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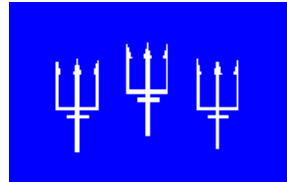
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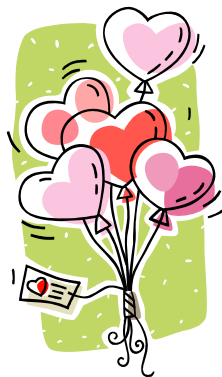
Commander's Comments

Cdr Hank Davis, AP

As the last newsletter article that I will be writing as Commander, this is both the most difficult and gratifying article that I have written. It is hard to believe that my two years as your Commander are coming to an end. In one aspect it is with regret that I am stepping down. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for this organization because its mission to educate boaters for the sake of safety is so very worthwhile, and to have fun doing it with so many special people is extremely special.



To a person, the Bridge that I served with was supportive and dedicated to the betterment of KPS. Bob Bray jumped in to fill the vacancy of SEO and was a beacon of direction to our educational program and contributed significantly to the accomplishment of our mission. Margaret Edidin, my Administrative Officer in my first year and Executive Officer in my second year, worked tirelessly to arrange many events and meetings for the squadron and was a lubber line as XO. Larry Lanz was a rudder as treasurer, paying our bills, safeguarding our deposits and providing financial reports at the Bridge meetings that were useful in controlling the finances of our organization. Nancy Campbell, squadron scribe, provided timely and accurate bridge meeting minutes and implemented an "action item list" that helped to focus the Bridge on activities that needed to be accomplished.



Don Eatock, who was the XO during my first year was an anchor and provided sage advice as well developing the budget and did an exemplary job organizing and executing the boat show. Vickie Smith joined the Bridge in my second year and was a spinnaker of innovative and enjoyable events such as the cardboard boat race for the squadron.

Ron Lukens volunteered as Membership chairman and brought a traditional compass to the Bridge. Mike Scher, D17 Commander, was my mentor and kept me on a true course. There have been so many other members that have

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ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

AUDIT:

CHAIR: H. Gary Rich, S
2 YR
3 YR Janine Johnson

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2 YR
3 YR Ira Edidin, P

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2 YR
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APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS

BOAT SHOWS:

Don Eatock, AP

RADIO:

P/V/C Franklin Wedge, SN

OPERATION BOAT SMART:

P/C Bob Bray, JN

SAFETY:

D/C Michael P. Scher, AP

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P/C Sharon Birdwell, AP

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The LUBBER LINE*



Visiting boaters and USPS members, Wes and Jean Quigley, are full-time live-aboards (make that “long-range cruisers”) who are half way around their Great Loop Cruise and staying at Ft. Loudoun Marina until April. If you see them at a meeting or a class, welcome them. By the way, they built their own 42-foot trawler. Took ‘em seven years. Who of us has done that?

KPS members from time to time need to have their information updated in the USPS National Membership Database (DBS2000). In addition, there are occasional issues of current importance that members might like to have communicated to their fellow members via the KPS website. Ken Bloomfield is serving as our IT (information tech) member, and would appreciate it if you would send those requests directly to him at webmaster@kps-site.org. He will then post or change the information as required.

You could be reading your newsletter in eye-popping, vivid color if you receive it via email and print it on your own color printer? If you aren't receiving your newsletter by email and would like to, contact Eva Stob at REStob@aol.com. Getting the newsletter by email instead of by regular mail, means you get it a few days earlier, you can print it in color which makes it more interesting to read and it saves the squadron printing and mailing costs. If you have an address or email change, let us know.

**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.*

We trust that all are frost free and counting down the days to boating weather.

KPS Change of Watch — 27 February

27 February 2010 is the date of our squadron's Change of Watch. This year our squadron will visit Chattanooga for a luncheon aboard the riverboat, *The Delta Queen*. Menu for the luncheon is Caesar salad, Cajun chicken salad sandwich on a warm fresh Ciabatta with a delicious Quava-Cranberry Aioli, Cheesecake topped with strawberries, and coffee, tea, or soda.

The luncheon begins at 12 noon and the cost is \$18 per person, payable the day of the luncheon. (*Please note that the price and menu have changed since that listed in the January NHT!*) The deadline for reservations is Friday, 13 February. Reservations may be made with the calling committee, or by calling Vickie Smith at 865/ 376-1370.



We also have an opportunity to stay aboard the night of the 27th at room rates of \$89 for the standard cabin bedroom. Deadline for reservations of the rooms at this discounted rate is 7 February 2010 or the room rate will return to the original price of \$119. The room block is reserved under Knoxville Power Squadron. The phone number for making reservations is 423/ 468-4500. The vessel is docked in the Coolidge Park area of Chattanooga at 100 River Street, Chattanooga, TN 37405.

The Legendary *Delta Queen*, the last fully operational, overnight passenger steamboat in the country, is the newest landmark Chattanooga hotel. This grand lady has logged over two million miles, carried over half a million passengers and is the only boat to be inducted into the National Marine Hall of Fame while still in service. She has entertained Presidents, foreign dignitaries and a multitude of celebrities.

The steamboat's new Chattanooga accommodations are right in the middle of the vibrant North

Shore scene at Coolidge Park Landing which has many shops and eating places. The walk across the bridge or a quick water taxi ride to the southside offers access to the Tennessee Aquarium and more shops and restaurants and is an ideal base of operations for exploring Chattanooga's attractions.



In addition to being one of the most unique Chattanooga hotels, the *Delta Queen* will feature live music, theatrical performances and romantic dining overlooking the Tennessee River. Group tours will be available, allowing visitors to learn first-hand about steam technology and the colorful history of a legendary paddleboat. A visit to the website for the boat, www.deltaqueenhotel.com, will give you more information about this special vessel which will allow you to appreciate her history.

Items of interest ongoing during this time period include Mardi Gras festivities on the *Delta Queen* as well as the Houston Museum Antique Show, which begins on 26 February and runs through 28 February in Chattanooga. The show will be held at Warehouse Row. Details available at www.thehoustonmuseum.com.

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During the month of December and January, Tom Dietrich (the SEO candidate for 2010) and I worked on setting up classes with four of our partner boat dealers. These will sponsor our "Americas Boating Course 3rd Ed" which is NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) approved in 40 some states in the USA to teach the public. (SEE FLYER page 6.)

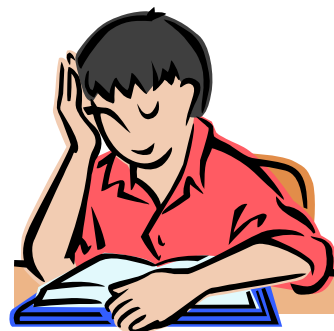
Also we are branching out with new Seminar classes which will be taught at West Marine on Kingston Pike in Knoxville which is located just west of West Town Mall. All classes will be on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1815 to 2100. Topics will include GPS, Trailing, VHF/DCS, Anchoring, On Board Weather and Paddle Smart. All consist of one topic each month starting in April and running through September 2010. (SEE FLYER page 7.)

All instructors for above public classes must be certified by passing Instructor Development (ID). If you are interested in teaching, give your SEO a call.

February or March we are planning for members an Advanced Grade course in **Piloting**. Anyone who passed Seamanship is eligible or you may start your education with Piloting. Either can be taken first but both S and P must be completed to be eligible for Advanced Piloting in the future. We need help to find a facility to teach this class. If anyone can help with a location please contact your SEO.

See website for info also at www.kps-site.org or usps.org.

Next month at the change of watch, Tom Dietrich will become The Squadron Education Officer for Knoxville Power Squadron. Please give Tom the support KPS has given me during my tenure. I have enjoyed the education department since 1978 and will continue teaching.



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Upcoming Events:

March and April Dinner Meetings

Details for the March and April dinner meetings are not finalized, so they will be announced in the March newsletter.

Watts Bar Invitation

Remember to plan ahead for lodging during the Watts Bar Invitational, 25 June through 27 June, Reservations for the hotel need to be secured by 1 June 2010.

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graciously served on committees, have captained events and participated in so many ways that it would be impossible to mention and thank them all.

As I reflect on the past two years, it is very gratifying to know that I have had the honor to serve the Knoxville Power Squadron with so many members who are willing to give their talents and sacrifice their time for their fellow members and this wonderful organization. I know that the incoming Bridge will enjoy the same support that I have had and wish them great success in the future.

Cdr Hank Davis, AP

District 17 Spring Conference to be held on the *Delta Queen* Steamboat.

Plans are being made for the District 17 Spring Conference, according to D/Lt/C Jeff Wise, SN. The event is scheduled to take place 19-21 March 2010 on the *Delta Queen* Steamboat in Chattanooga (the same location as the KPS Change of Watch in February). A block of rooms have been set aside for the event participants. Accommodations are either a room with two twin beds or a queen-size bed; a few rooms have kings. Note that the rooms are like cabins on a cruise ship (very small) with a tiny toilet/shower, rather than like in a hotel. People traveling by riverboat in the 1920's didn't have hotel rooms! You have your choice of rooms that open onto the outside deck, or rooms that open onto our own semi-private sitting area where the hospitality suite will be on Friday night.

For those interested, Jeff has also arranged for dockage nearby for anyone that would like to come by boat. He doesn't know the rates yet, but it will be "very reasonable". Put these dates on your calendar now and watch for more information in the Dixie District News or the next issue of the *Now Hear This!*

Knoxville Boat Show Helpers Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP At the Boat Show-and you will get in FREE!

KPS is having a booth at the Boat Show again this year. The theme will be the same as last year: **SAVE MONEY ON YOUR BOAT INSURANCE – TAKE A BOATING SAFETY COURSE.** As most of you know nearly every insurance company that covers boats will offer a discount if the boat owner has taken our America's Boating Course. The ABC Course and 2 hour Seminars on various boating topics will be our primary focus at the Show.

We got a late start this year and have had great response with the help of the calling committee and at meetings this month, but we still have a few openings. We would appreciate it if you could help man our booth at the show. The following dates and times are still not covered, Super Bowl Sunday included. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help and the date and time you would like. Call me (ok to leave a message) at 865-988-9553. We would like two people at each time slot and couples would be great. Please provide Name, Home phone and Cell Phone. The latter will be used to contact the person before or after you. I will be providing a list and instructions before the show.

Friday, 5 February

Noon to 3:00

3:00 to 6:00

Saturday, 6 February

3:00 to 6:00

Sunday, 7 February

Noon to 3:00

3:00 to 6:00

Thanks.

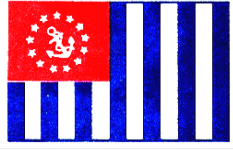
Don Eatock

Election of the new 2010 Knoxville Power Squadron Bridge took place at the January meeting on 25 January and the new Bridge will be installed at the KPS Change of Watch 27 February aboard the *Delta Queen* in Chattanooga. Congratulations and a great big THANK YOU to all who agreed to serve on the Bridge or on various committees.

THANKS also to the outgoing Bridge for a job well done. Organizations such as the United States Power Squadrons need all members to step up and help in whatever way they can. Don't wait to be asked to help out. Please volunteer by contacting one of the Bridge Officers whose contact information is on the first and second pages of each newsletter.



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Tues 1815-2100

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15 JUNE
Tues 1815-2100

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Tues 1815-2100

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

28-31 January & 04-07 February		Knoxville Expo Center Boat Show
01-07 February		USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
11 February	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
27 February	1200	KPS Change of Watch <i>Delta Queen</i> , Chattanooga
04 March	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
19-21 March		District 17 Spring Conference <i>Delta Queen</i> , Chattanooga
25-27 June		Watts Bar Invitational

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