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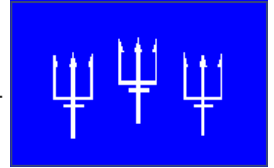
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## Commander's Comments

Cdr Margaret Edidin, P

The 21 May lock-thru and picnic was a success. About a dozen people went through the Fort Loudon Lock for the first time. I thank Tom Sundstom for coordinating this event and providing his boat. Thanks also to Bob and Mary Cadieux for providing their boat and the other members who provided their expertise during the lock-thru.



Our 23 May dinner meeting at Naples Italian Restaurant was special. We recognized Bob McConnel for receiving his Life Membership status for earning 25 Merit Marks. We also learned about the many issues involved in boating around the Great Loop. I thank Ken Bloomfield for his creative and informative presentation about his and Brenda's 1-year adventure.

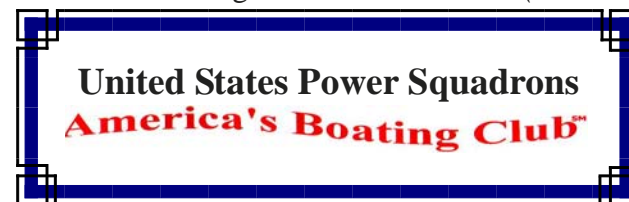
Next up is the public lock-thru event on 11 June. This event is open to the public and free of charge. KPS members will assist participants on the participants' boats. Help spread the word in your marina and communities. Ira Edidin (865-771-2569) is coordinating this event.

The Watts Bar Invitational is 24-26 June. There are still a few boat slips available, but the motel is full. Even if you cannot stay for the weekend, you are welcome to come on Friday or Saturday. The drive from Knoxville is under 1½ hours. Special meals are being planned for Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday and Sunday mornings. Plan to participate in these meals since the restaurants are working hard to accommodate us. More details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you would like to share fireworks with some of the other KPS members, raft up with Mike Scher on 2 July off Lenoir City Park to enjoy the Rockin' the Docks and Fireworks display. Mike will anchor his white and green 70' houseboat *Sea-Duction* around 1500. You can come for the afternoon, stay for the fireworks or spend the night (*aboard your own boat, of course*).

Our existing Knoxville

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## ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

### AUDIT:

CHAIR: Janine Johnson  
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## APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICERS (Some of the following positions will be updated.)

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## The LUBBER LINE\*



Say Hello to **Marcia & Mike Bledsoe, Mary & Paul Houle, Maureen & Mike McCarthy, and Kirby & Caleb Wilcher**, our newest graduates of the ABC course and members of the squadron. Please introduce yourself to these new people at KPS events and make them feel welcome.

A major component of a fun-filled outing is a boat which has all the necessary equipment operating properly. A free vessel safety check is the answer and our members will be happy to perform the check. Contact Bob Bray, JN, (865-408-9229) to get inspected.

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*\*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.*

## Public Lock-Thru Event at Lenoir City Park – 11 June

On 11 June there will be a public lock-thru the Ft. Loudoun Locks which is a great opportunity for boaters who have never locked through a lock to see how it works and get some training from members who have done it before. We need our members to recruit folks for this training, so please, pass this event information along to prospective folks who may have a need for this event. If you can, please, print a copy of the flyer on page 6 and post it at your marina. Let Ira Edidin know at 865-771-2569 if you can assist in this training. The training is free, but participation is limited so contact Ira no later than Tuesday 7 June if you would like to participate.

Please have your boat (any size) at the Lenoir City Park next to Fort Loudoun Marina at the small dock near pavilion 1 at 1000.



## Watts Bar Invitational – 24-26 June

There will not be a dinner meeting in June because we have the Watts Bar Invitational coming up 24-26 June at Terrace View Marina and Resort in Rockwood, TN. It's going to be a great weekend with lots of activities planned. Friday evening we will cruise aboard 1 or 2 vessels to Land's End Southern Seafood and Steak Restaurant at Euchee Marina. It will be a sit down dinner with a seafood menu and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. Saturday, 25 June at 0800-0930 the District Breakfast will be hosted by District Commander John DiPrima. At 1230-1330 will be our Buddy Lunch where hotel guests and boat attendees are hosted on boats. It's a great way to get to know fellow boaters and members. Please contact me at lakelou1@yahoo.com to let me know if you want to participate and how many people you can host on your boat.

There are activities planned for the afternoon and the pool will also be open. Dinner will be at 1830 at the Terrace View Restaurant and the cost is \$15.00 per person and is going to a barbecue buffet. Also on Sunday, 26 June the restaurant at Terrace View is doing a breakfast buffet; the cost will be \$7.50 per person. We will be selling dinner and breakfast tickets after we arrive at Terrace View.

If you need other accommodations for hotel rooms, try Arrowhead and Lakeside Marinas. The boat slips are filling up fast, so please make your reservations now by calling Terrace View Marina at 423-365-6060.

### Tentative Schedule:

#### 24 June 2011

Check in (Marina and/or Hotel)

1830 Board vessels for a cruise to dinner at Land's End Southern Seafood and Steak Restaurant at Euchee Marina.

#### 25 June 2011

0800-0930 District Breakfast hosted by District Commander John DiPrima

1000-1130 Dinghy Race, format to be determined

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

1430-1530 Games

1600 Cardboard Boat Race

1830 Dinner at Terrace View Restaurant. In the past we have asked everyone to bring a hors d'oeuvres for a cocktail party prior to dinner. This year we will skip the hors d'oeuvres and share a nice dinner together at the restaurant.

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## 26 June 2011

0800 – 0900 Breakfast at Terrace View Restaurant

Departure and safe journey by all attendees.

We hope to see you in June at the Watts Bar Invitational.

## Upcoming Events — Mark your calendar!

### Raft-Up and Fireworks – 2 July

Upcoming on 2 July is the Lenoir City Rockin' the Docks and Fireworks near Fort Loudoun Dam off Lenoir City Park and Cove. People who want to meet and tie up need to contact Mike Sher at 865-405-5512, especially if you plan to raft up overnight. Mike will arrive around 1500 aboard his 70' houseboat, *Sea-Duction*, and will orchestrate the tie ups according to size and type of boat and whether you are rafting up overnight or just for the evening. Some of us did it last year and it was a lot of fun. The music and festivities at the park begin at 1600 with fireworks at 2200. If you plan to go ashore, you'll need a dinghy to ride.



### July Dinner Meeting – 25 July

Our July dinner meeting is going to be 25 July. We are still working on the details for that meeting which will be in the July newsletter.

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Power Squadron Bylaws have been in effect since 6 May 2003 and are based on the suggested USPS Squadron Bylaws model available at that time. Since then, significant changes have been made to the USPS bylaws and the suggested USPS squadron model. Thus, The Executive Committee is recommending that our squadron vote to change the Knoxville Power Squadron Bylaws to be in sync with the current USPS squadron model and to include some additional requirements unique to the Knoxville Power Squadron.

A copy of our existing and proposed bylaws, along with a summary of the significant changes, can be found on the KPS website ([www.kps-site.org](http://www.kps-site.org)) by clicking on the "News Flash" button. Please review this over the next two months. Assuming we have a quorum (10%) at our 25 July dinner meeting, we will vote on whether or not to approve the proposed bylaws. If we do that, then the proposed bylaws will be sent to national for their final approval.

Several people have asked me to explain Merit Marks. While earning a Merit Mark is not an exact science, Merit Marks are awarded each year to members who provide significant support to the squadron. Only one merit mark can be earned each year. Once a member earns 25 merit marks, they become a Life Time Member and are exempt from the annual membership fee. So what is significant support? Usually, it means multiple contribution events such as coordinating an event, boat show participation, giving a presentation, maintaining the roster, and serving on the calling committee. These following examples would qualify and give you an idea of the time involvement required:

- Teach a minimum of two class sessions or proctor a minimum of four sessions
- Complete a minimum of 10 vessel safety checks (or pass examiner's qualification, which involves 5 supervised boat inspections)

I wish you a fun-filled and safe boating summer.

Congratulations and welcome to Marcia & Mike Bledsoe, Mary & Paul Houle, Maureen & Mike McCarthy, and Kirby & Caleb Wilcher, our newest graduates of the ABC course and members to the squadron.

Congratulations to Delila Callahan, Dave Roberts, Otto Schwarz, and Ray West who have completed the Instructor development class. They will help teach the classes in June and July.

I am interested in scheduling some of our elective and advanced courses, so I am looking for members who would like to teach them. You do not have to be a USPS certified teacher to teach these courses. If anyone is interested in teaching any of the courses below please email me at [tdietric1@aol.com](mailto:tdietric1@aol.com) and I will schedule the course.

Elective Courses: Cruise Planning (CP), Engine Maintenance (EM), Marine Electrical Systems (MES), Marine Communication Systems (MCS), Marine Electronics (ME) 101, Sail (Sa) 2009 102, & 103, Weather (Wx) 2008

Advanced Grade: Courses Seamanship (S), Piloting (P), Advanced Piloting (AP), Junior Navigation (JN), & Navigation (N)

Below are two more safe boating classes scheduled for this year. Graduates of these classes will get a 6-month temporary membership into KPS & USPS. Safe boating class costs \$37 for an individual or \$47 for a family sharing a book. For further information contact Tom Dietrich 865-657-9190.

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145 Awohili Drive

13, 15, 20, 22 June

Mon. and Wed. 1815 - 2100

Concord Marina

10911 Concord Road

18, 20, 25, 27 July

Mon. and Wed. 1815 - 2100

### DSC (Digital Selective Calling) by Mike Scher

Let's talk DSC (Digital Selective Calling) for a minute. The U.S. Coast Guard recently issued a bulletin concerning a problem with their Rescue 21 system that is currently in use on the coasts and is being implemented on our river system. The system is being used incorrectly, causing delays in responding to actual emergencies and overloading the system with bad information. The cause of the problem is boaters pressing the DSC button on their VHF radios when they have not input their MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) number or hooked the radio up to a working GPS.



In 2005 the Coast Guard mandated that all new VHF radios incorporate the DSC system into their design. Note, this does not mean that all radios sold after that date have DSC capability, only new models being introduced to the market. If you bought a new model radio after 2005, you should have DSC capability. Your radio will have a red button labeled DSC on the face of the radio with a clear plastic protective cover over it. When the button is pressed, it will automatically issue a MAYDAY call and continue the transmission until someone answers the call. Unfortunately this call does little good unless the radio has been programmed with your MMSI number and is hooked to a GPS. The radio will issue a MAYDAY, but no information will go with it. The Coast Guard will respond, but has no information as to the location of the vessel in trouble or its description.

An MMSI number that is assigned to your individual vessel is easily obtained and cost you nothing. Simply go to the Boat U.S. web site (<http://www.boatus.com/MMSI/>) and it will provide you a form to fill out that requires information about the vessel owner and information about the vessel itself. When the form is returned by mail or on the web, the information is stored by the Coast Guard in their Rescue 21 system; then when your DSC sends a MAYDAY, the information is automatically provided to the Coast Guard personnel working to help you. The MMSI also has other valuable applications, but you can read about that in your radio instructor manual.

Even if your radio is not hooked to a working GPS, the MMSI information will give the Coast Guard enough information to start the search. If you have a working GPS and have the radio hooked up, a rather simple operation, your vessel's coordinates are automatically transmitted with the MAYDAY call, allowing the Coast Guard and all other vessels with a DSC to see where you are located, thereby shortening the time it takes to get help to you.

The Coast Guard is asking all boats that have a VHF radio with DSC capability, please, enter your MMSI number as soon as possible. For more information, call Mike Scher (865-405-5512).

## **Attention All Boaters!**

### **FREE Lock-Through Assistance**

The Knoxville Power Squadron (a non-profit organization dedicated to safe boating and boater education) is offering free assistance to any boater who would like to learn the fundamentals of locking through at Fort Loudoun Lock and Dam. An experienced KPS member will board your boat with you and assist you in a lock down and a return lock back up at Ft. Loudoun Lock.

Instruction will be provided in:

- Locking Rules
- Contacting the lockmaster
- Tying up in the lock

This free event will take place Saturday, 11 June at 10 a.m. Those registering for this event will be asked to have their boat (any size) at the Lenoir City Park (next to Fort Loudoun Marina) at the small dock near pavilion 1.

If you would like to participate in this event, please, call Ira Edidin at 865-771-2569 no later than Tuesday, 7 June. Participation is limited so call and register now.

The time it takes to lock down and back up is about 1 to 2 hours; however, remember that barge traffic has priority and could delay our event.



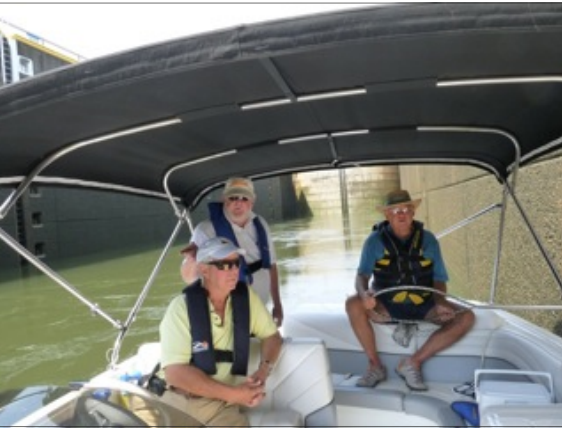
## May KPS Events Photos



*Left:* Member P/C Robert (Bob) McConnel, SN, receives his 25-year Life Membership Award from Commander Margaret Edidin. Bob earned his this award by contributing significantly to USPS and receiving 25 Merit Marks. Congratulations, Bob, and thanks for 25 years of service.

*Below:* KPS boats practice locking through Ft. Loudoun Lock south of Knoxville.

Thanks to Mary Cadieux and Margaret Edidin for the photos.



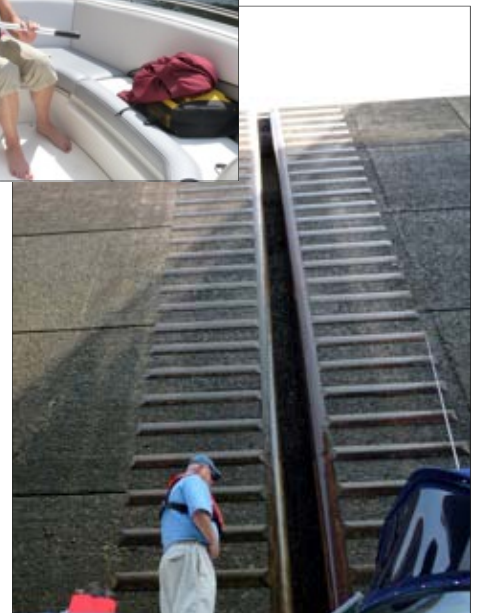
*Far left:* Isn't the loop end supposed to go around the bollard instead of being held?



*Above right:* What kind of boat hook is that?

*Left:* Now that's the way locking is supposed to be done.

*Right:* Wow! It's a long way to the top of the lock!





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

Saturday, 11 June 1000 Public Lock-Thru at Fort Loudoun Lock

Tuesday, 14 June 1900 Bridge Meeting  
Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club

Thursday, 23 June Optional Raft-Off before the  
Friday-Sunday, 24-26 June Watts Bar Invitational  
Terrace View Marina and Resort  
Rockwood, TN

Saturday, 2 July 1600 Rockin' the Docks and Fireworks  
Lenoir City Park and Cove area  
Raft-off *Sea-Duction* with optional  
overnight

Tuesday, 12 July 1900 Bridge Meeting  
Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club

Monday, 25 July 1800 Dinner Meeting  
TBA

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