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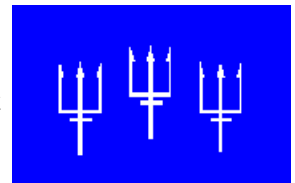
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Commander's Comments

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Boating season is finally here. If you have not already done so, please be safe by checking your boat and equipment to be sure you have everything you need and it is in good operating condition. If you would like a vessel safety check or re-check, contact Bob Bray to schedule one.



The first membership renewal notices, using the new 2010 dues structure effective 1 June, are now being received in the mail. As always, these dues are made up of four parts – KPS dues, District dues, National dues and an educational donation. The National dues have risen slightly and the KPS dues have been changed to be in line with the National and District dues structure. First, there is no difference in cost between families with one active member and families with two or more active members. Second, the individual and family rates have been changed so the family rate is 1½ times the individual rate.

	KPS	District	National	Education Fund	Total
*Individual	\$22.00	\$10.00	\$39.00	\$1.00	\$72.00
*Family	\$33.00	\$15.00	\$58.50	\$1.00	107.50

*New members must also pay an additional \$25, which goes to National. District is no longer rebating this fee.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

In an effort to reach more people, several of our members are participating in area boating events during May on behalf of KPS.

1 May Sea Tow Safety Day at Lenoir City Park Leader – Larry Lanz

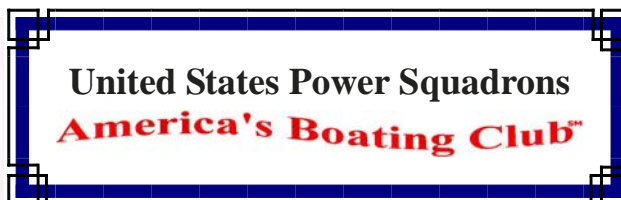
1 May Tellico Lake Orientation Leader - Nancy Campbell

10 May Tellico Briefing at Tellico Marina Restaurant Leader – Mike

Scher

22 May KPS Annual Fort Loudon Dam lock-thru Leader – Ira Edidin

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The LUBBER LINE*

Welcome to the Following New Members:

Hassell R. York and LeAnna Totten from Crossville, TN
Allen L. Hunley from Knoxville, TN
David C. and Betty Roberts from Knoxville, TN



A Request from Rich Hawbaker, Boat Show Committee Chair:

Anyone interested in providing input for the 2011 Boat Show is invited to meet at 1800 at the Fort Loudoun Yacht Club on Thursday, 6 May. This will be a brain storming and planning session to make next year's boat show the best ever. I hope you will come with your ideas and suggestions.

Lock Closures: Fort Loudoun Lock will be closed through 11 May.

Chickamauga Lock has been closing 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.*

Lock Thru Event at Lenoir City Park – 22 May

The Squadron's Annual Lock Thru teaching event will take place on 22 May at Lenoir City Park, City Park Drive, Lenoir City, Shelter 1. This event is for squadron members as well as our new boating course attendees. Those participating in the lock thru will meet promptly at 0930 at the pier of shelter 1 of the park. Please note that a 5K run will occur that morning, so allow extra time to enter the park. Plans are to lock thru at 1000, run down the river a few miles, then lock back up and return to the shelter for lunch at approximately 1200. Please bring your own life vests if you have them.

The Squadron will provide subs from Quizno's and asks that squadron members provide a covered dish to share. The cost is \$8 per person which includes the sandwich, soda or water, and picnic accessories such as plates, tableware, and napkins.

Ira Edidin will be coordinating the lock thru and needs to know if you will be locking thru aboard your own boat or want to see how it's done aboard someone else's boat. Please advise the calling committee or Vickie Smith (865-376-1370) if you plan to attend the picnic and want to lock thru.



Watts Bar Invitation – 25-27 June

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 that have built cardboard boats. Remember to reserve ahead for lodging if you plan to stay at the hotel. At this writing seven rooms remain available so if you need a reservation, now is the time to make it. Nine boats have made slip reservations, so there is plenty of room remaining for boats. Call 423/ 365-6060 before 1 June to make reservations for either the hotel or the marina. Please provide a contact phone number.

Tentative Schedule:

25 June 2010

Check in (Marina or Hotel)

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

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 vs. other squadrons – 2 person team from each squadron

1600 Cardboard Boat Race

Details for Saturday evening dinner are 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: rwvgirl@gmail.com.

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

July Dinner Meeting – 26 July

The July meeting will be held on 26 July at the Courtyard Grille. Details to follow in future newsletters.

Twelve people graduated from our April safe boating class held at Travis Marine. This brings the total graduates to 37 for the year. Six new members have joined from the classes so far. The next class at Sea Ray of Knoxville is shaping up to be our biggest class yet. Thanks to all the people who have helped put these classes on.

John Farmer and Otto Schwarz presented the first of the seminar series of classes. It was very professionally presented, covering everything you need to know about GPS's. Four of our members attended. The next seminar is "Trailer your Boat", to be held 18 May at West Marine. If you have ever had any questions about trailering your boat this is the course to come to. In about two hours you will learn about the challenges of towing, how to choose a vehicle, hitches, the art of towing, launching and retrieving your boat, maintenance, and more. The seminar starts at 1800.

The Piloting class will start 24 May. It runs about 12 weeks and will be held at Jackson Hewitt Tax Service on 9288 Kingston Pike, Knoxville. The first class will start at 1800.

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Rules of the Road,
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Individual: \$35

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**To register for any class above
or in the column at the right
or for more 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, 1800-2100
at **WEST MARINE, Knoxville****

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

The above 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.

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With the help of Ron Lukens, we will have a variety of boating handouts with KPS contact information to distribute at these events.

Our next seminar is "Trailer your Boat". As with all of our seminars, this seminar is open to KPS members and the public and is held at West Marine in Knoxville. Please help us get the word out on these seminars by inviting your friends and marina neighbors.

There is no dinner meeting scheduled for May, so be sure to come to the 22 May lock-thru and picnic which is open to all members and graduates of our ABC Course.

Also, be sure to make your reservations for the June Watts Bar Invitational event. You will not want to miss all of fun activities that are being planned.

One reason for our migration to East Tennessee four years ago was the allure of year-round boating. It sure sounded good after too many years of short seasons and high winter storage costs in northern lower Michigan. Unfortunately, the colder than expected winter weather trend of the last couple of years has made us think otherwise. This winter we chased boatable weather conditions even further south by trailering our 30' SeaRay to Florida. Even though all of the south experienced unusually cool temperatures this year, we made the right decision.

Our destination was St. Petersburg, which is on the southwest shore of Tampa Bay and only ten nautical miles north of the ICW. Having trailered to the Gulf once before, we were prepared for the 670 miles of interstate, but the heavy snowbird and winter break traffic on I-75 forced us into a higher defensive driving mode. To ensure a safe and comfortable trip, we heartily recommend maintaining 60-62 mph in the right hand lane, keeping your attention well ahead and to be prepared for irrational behavior from other drivers.

On a previous trip to St. Pete, we had checked out dockage options and had settled on putting the boat in rack storage less than a mile from our downtown apartment. For those of you who are unfamiliar with a rack storage operation, it is typically a large, multi-level storage building where the boats are hauled in and out by an oversized fork-lift. For us, the advantages of this option over a wet slip were cost, protection from the weather and convenience. A phone call less than an hour from castoff put our boat in the water, ready to load and depart. Back after a pleasant cruise, merely tie up to the seawall and the friendly crew lifts the boat out of the water, flushes the engine, hoses down the hull and returns it safely to its rack.

Boating in SW Florida is definitely more interesting and more challenging than the TN River system. You have the ICW, which offers unending scenery with little navigation challenges, but often with congested boat traffic situations and little or no water outside the channel; the Gulf of Mexico with potentially more challenging weather, sea conditions, longer passages and offshore navigation opportunities; and the connecting waters of major bays, which are a combination of the two, with the addition of oceangoing vessel traffic concerns.

During the three months we were there, in spite of the cooler than normal weather, we got out on the water about once a week on average. One day we went north in bright sunshine on the ICW toward Clearwater and Tarpon Springs, only to be turned around by a chilly and damp sea fog. Another day found us crossing Tampa Bay in smooth water to see the sights of Tampa's waterfront and the surrounding upscale waterfront living. Our longest venture was south about 75 nm past Bradenton and Sarasota to spend a couple of days with friends in the Englewood/Venice area. During this cruise, we experienced comfortable following seas on the way south and quite challenging conditions on the way back. We are convinced the boat could handle more than we could, but it would have been nice to have had two engines, more beam and more displacement. Cruising in a trailerable single I/O is certainly different than in a large full-keel sailboat.

Looking back, would we do it again – definitely yes. And we will, one way or the other, next year.



Sail Angle – The Ultimate Boating Community

The United States Power Squadron is encouraging its members to enroll in a free on-line boating community at www.sailangle.com. On this site you will be able to participate in games and education, chat rooms, member locator, news and events, classifieds, gourmet galley, and ask a pro. You will be able to get USPS, District 17 and KPS information as well. Some of your KPS friends are already members. It is easy to join. Just go to www.sailangle.com, click on the join button, then follow the directions.



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UPCOMING EVENTS... (Details see inside this or the next issue)		
06 May	1800 1900	Boat Show Meeting Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
22 May		Lock-Through and Picnic Fort Loudoun Lock
03 June	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
25-27 June		Watts Bar Invitational Cruise Terrace View Marina and Resort Rockwood, TN
26 July	1800	July Dinner Meeting Courtyard Grille

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