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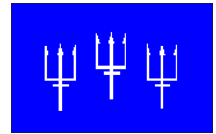
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As I have mentioned before and would like to reiterate, new members are the lifeblood of any organization. This applies to KPS as well. It's five whistle time and all hands must be on deck recruiting. Talk-up our organization to boaters around your dock and other boaters at your marinas. Tell them about our great boating safety and advanced courses. Emphasize the boat insurance discounts and how they can offset the cost of the courses and memberships as these discounts are good for a lifetime. But most importantly, tell them about the camaraderie and fun we always have at our meetings and events. Boating is fun and we can show them how! Bring them to meetings and events as guests so that they can experience KPS first hand.

Potential new members will want to know the membership costs. Currently costs are \$113.00 for a husband and wife plus a one time \$25.00 initiation fee. It is \$88.00 for a single membership plus the \$25.00 initiation fee. The initiation fee will be waived if the member joins at the final class of a boating course or seminar. Emphasize the value they get for their membership – insurance discounts, boating knowledge and friendships that are irreplaceable.

We will be offering courses for advanced grades of Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting starting October 6 at the Boat Super Center. Classes are forming so hurry and sign up by contacting Bob Bray. The USPS Educational Department will be offering prizes for those who complete advanced grade courses between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010. Those who complete these courses will be entered into a drawing to win handheld VHF radios and GPSs, navigational software sets, barometers, multimeters and chart plotters. So, hurry and sign-up! Get valuable boating information and a chance to win some great prizes.

The District 17 Fall Meeting will be held in Oak Ridge this year on 23 – 25 October at the Doubletree Hotel. Seminars and courses will be offered to expand your boating and USPS knowledge. Register now! I hope

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The LUBBER LINE*

The Calling Committee needs callers. Please volunteer. You will get merit marks for this position, and it will only take 1/2 to 1 hour of your time each month. Please call or email Nancy Campbell if you would like to help your Squadron in this way. Her phone number is: 865-458-0861, and her email is: nan.c@charter.net. Please consider and call Nancy ASAP for this valuable position.



There is a new online network for boaters called "SailAngle." Created for boaters, by boaters, the goal is to provide meaningful information for the boating community in an easy to use and friendly format. There are various groups which you can join and one such group is USPS which is further broken into Districts and Squadrons. Check it out at www.sailangle.com. Ask Commander Hank Davis about this or more information may be available at the District 17 Fall Meeting in Oak Ridge.

Did you know that you could be reading your newsletter in eye-popping, vivid color if you receive it via email and print it on your very 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. It also saves your newsletter editors' time as there are fewer newsletters to fold, tape, stamp, and mail. If you have an address or email change, let us know at REStob@aol.com or phone 865-856-7888. Thanks.

**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.*

KPS Members Enjoy Fall Cruising

Many of our members are cruising the waterways and enjoying boating. Kathie and Rich Hawbaker, Polly and Larry Lanz, and Denise and Denver Stephens are all on the river having fun. Soon Sharon and Ben Birdwell, Ken and Brenda Bloomfield, Billy and Nancy Rogers, and Delia Callahan and Ray West will begin their cruise of the waterways leading to Florida. We wish them a wonderful journey.



Fall Color Cruise and/or Lunch – 17 October 2009

Plan to attend the fall cruise and/or lunch on Saturday, 17 October.

With all of the rain we have had this year, the colors should be beautiful. Plus, it is our last cruising excursion for the year.

If you want to go by boat, meet at the Lenoir City Park fishing dock by Pavilion 1 at 0900. This will include captains and their boats and people arriving by land. Boats will lock through Fort Loudoun Lock then cruise downriver to Kingston. It is estimated that the boats will return to the dock by 1700.

If attending the lunch by car, meet at the Red Bones on the River Restaurant at 316 W Race Street in Kingston at 1200 (noon). Food will be ordered from the menu and individual checks will be provided. The menu includes sandwiches, salads and hot meals.

Margaret Edidin is the coordinator for this event and needs your attendance information no later than Monday, 12 October. Please call her at 865-771-2570 with the following information:

1. Whether or not you will be eating lunch.
2. Whether or not you need a ride on a member's boat. (Please bring your own life vests, if you have them.)
3. Whether or not you would be willing to use your boat to transport yourself and other members. And, if so, how many additional people you would want to carry. (Please note. We need boats that can cruise quickly so we can get to Kingston by 1145. The boats will be anchored near the restaurant and Vickie and Chuck Smith will ferry people from the boats to the restaurant dock with their pontoon boat.

October Dinner Meeting – 26 October 2009

The October Dinner Meeting will be held 26 October at the Fort Loudon Yacht Club, 2325 Lakefront Drive. It will begin at 1800 with dinner will be served at 1830. This is a BYOB event with the squadron providing tea and water. Our speakers, Mary and Bob Cadieux, will share their travels on the waterways of the Pacific Northwest. This is an incredible opportunity to view waterways extending into Canada.

The menu for the evening will be Caesar Salad, Pizza, and Hershey's Chocolate Dunkers. When called by the calling committee, please express your preference for one of the following types of pizza: Supreme, Pepperoni Lover's, Cheese Lover's, or Veggie Lovers. The cost for the evening: \$10 for members celebrating Halloween (costume and/or mask), \$11 for non-celebrators.

Deadline for Holiday Gala Alert!

HOLIDAY GALA UPDATE: WE MUST LET THE CATERER KNOW OUR FINAL HEAD COUNT BY 2 NOVEMBER. I KNOW THIS IS DIFFICULT, BUT THE WAY TO KEEP THE COST DOWN WAS TO AGREE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT. DATE OF GALA: 10 DECEMBER AT 1800.

The Gala has an incredible setting – an elegant, older southern home – the Plantation Springs Manor which will be beautifully decorated for the

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Knoxville Power Squadron presents Advanced Grades Classes for members of USPS

Our goal is boating safety through education.

Location: Boat Super Center is on Lovell Road, one block north of route 40

Date: All classes begin on Tuesday, 6 October 2009.

Time: 1830 to 2100 (6:30 to 9 p.m.)

Cost: Seamanship: \$50 /couple special; Piloting: \$53 /person; Advanced Piloting: \$62.50 /person

Seamanship (S) – Learn basic seamanship, marlinspike, anchoring and rafting, boat care and maintenance, nautical and USPS customs and etiquette. (Approx 6 weeks to complete)

Open to any member who has not completed S, or if you completed P as a new member but have not completed S to date. (S is usually the first course completed and is normally a prerequisite for P).

Piloting (P) – This is the most basic navigation course. It covers chart reading, course plotting and basic coastal or inland navigation, plus basic GPS use. (Approx 6 weeks to complete)

(S and P are prerequisites for AP)

Advanced Piloting (AP) – Expands on advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents and advanced GPS usage. (Approx 8-10 weeks to complete)

Note: Classes can be arranged as part time or home study classes to meet the needs of students. All material must be completed and reviewed prior to exam night as set. **All courses require advance registration with checks payable to KPS in the correct amount. Address in roster. Contact Squadron Education Officer Bob Bray at 865-408-9229 for more information, questions and to register.**

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Holiday Season. Catering will be by Big Fatty's Catering Kitchen (her aunt and uncle were the original owners of this home and all the land adjoining it). Our menu for this evening is a buffet containing Greek Chicken, Crab Cakes, Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes, Red Velvet Cake, Rolls, Tea, and Lemonade. This event will be a BYOB. The cost for this event is \$25 per person. Please mail your checks to Vickie Smith, 114 Cross Winds Cove Road, Ten Mile, TN 37880 and mail them to be received by 2 November.

November Dinner Meeting — 16 November 2009

The November dinner meeting will be on 16 November at the Flatwater Grill, Melton Lake Drive in Oak Ridge. This restaurant affords a pretty view of Melton Hill Lake where the rowing venues occur. The dinner will be an order-off-the-menu event. On their menu are hot dinners that include dinner meat, salad or soup, and two side items for \$13.99. The restaurant also includes nice specialty salads for \$10.95. Our featured speaker for the evening will be a lock master from either Fort Loudoun Lock or Watts Bar Lock; their schedules will determine who will be able to attend. The lockmaster will speak to the perspective of commercial traffic vs. recreational boats and will include some stories of real life events that occur in the lock. This should be an interesting evening.

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to see you there.

Our "Fall Color Cruise" is scheduled for 17 October. Margaret Edidin has agreed to Captain this event. See the Administrative Officer's report for more information on squadron happenings.

We were delivering some of our books to the Ship's Chandlery at Green Turtle Bay Marina in Grand Rivers, KY, on the morning of 12 September (just a few weeks ago) when we heard a huge boom – not the kind associated with firearms, but a kind of muffled explosion. Looking over the water toward the fuel dock, we could see a 32-foot cruiser adrift with smoke coming out of the cabin area of the boat. Voices rang out, screaming, “Call 911! Call 911!” A person whom we later learned was marina co-owner, Bill Gary IV, dove into the water and swim toward the drifting boat that just a minute before had filled with gas and pulled away from the fuel dock.

A woman on board was screaming that her boyfriend was down below, but at the urgent behest of those witnessing the event, she jumped off the boat. A dock hand from Green Turtle who'd also dived into the water swam toward her. Dinghies came from various quarters to help her and any others that might be aboard the boat. When Bill reached the smoking boat, he climbed aboard and assessed the possibility of rescuing anyone that might still be on board. Smoke thickened and darkened and everyone awaited that next phase when the boat would break into an inferno. Bill realized the futility of trying to rescue anyone still aboard as the cabin was in flames and we saw him dive off the boat.

We watched as the smoking boat drifted lazily across the basin assisted by a 5 mph breeze. In a rising crescendo the boat soon became totally engulfed in flames and headed toward docks that ringed the basin. TowBoat US and dinghies pushed it away from other boats and docks. Emergency vehicles arrived but were in no position to reach the burning boat which eventually sidled up to a dock near the work garages where paint and solvents are stored. With that dock in jeopardy, something had to be done quickly.

The tow boat succeeded in getting a line on the burning boat and began a slow move toward open water, heading for the boat ramp. This was a tenuous position for the tow boat because there was just a short distance between it and a blast furnace. The tow made it around a set of covered slips when the inevitable happened – the tow line burned or melted through, releasing the burning vessel which drifted toward the covered slips. The conflagration graduated to include the tow boat, a houseboat, another small boat and a personal watercraft. Sirens wailed as more fire trucks arrived. Volunteers frantically moved boats and, using all available personal fire extinguishers and water hoses, assisted the army of fire and emergency personnel that scrambled to save the docks and the boats docked there.

In the end one person died and another was seriously burned; three vessels including the TowBoat US boat were lost with several more damaged. The body of the captain, a Nashville resident, was found in the burned shell that eventually came to rest on the bottom of the bay near the breakwater. His lady friend was tended by emergency personnel and airlifted to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville where she was treated and released a few days later.

This grim experience reminds us of lessons to be learned and relearned as we fill up at the fuel dock and head out for a good time on the water.

1. Have all passengers exit the boat and wait on the dock while the boat is fueled.
2. Close all hatches and portholes while filling. Gas fumes gather in low points – the engine compartment, lower galley and forward berths. (It was reported that the initial explosion in the boat in the above accident took place in the bow of the boat, possibly due to fumes accumulated there.)
3. Turn off all electrical equipment, fans, galley pilots, and anything that could cause a spark.
4. Keep the nozzle of the fuel-pump hose in contact with the tank opening to prevent producing a static spark.
5. Run the blower for at least four minutes after fueling.
6. Before starting the engine, sniff the boat and make a visual inspection of the engine compartment. Open hatches and make sure the entire boat is aired out before touching the ignition switch.
7. Know where the fire extinguishers are and rehearse your exit in the event of a fire or explosion.
8. After the engine has safely started, crew members may come aboard.



The burning boat is towed away from other boats. Photo by Ron Stob

**ANNOUNCING
D17 FALL CONFERENCE
23-25 October 2009**

It may still be summer but it's not too early to make your plans to attend the Fall Conference in Oak Ridge, TN. The festivities will begin on Friday night with cocktail hour followed by dinner. The challenge for the evening is to come attired as your favorite football team's mascot!

Saturday will be busy with meetings while spouses not involved may wish to visit the numerous sites listed below. Saturday night's dinner will conclude the weekend of fellowship with folks who share a love of boating.

Make your reservations early to assure the discounted price!



Doubletree Hotel Oak Ridge

**215 S. Illinois Avenue
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
Tel: 1-865-481-2468
Fax: 1-865-481-2474**

Room Choices: 1 King or 2 Doubles = \$89.00/night

Link for reservations:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/ORKDTRDT-UPS-20091023/index.jhtml>

The **Doubletree Hotel Oak Ridge** in the heart of **Oak Ridge, Tennessee**, 11 miles west of Knoxville, is Oak Ridge's premiere, full service hotel.

Hotel Amenities: Hi-speed internet; heated pool; fitness center; glass enclosed social area in lobby; rooms furnished with TV, phone, desk, refrigerator, coffee maker, hairdryer, iron & board, comfortable chair & ottoman.

Local sites of interest: American Museum of Science & Energy; Oak Ridge Art Center; Museum of Appalachia in Norris; Turkey Creek Shopping Center and West Town Mall in Knoxville.

**Reserve your room by internet as per above.
Phone reservations should indicate that you are with USPS D17 Fall Conference.**

DISTRICT 17 2009 FALL CONFERENCE
United States Power Squadrons
Doubletree Hotel Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Hosted by Oak Ridge Power Squadron & District 17
MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Name (Print) _____

Other in Party (Print) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____ Squadron _____

Friday Night, 23 October 2009:

Dinner - Grilled Breast of Chicken with Mornay Sauce
 Vegetable Bouquetiere
 House Salad with Dressing
 Hot Yeast Rolls and Butter
 Dessert Array
 Iced Tea, Coffee

_____ *Tickets @ \$24.00 per person* \$ _____

Saturday Noon, 24 October, 2009:

Lunch - Croissant Club Sandwich: (sliced turkey, crisp bacon strips, Swiss
 Cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, honey mustard dressing)
 Potato Chips
 House or Caesar Salad
 Hot Yeast Rolls and Butter
 Chef's Choice of Dessert

_____ *Tickets @ \$17.00 per person* \$ _____

Saturday Night, 24 October, 2009:

Dinner - House of Blues Buffet:
 Fried Catfish
 Memphis Style BBQ Slab of Ribs
 Red Beans & Rice
 Southern Style Potato Salad
 Garden Green Salad with Dressing
 Braised Collard Greens
 Smothered Green Beans
 Corn Bread Muffins, Hot Yeast Rolls, and Butter
 Hot Fruit Cobbler
 Iced Tea, Coffee

_____ *Tickets @ \$29.00 per person* \$ _____

TOTAL SUBMITTED \$ _____

All meals are inclusive of tax and gratuity.

No reservations or cancellations after 20 October 2009

Make checks payable to District 17 and mail with this form to:
 Sandra Schoonmaker, 9109 Quail Run Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421
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"We promote boating safety and enjoyment through education and camaraderie"



UPCOMING EVENTS... (For details see inside or the next issue)

1 October	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
6 October	1830	S, P, and AP Classes Begin
17 October	0900 1200	Fall Color Cruise Lunch at Kingston
23-25 October		District 17 Fall Meeting Doubletree Inn, Oak Ridge
26 October	1800	October Dinner Meeting Fort Loudoun Yacht Club
2 November		Deadline for Holiday Gala Notification
5 November	1900	Bridge Meeting, Ft. Loudoun Yacht Club
16 November	1800	November Dinner Meeting Flatwater Grill, Oak Ridge

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