



The Newswheel

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Upcoming Calendar

Thursday, 1 April 2008
LSPS Dinner Meeting
Social: 1830
Dinner: 1900
Location: K of C
4417 Upper River Road
Cost: \$15.00

Speaker: Don Owen and Dennis Lorenz
Topic: Toes in the Water
851 miles on the East Coast ICW

Menu: Salad, Fried Fish
Baked Chicken Breast, Mac n Cheese
Corn, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Raffle Prizes: TBA

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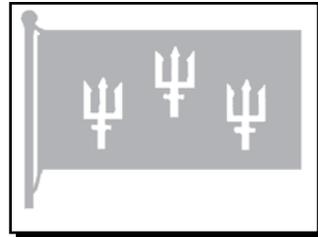
April 2010

Commander's Report

Cdr Larry Samuels, SN



From my remarks at the March 12, Change of Watch
Thank you, for your support



and attendance. On behalf of the new bridge, we appreciate your confidence in us, and the opportunity to serve you. We thank the retiring bridge members for their service. It was an exciting year. Well Done! I am especially pleased with the qualifications of the new bridge members. Their combined record of squadron service and boating education is notable.

We are constantly reminded that membership and revenue at all levels of USPS is shrinking. Many approaches have been developed at the national level to stem the outgoing tide. Most of those methods depend on more work for the squadron members. You know; "teach more classes, present more seminars, offer high dollar packages of classes that include membership". At the recent annual meeting it was decided to allow squadrons to offer advanced classes to non-members. Also, USPS has begun selling ABC courses online, which will include a six months "cyber" membership. These folks will be referred to the closest four Squadrons.

All those things have merit but will require more work from each of us to support them. (The good news is, our jobs are secure, and our pay has not been cut). BUT WAIT! What if we go back to the Three "Rs", Recruit, Retain, and Rejuvenate? With more involved members there could be less work for all!

We must Recruit everyone we see, on land or at sea, Recruit at the marinas, at the public docks, Recruit friends, neighbors, family. Then Retain our new members, by making a better effort to make them participating members. How? We could arrange a personal invitation to squadron events, asks them to help with various tasks, invite them on our boat or offer to crew on their boat. We must convert the "one and done" type memberships to permanent participants. Next we should Rejuvenate nearly 100 members whom we seldom see. How can we create more interest in participating? Perhaps we can offer transportation to and be a companion at, an LSPS event. Make a new friend. No one returns to a place where they felt left-out, and alone. If we let these folks know their presence is welcome and needed, perhaps they will join us regularly.

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FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

D/Lt/C Dick Remski, JN District Executive Officer

The current Operations Manual outlines the DXO's duties as including general "supervision and coordination" of squadron activities within the district. For District 24, I believe the squadron commanders are the "supervisors" of their squadron activities and I will be happy to help coordinate those activities across squadrons. Our D/C, Don Cloyd, has stated that he would like to encourage more cross-squadron events. For example, Cincinnati and Dayton are discussing a joint Ohio River cruise aboard BB Riverboats in May or early June, and Bluegrass Commander Jeff LaGrew has already hosted a couple of charters that have included both Bluegrass and Louisville members. The District bridge would like to help coordinate activities that may be of interest to other squadrons by posting events on the District website and to encourage squadron sponsors to post their planned events on SailAngle in the D24 group, which we are all automatically enrolled in when we sign up for SailAngle.

Each of the District bridge members would also like to attend some of your squadron's events and activities to get to know all of you better. We won't be coming to "look over your shoulders" but to participate in your events and be available to answer any questions you may have about the district or possibly the national organization.

I will also be providing each squadron commander with the meeting CD from the Annual Meeting in Orlando in early February, if I have not already done so. This CD contains all the presentations made by the national organization, including reports of the various committees. It does NOT however contain minutes of the actions taken by the governing board at the annual meeting. I have earlier provided to each squadron commander a short summary report of the actions taken at the annual meeting, so if you have any questions check with your commander or get to me with your questions. If I don't have an answer for you, I will get one! You can reach me at remski@woh.rr.com or by phone at 937-434-9263 at home or 937-239-5521 cellular.

For the summer rendezvous and for the fall and spring conferences, I will be asking each squadron commander for a short report on their activities and status since the last district meeting. I will do my best to provide you with a clear format for the report well in advance of the meeting.

If any of you are in the Aurora, Indiana area during the boating season, and find yourself near Lighthouse Point Yacht Club (really just a nice marina), call on my cell and if we're aboard, you are welcome to visit on Y-Knot? And perhaps we'll be able to go for a boat ride on the Ohio!

So let's look forward to a great boating season, and in the words of Cdr LaGrew of Bluegrass, let's sell the sizzle of fun in USPS membership!

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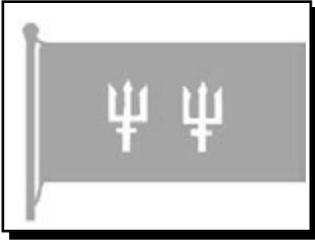
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Recently the USPS membership Involvement committee came up with "DOING IT RIGHT 2010" worksheet. It lists 24 items a "perfect" squadron would do. They do not expect all squadrons to be perfect, nor are many likely to be perfect. But, "DOING IT Right" should help. USPS already does 15 of the 24 items, and we have in the past, done several others.

We are strong in rendezvous, meetings, communications and education.

Some notable items we have not done lately include: Have a recruiting program, use a renewal program, have a new member orientation program. If we work on the three "Rs" we can accomplish those items. There is no reason we cannot "DO IT Right in 2010" and beyond.

If we Recruit, Retain, Rejuvenate and our entire Squadron, we will increase membership, lower the dropout rate, and get absentee members involved; and USPS will remain a leader in District 24, and the United States Power Squadron.



Administrative Officer's Report

P/C David W. Robertson, JN

I'm sure everyone had a great time at the Louisville Change of Watch. Wonderful food, good friends, lots of awards, plaques, and laughter. It was another shining example of the wonderful job that Brenda, Carol, and Paula did for the last two years. I can't say thanks enough to them and also to the membership. I had a wonderful year as Commander and I'm looking forward to our 52nd year. It is you the membership that make the events so great, so please mark your calendars and attend this years events, you will be glad you did.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Social at 6: 30 PM

Speakers will be Don Owens and Dennis Lorenz

Program: Toes in the Water – 851 Miles on East Coast ICW, Don will prove he finally brought a boat to the membership with help from his witness Dennis. Also we will hear about the tales of his adventures on the Intercostal Waterway (ICW).

Saturday, April 17 – “THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE” Celebrating its 21st year as the opening ceremony for the “Kentucky Derby Festival”.

Thursday, May 6 - Monthly Dinner Meeting at the K of C on River Road, Louisville

Social at 6: 30 PM

Speaker will be John Gordon, Meteorologist in Charge, from the National Weather Service. John has spoken to us in the past and he is very entertaining as well as informative.

Saturday, May 22 – Rendezvous at the Rose Island Yacht Club clubhouse. Please mark your calendar more details to follow.

Saturday, May 22 – 28 “National Safe Boating Week” for more info on their “Wear It” efforts in all 50 states visit www.safeboatingcampaign.com.

For more information on our events and to make your reservations go to the web site www.louisvillepowersquadron.com. If you are interested in hosting an event or have suggestions for an event please let me know at 502-995-0563 or by email at robertson.david@insightbb.com.

Thanks again, David



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Squadron Education News

P/C Kim P. Fisher, AP

America's Boating Course (ABC) -

We started a class on Wednesday March 24th. Harrods Creek Fire Department, Hwy 42, Prospect. Instructors are Dennis Lorenz, Lee Harris, and Kim Fisher. LSPS members welcome our fellow boaters who are interested in becoming better educated in boat safety. Additional helpers are always welcome. "Knot Night" and test night are always very busy. Come on out and join us. Contact P/C David Robertson, to help out.

Instructor Development (ID) -

Class is in session at the Louisville Metro Police Headquarters on the river next to Tumbleweed. Instructor is Dennis Lorenz. Students are Gary Bower, Tom Binzer, Tate Combs, Allen Gailor, David Jarboe, and Walter Martin. The class has been full of adventure with delays for snow and high water.

Engine Maintenance (EM)-

Dubbed 'Know Your Boat' by instructor Doug Foster, class is in session. Doug includes seeing and touching many engine parts and getting familiar with a Multi-meter during EM. I understand that a boat is also used as a teaching aid (I am not sure how he gets it into the classroom!!).

Piloting (P) – Class is forming. David Robertson and I are going to teach. If you are interested, please contact us.

Junior Navigation (JN)

Congratulations to David Lynch and Walter Martin. They qualified this last month as Junior Navigators. Jack Banister is looking for students to conduct another JN Class. Give Jack a call if you are interested.

Anchoring-

Dennis Lorenz and I conducted Anchoring Seminars during the National Houseboat EXPO at the Fairgrounds. This was the first time LSPS has presented one of the USPS Seminars. As usual, the information was excellent. The Seminar included all you ever wanted to know and more about anchoring.

Speaking of Education and Anchoring, my wonderful first mate Carol, taped a recent Oprah interview with the survivor of a well publicized boating tragedy that occurred a year ago in the Gulf of Mexico. Four young men, two of them NFL players, were fishing about seventy miles offshore when bad weather hit, and their 21-foot boat capsized. The lone survivor was rescued by the Coast Guard after spending two nights in the water with the boat. Their mistakes included; ignoring a weather forecast that included 15-foot seas, not leaving a float plan, no radio or EPIRB, and not having a life preserver for every occupant. They might have overcome all of these however if they had not made one huge anchoring mistake. It seems that the week before while fishing in the same location, their anchor hung up and they cut anchor line in order to return home. This time, the anchor again became caught on something. The captain was determined not to again replace anchor and rode. In an attempt to dislodge that anchor he fastened the anchor to the stern of the boat. He then opened the throttle all the way as if pulling up a water-skier. The survivor stated on Oprah that the boat capsized in two seconds. The other three occupants died from the effects of Hypothermia over the next two days. After listening to this story, I am certain that if these men had been Power Squadron members, they would have all been alive today.

Take a class; learn more about boating, "Boating is Fun.... We'll Show You How".

See You Around the Bend

HAPPY, HAPPY, BIRTHDAY!!!

Peter Erle Maloney5-Apr
Debbie L. Maupin7-Apr
Donald E. Owen.....7-Apr
Thomas J. Binzer10-Apr
Brenda Fisher12-Apr
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2010 Change of Watch



GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

By Janice Weller S

P/C Kim and Carol Fisher

Kim and Carol have been members of the Power Squadron since 2003. They both have been very involved in LSPS in a variety of ways. Carol has been membership chairperson, and worked for the last 4 years helping with the Administrative Committee. Kim is currently serving as Educational Officer, and is involved with teaching the ABC, Seamanship, and Piloting courses. Kim is a past commander of LSPS. He was commander in 2008-09. Kim and Carol have both been recipients of Members of the Year. Kim in 2006 and Carol in 2008. Kim and Carol host the LSPS October rendezvous "Chili in Paradise". They feel one of the best reasons to be members of LSPS are to meet and talk to other people who enjoy boating.

Kim and Carol have been involved with boating most of their lives. They both boated as kids with their families. Kim attributes his love of the river to his Grandfather who had a place on the river when Kim was a child. He has fond memories of his Grandfather's boat house and all his adventures there. Kim believes his love of boating came from spending summers on the river in the early 60's with Gary Bower.

Kim and Carol were married on July 4th. This year will be their 40th anniversary. They have two children and six grandchildren ages 2-7.

Together Kim and Carol have been boating since about 1973. Kim said they bought their first boat before their first new car. Their first boat was a 17.5 ft. open bow, tri-hull runabout. Since then they have had an antique 1960 boat with an Evinrude outboard, and two pontoon boats. Kim and Carol boat mainly on the Ohio but have boated at Lake Cumberland and some other lakes in the area. They also spent a one week vacation on the water in Charleston, South Carolina.

Many of you know Kim and Carol own property on the Ohio in Utica, Indiana appropriately named "Paradise". They have actually owned the property for 22 years. However, before buying in Utica, they looked at property at Nolin, Cumberland..., and decided why go that far? They could be at the river in just a few minutes from their house in Jeffersonville. During the 1997 flood they had 6.5 ft of water in the river house. Then came the question: What do we do now? The house had a new roof so they could either jack up the roof and build a new house under it or tear it down and start over. After a trip to Charleston to look at house designs, Kim and Carol decided to start over. So for their Anniversary party on July 4th weekend in 1997 they had a 3 day house raising party. Twenty or more people helped each day and at the end of 3 days the house was framed. They worked to finish the house throughout the next year and held their open house July 4, 1998.

This May, Kim and Carol have planned a 40th Anniversary boating vacation. They plan to tour the backwaters and inner coastal waterway around Destin, Florida. Kim will be able to use the knowledge he learned from LSPS classes to chart his course.

Besides their love of boating, Kim and Carol are avid Indiana University fans. They enjoy tailgating and can be found in Bloomington for all home football games.

Thank you Kim and Carol for your dedication to LSPS.

