

The Newswheel

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Upcoming Calendar

Friday, 12 March 2010
LSPS Change of Watch
Social: 1800
Dinner: 1900
Location: Kingfish
Upper River Road
Cost: \$25.00

Menu: Buffet

Make Reservations by March 8
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Commander's Report

Cdr David W. Robertson, AP



Hello LSPS
Member's,
There has been a
lot going on since
our last Newslet-



ter. The District 24 Spring Conference and Change of Watch was in Lexington at The Crowne Plaza, The Campbell House on January 29 & 30. Our very own Joe Venhoff is now Past District Commander and Don Cloyd of Bluegrass is the new District Commander. Also at the Banquet, Bluegrass had their Change of Watch, Jeff Lagrew is the Commander. One of D/C Cloyd's objectives this year is to get the squadrons more inactive with each other. We will be inviting other squadrons to our events and us to theirs. The following weekend Treasia and I were at the USPS 96 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando. I attended several meeting on Friday, the Sail Angle Seminar was very informative, if you haven't signed in to Sail Angle please take a minute to do so. It is become the communications tool for National. Learned a few more things DB2000 can do for us and the Boat Operator Certification program is alive and making progress. At the Annual Meeting on Saturday several Bylaws changes from the Fall Governing Board were voted on with some discussion. Also the National's Change of Watch was in the afternoon and what show that was. On Saturday D/24, P/DEO Tom Larimer, SN was awarded the very prestigious "Chapman's Award" in education. If you haven't been to a National Meeting you should plan on attending. The people are wonderful and the information passed out is great.

On a more local front the ABC Course in February at the Harrods Creek Fire Dept should be finished even through one night was postponed because of the weather. The National Houseboat Show is March 5-7 and we have a booth there also. Our Change of Watch is March 12 at Kingfish on the River. Please plan on attending and make your reservation, we will have a great time. I look forward to seeing you there.

"Boating is Fun....we'll show you how!"

Thanks, Cdr. David W. Robertson, JN

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In Memoriam... *Bob Steger...*

LSPS members were saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Steger on January 23, 2010. Bob and Diane had many friends in LSPS and he will be greatly missed.

The following Getting To Know You article featuring Bob and Diane was originally printed in April, 2009 and is being reprinted with permission of Lt/C Carolyn Brenner.

Getting To Know You
Bob and Diana Steger
By Lt/C Carolyn Brenner

P/D/C E.M. (Bob) Steger, AP was born and raised in Nutley, N.J. and spent many hours boating on N.J. Lakes and the Atlantic Coast. He graduated from Clifton N.J. High School and earned a BSE (Electrical) degree from the University of Michigan.

Bob met Diana (also a University of Michigan graduate) in Ann Arbor. They were married in Corpus Christi, Texas, one of the several Naval Air Stations where Bob was stationed during World War II. He served as a Radio/Radar/Loran Technical instructor for the U.S. Naval Air Force.

Bob and Diana raised three children; Leigh, James, and Stacy and have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bob retired as Manager of Marketing Services and Advertising in 1984, after 35 years with General Electric Company.

Bob joined the USPS in 1971 with the Rocky River Ohio Squadron of District 7 and taught AP for 2 years before transferring to the Louisville Power Squadron in 1975. With the LSPS, Bob has served as Squadron Treasurer, Secretary, Administration Officer, Executive Officer and served as Commander in 1982-83. He served as District Commander in 1988-89, and was named LSPS Member of the Year in 1989. He became a life member in 1986. He served for seven years on the National Governing Board, and has served for three years on the National Nominating Committee.

Bob has taught Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Sail and Operations Training. He taught the Public Boating Course for four years with the late P/C Ralph Leitner when it was a 12 week course. He has also served as a Vessel Safety Examiner. Diana (AP), was one of only two women in the District to receive an Appreciation Certificate from National USPS.

Bob and Diana have owned both power and sail boats and have boated the Great Lakes, British Virgin Islands, the Caribbean and the Ohio River.

Thank you, Bob and Diana, for your many years of service to both USPS and the LSPS.



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Brenda Fisher, S

Sgt. Mike Jacobs of the Louisville Metro Police River Patrol had less than 24 hrs to prepare himself as our February speaker, but he did an absolutely wonderful job. His enthusiasm was infectious and I had to actually stop the questions that were flowing due to time constraints. Sgt Jacobs is excited about having knowledgeable boaters on the river. He is proudly using the LSPS coffee cup daily.

He contacted me with an update on a question we were all very interested in – the status of a “no wake zone” on the Ky side of 12 Mile Island. Unfortunately, he was informed the conclusion had been reached that this just was not feasible and it is considered to be a dead issue.

SAVE THE DATE

LSPS Change of Watch, Friday, March 12 – Kingfish on River Road, Louisville

The Change of Watch is an important event to each Squadron and we hope to see all our members there. This is your opportunity to thank the 2009-2010 Bridge for their leadership and guidance this past year and welcome our incoming 2010-2011 Bridge

Cocktails (cash bar) and appetizers start at 6PM followed by a buffet dinner at 7PM, with the Change of Watch ceremony immediately following. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please make your reservations no later than Monday, March 8 via the website or call 812-284-0634.

Monthly Dinner Meeting Thursday, April 1 at K of C on River Road, Louisville

Don Owen FINALLY bought a boat (he says). Lucky for him, Dennis Lorenz was willing to serve as witness. Now he gets to prove it to the unbelievers AND show off the boat while still in love with it. At least we assume he still loves it after moving it from point A to point B. We look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Toes in the Water - 851 Miles on East Coast ICW by Don Owen & Dennis Lorenz

We want to thank everyone who has helped the Administrative Team during the last 2 years. Carol, Paula and I have very much enjoyed our time on the Bridge and will continue to be involved in the squadron activities.

We leave you with a quote we find to be one of the deepest truths in the life of a boater, whether power or sail:

“Stress is water soluble” American Greetings 2002

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Squadron Education News

P/C Kim P. Fisher, AP

We are teaching classes. See the list below. Sign up, get out of the house

I was all prepared to write about boating and warm weather this month.....well two things changed my mind. The first is this horrible weather. I can't get past the fact that it is both cold and snowy. Personally, I get 'cabin fever' in a big way. The more snow, the more I want to get out of the house. After our latest snowstorm I found myself riding around aimlessly looking for Chinese take-out, forget letting my fingers do the walking (an old Yellow Pages slogan) I was really in search of an excuse to get out in it. The recent snows have caused us to cancel both an ABC class and two Instructor Development classes as of this writing. If the Boat Show were held this weekend, I am sure the crowds would double just because "WE WANT OUT!!!"

The second is the dead battery on my wireless modem. Carol and I have been unable to access the world on our computer for the last week. We are both suffering from withdrawal. Yes, I am online every day at work. Yes, we can get access to anything via my iPhone. But somehow the world is just not the same. Everything has changed. I didn't walk into a store to buy the new battery. I found one, bought it, and had it shipped, via the internet from my phone (we would have only been down a day if I had paid for overnight shipping). If you don't think technology has changed everything we do, watch this <http://video.pbs.org/video/1402987791/>

Well, enough of that, I don't think anyone will ever come up with a substitute for being pulled behind a boat on a ski, or watching the sunset while rocking gently at anchor, or any of that other neat stuff we get to do as boaters. So take a class and get better at it.

America's Boating Course- Harrods Creek Fire Dept. On Monday nights, the course will now conclude on March 8.

America's Boating Course- Harrods Creek Fire Dept. Wednesday nights, beginning March 24. Instructors- Dennis Lorenz, Lee Harris, Kim Fisher

Instructor Development- If it ever stops snowing, Dennis Lorenz will be teaching this course on Tuesday nights at the LMPD Water Patrol Headquarters on the river next to Tumbleweed.

Engine Maintenance- Or as Doug Foster has more aptly named it "Know Your Boat". Class will be on Tuesday nights, starting March 2.

Piloting – Interrupted by the weather, but still coming next.

Junior Navigation – Jack Banister is ready willing and able to teach this again. Those of you who haven't tried it should. Those of us that have not finished are ready to go again.

See You Around The Bend

HAPPY, HAPPY, BIRTHDAY!!!

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Paula Bower	24-Mar
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Diana B. Steger	25-Mar
Joseph R. Barry	27-Mar
Mike Gadlage.....	28-Mar
Linda Drury	29-Mar
Juanito Diaz	30-Mar

Buffalo Chicken Dip Recipe

- 1 can (16oz.) Chicken Breast Meat
- 1 package cream cheese
- ½ cup hot sauce
- ½ cup Ranch Dressing

Place cream cheese, hot sauce and ranch dressing into a crock pot to melt. Take chicken and shred into smaller pieces and to the crock pot. Stir occasionally until cheese is completely melted. Serve as a dip with chips.



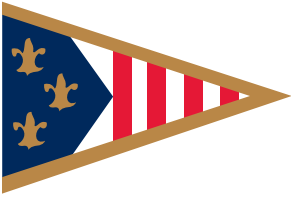
Thanks David and Treasia



Joe and Pat VenHoff



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