



# The Newswheel

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June 2010

## Upcoming Calendar

**Thursday, 3 June 2010**

LSPS Dinner Meeting  
Social: 1830  
Dinner: 1900  
Location: K of C  
4417 Upper River Road  
Cost: \$15.00

Speaker: Fellow LSPS Boaters in the  
BVI

Ron & Peggy Hinson,  
Terry Chambers & Rob Prince, Tom  
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Menu: Salad, Fried Fish,  
Baked Chicken Breast  
Mac & Cheese, Corn  
Dessert, Bread & Butter  
Coffee & Tea

Raffle Prizes: TBA

Make Reservations by May 31

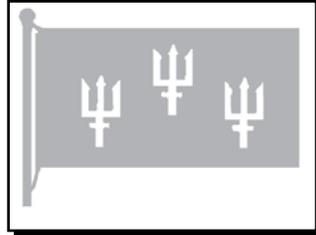
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## Commander's Report

*Cdr Larry Samuels, SN*

Well it's time to bring you up to date on the latest squadron news and developments.



First by the time this is published, we will have enjoyed a wonderful shrimp boil at Rose Island Yacht club hosted by Janice and Wayne Weller. Well done, our thanks to all who helped and all who participated.

Everyone is now enrolled in Sail Angle and hopefully you have explored it a bit. Be sure to check out the D24 Group postings as well as the LSPS group. We will have more under the LSPS group as soon as we all get familiar with posting to the group. I am also looking forward to seeing lots of your photos. You can find the "how to do it" stuff in "USPS Instructional Slideshow" under "help" listing. "Help" listing can be found in the fine print in the bottom border of most SA pages. "Help" is also listed on the left side menu of each Group page.

It is June again and 105 (70%) of us are on a June to June billing cycle. Back in April those members, including me, received and e-mail invoice, and a week or so later a "snail mail" invoice followed. At first I was annoyed to be prodded two months in advance. But then I realized that I was only paying early once, as I would not be billed again till next April. I also reasoned that with the majority of 35,000 USPS invoices coming due it was good to start early.

As of May 20, 69 of those 105 LSPS members have renewed, 36 have not. I urge those who have not renewed to do so promptly, as they represent about 25% of our members. In addition several members are now Past Due but it is not too late to get your account current.

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## Executive Officer's Report

*Tom Binzer, AP*

The Vessel Safety Check program is officially under way with some of the Examiners going out on their own to get an early start. A more structured schedule is being put together and will continue to evolve in the next few weeks. So far the schedule is as follows.

JUNE 9th.....Captains Quarters.....Rich Rasey  
JUNE 19th .....Tartan's Landing.....Dave Robertson

The scheduling will continue and be completed in early June.

For those members who would like to become VSC Examiners you can call or send me an e-mail and I will get you started.

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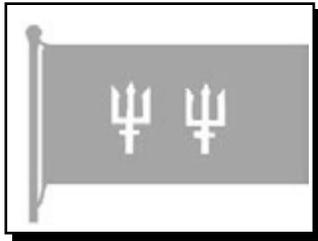
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To renew on-line using your credit card you will need your certificate number and your invoice number both of which were in the e-mail invoice and in the normal mail invoice. If you have neither invoice, the certificate number is in your roster and you can look up the invoice number on, [www.usps.org/dues/dues\\_processa.php](http://www.usps.org/dues/dues_processa.php) , clicking "request invoice number" and typing your certificate number and

your area code.

While I do not know each and every member, I can assure each of you, you are important to the continued success of our squadron and USPS. I would like to see every member every month but for various reasons, that has not happened. To those we don't see often, we do appreciate your support of the USPS mission and your faith in the other members to carry out the objectives of USPS. To those we do see regularly, thank you for your work, dedication, and inspiration. To gather we all stand for boating fellowship, safety and education. Thank you for your support, I look forward to seeing you at the June 3, dinner meeting.



## Administrative Officer's Report

*P/C David W. Robertson, JN*

I hope you were able to attend the May 6th Dinner meeting where John Gordon "Meteorologist in Charge" from the National Weather Service was our guest speaker. I have always enjoyed John's talks. Heat exhaustion is an important risk in the upcoming months and his message was clear, the temperature inside of a vehicle will rise very quickly. I'm writing this the day after our first rendezvous of the season. I want to thank Wayne and Janice Weller for hosting their famous "Shrimp Boil" at Rose Island Yacht Club clubhouse and to all the helpers and everyone that attended. Everyone had a great time the food was wonderful. Also thanks to the VSC Examiners and to John and Carolyn Brenner for having at least 6 boats ready to be examined. What a great way to start the summer. Once again thanks to all that attended and helped. We had a couple guest and even got a new member signed up. If weren't able to make it you have more opportunities coming up. So get those calendars out and save the dates. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Thursday, June 3** - Monthly Dinner Meeting at the K of C on River Road, Louisville  
Social at 6:30 PM

Speakers will be Rob Prince, Terry Chambers, Ron and Peggy Hinson & Tom Binzer on their trip to the BVI.

**Saturday, June 19** - The Great American Picnic Rendezvous at Tartans Landing Marina. 11AM - 4PM DOCK SALE at the Pavilion - Bring your nautical & boating "treasures" to sell or trade, 3:30 Appetizers, 5:00 Dinner: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hotdogs, Brats, & soft drinks

**Sunday, July 11**, - "The Great Ohio River Raft Up" Rendezvous, hosted by Carolyn and John Brenner, Terry Chambers, and Rob Prince

**Friday - Sunday, July 23 - 25** D/24 Rendezvous & Summer Council at Smuggler's Cove Warsaw Ky.

For more information on our events and to make your reservations go to the web site [www.louisvillepowersquadron.com](http://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](mailto:robertson.david@insightbb.com). Thanks again, David



*Thanks Janice & Wayne*



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# Squadron Education News

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P/C Kim P. Fisher, AP

The Education Department is in recess for the summer, so I would like to write a little about boating this month. As I write this, Carol and I are spending a week exploring the Inter-Coastal Waterway (ICW) around Destin FL with friends. Fellow LSPS members Gary and Paula Bower and our friends Chuck and Beth Evans of Columbus Ohio were all married the summer of 1970. We were good friends then, were in each others' weddings, and are still friends today. We spend weekends together in the fall at IU Football games, and every few years, we celebrate significant anniversaries together.

For our 25th we traveled to Seabrook Island, just south of Charleston South Carolina. We spent the week on the water exploring the rivers, marshes, and the ICW. It was our first serious experience with charts. We explored like crazy. The scenery was beautiful, but much different than boating at home. Boat docks were attached to long boardwalks that stretched across the marshes to out-of-sight homes, nestled in stands of giant live oaks. One of our most memorable adventures was a rough crossing of St. Helena sound while on our way to lunch in Beaufort SC. If the wind had not died down by the time of our return trip, I am sure some of us might not have been celebrating any more anniversaries. Our wives might have killed us, little matter that we might have drowned. We were in the Bowers' 19 foot runabout! The lesson we learned that week was: A boat intended for lakes may not be appropriate for coastal boating. In spite of it all, we all lived to boat another day.

On our 30th, we returned to Charleston. This time another friend had just purchased a 48 ft Trawler. He was new to it and we all spent the week getting to know the boat. We were much more comfortable with the charts, but our range was shortened considerably due to the 10 knot top speed of the boat. One morning we agreed to get an early start, in order to again make the trip to Beaufort. We attempted to leave while the tide was running at its peak. Before our friend, the new captain, had a chance to do anything, the tide caught the boat broadside and the trawler ended up resting across the bows of about a dozen large sailboats. Luckily nothing was damaged. The dock-master merely shook his head and advised that we should make ourselves comfortable and wait 2 hours for the slack tide. That year, the lesson was about the effects of tidal currents on docking.

Well, as you all know, these lessons and more are taught in our ABC and Seamanship courses. I only wish I had taken the courses before learning the lessons the hard way. Stay tuned to this column for the lessons we learn this year.

USPS now allows us to teach any of our classes to the Public. If you know anyone who could benefit from any of our classes, send them our way.

See You Around the Bend



*Senior Membership Award*



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

*By Janice Weller S*

Terry Chambers and Rob Prince

Rob and Terry have taken the saying “Gone Boating” to a new level. They have lived aboard their 52 ft. Harbor Master Houseboat, “Family Jewel” at the Rose Island Marina since 2005. Why live aboard the boat? According to Rob it was an easy decision and one they have not regretted. Rob and Terry lived in a condo overlooking Harrods Creek and would enjoy relaxing and watching the boats along the creek. At that time they had a 23 ft. open bow runabout. They decided to get a bigger boat that they could spend weekends on to get away from the weekday hustle and bustle. Their second boat was a 1987 Carver cabin cruiser. The first year they put 140 hours on the boat and the river hit 23 ft. five times. Rob claims to have made every error you could on a boat. Rob and Terry enjoyed spending more and more time on the boat so in 2005 they said goodbye to Harrods Creek, sold the condo, and moved aboard the Family Jewel. Both Rob and Terry had to be committed to a downsize. The boat is about 800 square feet and can be expanded to almost 2000 square feet with good weather using the decks. What are the top reasons to live aboard? Here’s the list according to Rob.

1. Living on the boat integrates day to day life and recreation. You don’t have to pack and travel to your cabin or boat and then back home again after the weekend. Everything is already there.
2. No lawns to mow, no house to keep up with.
3. You have a greater awareness for the environment around you. When you look at the moon and stars, sun rise and sunsets, you almost seem apart of it all. Living on the water also lets you be closer to nature and see animals and birds you would never see in a neighborhood.

There are special considerations that you should think about if you are planning to move to a boat full time. Think about the size. Although it may be nice to have a walk-around deck for ease of tying up, 98% of the time you may wish you had a wider beam and more room in the cabin. Be sure to have a good inverter system. The Family Jewel can usually get by with a 3 hour recharge and then run off the battery system when not using shore power. You should also think about your selection of a marina. The ones along the river flood at different levels. Rob said the parking lot at Rose Island floods at about 23 ft. which puts them out of most river rises. Other marinas are cut off much sooner and you could have a problem with even the smallest rises. You also have to be aware and have water tanks full in the winter. You may not be able to get water if the lines are frozen. The T.V. and phone are also a consideration. There are dead spots along the river and in some marinas. Will you want the television when you’re out of the marina? The type of satellite system you have makes a difference.

Being near water has always been important to Rob and Terry. Terry grew up on the Mississippi and was well versed in issues of flooding. Rob grew up in Michigan and spent summers on Cape Cod. They both feel this influenced their decision to live on or near the water.

Rob and Terry’s reason for joining the Power Squadron are two-fold. First, they realized that they needed some boating education because they were making mistakes that were costing money. Secondly, they wanted to meet other boaters so that when they were out on the river and needed help they would know someone to call. Knowing fellow boaters makes you feel much safer when out on the river. Rob and Terry value all the friendships and contacts they have made in LSPS.

Rob and Terry have been valued assets to LSPS. For the last several years Terry has sent out the web blasts from LSPS. I’m sure we all agree that her web blasts are both entertaining and informative. Thanks Terry for keeping us all informed. We look forward to hearing about your latest boating adventure at the June Dinner Meeting.

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- Alan Wells Roles . . . . . 3-Jun
- Mike Drury. . . . . 7-Jun
- Allen K. Gailor. . . . . 8-Jun
- James A. Beckman. . . . . 12-Jun
- Richard C. Rasey . . . . . 13-Jun
- Helen Lorraine Ligman . . . . . 20-Jun
- Sandra K. Staten. . . . . 22-Jun
- Art Holloway . . . . . 23-Jun
- Michael C. Ronayne. . . . . 27-Jun
- Robert A. Peebles. . . . . 29-Jun



*Beautiful Day*



*Good Friends Good Food*

