army Corp of Engineers Nashville District website at <http://www.lrn.usace.mil/opn/navnotices.htm>.

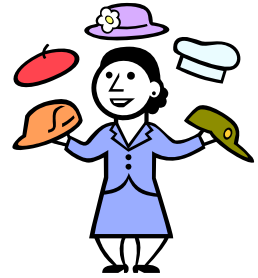
**A lubber line, also called a lubber's line, a lubber's mark, and a lubber's point, is a reference mark on a compass or other navigational instrument indicating the heading of a vessel. We've created this lubber line to serve as our newsletter bulletin board to post pieces of information that effect our squadron's mark and direction.*

March Dinner Meeting Thanks

A very big heartfelt "Thank You" to Jim Barkley for his wonderful presentation on the 2009 Cardboard Boat Race at the 22 March Potluck Dinner meeting.

April Dinner Meeting

The location for the 26 April Dinner Meeting will be the Tellico Harbor Subdivision Clubhouse, 2000 Cherokee Drive, Maryville, TN. The theme for the evening is to celebrate Spring and the opening of boating season, so **wear your best hat and/or most colorful shirt.**



The schedule for the evening is:

1700 Meeting for all persons interested in building our cardboard boat entry

1800 Social Hour – BYOB

1900 Dinner provided by Apple Cake Tea Room with your choice of one of the following:

Tea Room Medley – Chicken salad, glazed fruit, banana nut bread sandwich with cream cheese filling, and chips

Club Croissant – Turkey, ham, Swiss cheese, bacon, tomatoes, lettuce on croissant with mayo on side

Chef Salad – Lettuce, eggs, Swiss and cheddar cheese, ham, turkey, mushrooms, bacon bits, croutons, and tomatoes, served with cheese bread and poppy seed dressing.

The cost for the dinner is \$10 per person and the Squadron will provide tea and water along with paper goods. Reservations for this event must be in no later than Tuesday, 21 April. Please advise the calling committee of your dinner selection and also tell them "yes or no" for the golf outing and luncheon on 29 April.

Upcoming Events

29 April 9-hole golf outing to begin at 1015. The golf course, Lakeside Golf Course, is located at 736 Paint Rock Ferry Road, Kingston. 865-376-5397. Cost for 9 holes of golf and cart is \$13 per person. This event is scheduled for fun and for prizes to be awarded. Following the golf outing at approximately 1300, we will adjourn to Red Bones on The River, 316 West Race Street, Kingston (865-376-9696) for lunch. The cardboard boat committee will meet after lunch to make boat building assignments.

22 May Lock-Thru and Picnic (More on this in the next issue of the newsletter.)

Watts Bar Invitation

Mark your calendar for the weekend of **25-27 June** for the Watts Bar Invitational at Terrace View Marina and Resort in Rockwood, TN. This event provides an opportunity for District 17 members to meet and compete, enjoy the company of others, and do some boating. Highlight of the weekend is the Cardboard Boat Race where each squadron competes with other squadrons who have built cardboard boats. Remember to reserve ahead for lodging if you plan to stay at the hotel. Call them at 423/ 365-6060.

Tentative Schedule:

25 June 2010 Check in (Marina or Hotel). Please make reservations for either before June 1. Provide the marina a contact phone number.

1830 Board vessel *Sea-Duction* for cook-aboard dinner cruise. Final costs and menu to be finalized by May.

26 June 2010

0800-0930 District Breakfast aboard *Sea-Duction*

1000-1130 Dinghy Race, format to be determined

1230-1330 Buddy Lunch – Hotel guests join boat attendees aboard host boats

1430-1530 Nautical Rodeo – Line Handling Challenge by Knoxville to other squadron attendees – 2 person team from each squadron

1600 Cardboard Boat Race

Details for Saturday evening dinner not complete at this time.

27 June 2010 Departure and safe journey by all attendees

Visit www.kps.org and link to NHT Newsletter for final details. Dinner reservations, questions, offers to assist, or other – contact Vickie or Chuck 865-376-1370; Email: rnvgirl@gmail.com.

Hope to see you in June at the Watts Bar Invitational.

Two classes will be held in April. The “ABC” boating safety course will be held at Travis Marine starting 6 April at 1800 hrs. Please encourage all of your novice boating friends to attend. Our new Seminar series will be kicked off at West Marine on 20 April at 1800 hrs. “Using GPS” is an excellent introduction into the capabilities, application, and use of a GPS. Everyone will learn something from this seminar.

The long awaited Piloting class will start in May. The course lasts about 12 weeks and covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This all-new course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student’s skills through hands-on practice and learning. Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner’s compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

If you are interested in attending please contact Tom Dietrich 865-657-9190 or tdietric1@aol.com before 20 April.

“ABC 3rd Ed”[®] Course

(In case you don’t know, “ABC” means America’s Boating Course.)

TRAVIS MARINE, Knoxville

6, 8, 13, 15 April
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1815-2100

SEA RAY, Knoxville

4, 6, 11, 13 May
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1815-2100

The above four-session courses teach:

Boat Handling and Safety,
Rules of the Road,
Equipment and safety issues &
TWRA BOATING LICENSE

ABC 3rd Ed[®] Course Costs

Individual: \$35

Family of 2 (one book): \$45

Fees are to cover the cost of the textbook and exam.

To register for any class above or in the column at the right or for information please call:

Tom Dietrich at 865-657-9190

Or visit our web site: www.kps-site.org

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

All classes to be held on
The 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1815-2100
At **WEST MARINE, Knoxville**

20 April: USING THE GPS

18 May: TRAILERING YOUR BOAT

**15 June: USING THE VHF & VHF/DSC
MARINE RADIO**

20 July: ANCHORING

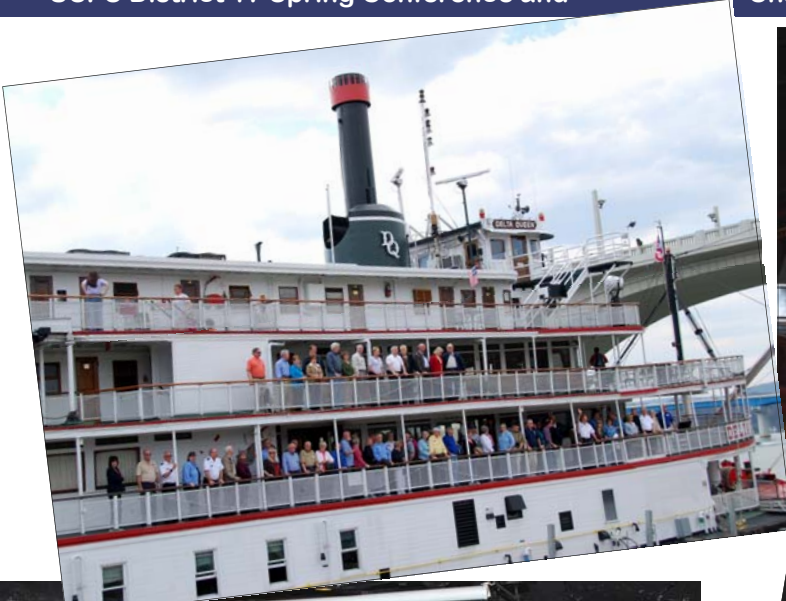
**17 August: ONBOARD WEATHER
FORECASTING**

21 September: PADDLE SMART

These three-hour sessions teach:
Basic use and Safety Items
Rules of the Road
Required equipment and safe use

Seminar[®] Courses Cost for Individual: \$28

Fees to cover the cost of the
Books and any materials required.



Above: KPS member & D/C Mike Scher gives a seminar on Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes.



Above: The new District 17 Bridge is installed. Note KPS Past Commander Hank Davis on far right. Above Right: Hank receives his new burgee for his new office as District 17 Treasurer from new D/C Jeff Wise .



Left: P/D/C Mike Scher receives his Past Commander burgee from new D/C Jeff Wise.

Right: P/D/C Mike Scher is inducted into the elite group of Past District Commanders with new head gear. Does he look happy or what?



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The Bridge is finalizing the 2010 Committee chairs. These are listed in this newsletter. Volunteers to help these chairs are always welcome.

Spring is here. The sun is actually shining now and then. Boating season must be around the corner. I can't wait.



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"We promote boating safety and enjoyment through education and camaraderie"



UPCOMING EVENTS... (Details see inside this or the next issue)

01 April	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
26 April	1800	Dinner Meeting Tellico Harbor Clubhouse Maryville (near Greenback)
29 April		9-Hole Golf Outing and Lunch Lakeside Golf Course, Kingston
06 May		Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
10 May		Lock-Through Briefing, Tellico Marina
22 May		Lock-Through and Picnic Fort Loudoun Lock
25-27 June		Watts Bar Invitational Cruise Terrace View Marina and Resort Rockwood, TN

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