



# The Newswheel

A publication of the Louisville Sail and Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons

March 2011

## Upcoming Calendar

Saturday, 26 March 2011

LSPS COW

Social: 1830

Dinner: 1900

Location: Kingfish Restaurant  
3021 Upper River Road  
River Watch Banquet Room  
Cost: \$25.00

### Menu:

Appetizers: Vegetable Tray, Meatballs, & Shrimp Cocktail  
Dinner Buffet: Combination Salad, Cole Slaw, Fried Icelandic Cod, Fried Shrimp, Grilled Chicken, Parsley Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Hush Puppies, Dinner Rolls.  
Tea and Coffee Assorted Desserts

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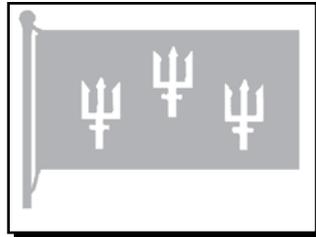
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## Commander's Report

*Cdr Larry Samuels, SN*

We just returned from the D24 Spring Conference and Change



of Watch in Dayton OH. The USPS Chief Commander Frank Dvorak, SN was the featured speaker. He said the decline in membership has slowed dramatically and it is possible membership may be up in 2011.

Louisville was well represented by eight members and three guests of members. In all, the attendance was ninety three. Richard Remski, SN of Dayton sail and Power is the new D24 Commander.

We accepted for LSPS, Distinctive Performance Certificates for the Newswheel and the website, and a Certificate of Merit from the USPS Educational fund signifying 100% participation for the 14th year. The latter certificate results from each member's contribution of one dollar extra along with their annual dues. Earnings from Educational Fund finance special projects and initiatives to improve USPS educational opportunities.

A 50 merit mark plaque was received from the Chief Commander which will be presented to P/D/C James A. Beckman, AP at the LSPS Change of Watch, March 26. Please plan on being at the COW to congratulate Jim as well as the new bridge members. There will be no regular March dinner meeting.

As many of you know, P/C Lee Harris is undergoing chemo and radiation for lung cancer. He and Carol are thankful for your prayers and concerns. Please continue to keep them and others you know of in your thoughts and prayers.

Till next time, fair winds, Larry

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## **Executive Officer's Report**

*Tom Binzer, AP*

I want to thank everyone who stood watch in the LSPS booth during the Louisville Sport, Boat and Vacation Show. Without your participation this effort would not have been as successful as it was. As a result of your effort there were nine attendees who signed up for the Boat Smart classes.

A special thanks to Ed Ice who again did a great job in having the booth set up and taken down in a timely fashion.

We have one more show coming up and that is the National Houseboat Expo that will take place Mar.18th. thru Mar. 20th. at the Kentucky Expo Center. This is a much different show because its target audience is boat manufacturers rather than boat owners. This show will feature of not only the boat builders but the manufacturers of the various part and pieces that go into the boat building process.

There will not be a dinner meeting in March because of the Change of Watch on March 26th. To sign up for working at the Houseboat Expo you can call Ed Ice at 241-7293 or Tom Binzer at 228-0718

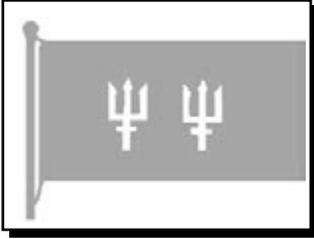
## **It's Your NewsWheel**

This NewsWheel is for the benefit of our members. We would Love contributions from any of our members. Feel free to send in your pictures, favorite recipes or nautical tips or stories. Share your boating knowledge and enthusiasm with your fellow members.

Send any contributions to the NewsWheel Editor  
Ruth Leitner at [rleitner@insightbb.com](mailto:rleitner@insightbb.com) or 502-345-0600

## **LSPS 2011 Roster Update**

Please check your roster information and email your ok or any additions/corrections to Maureen Samuels [m.samuels@insightbb.com](mailto:m.samuels@insightbb.com).



## **Administrative Officer's Report**

*P/C David W. Robertson, JN*

Hello Fellow Boater's,

It was great to see Jerry Hay at the February 3rd dinner meeting. His trip traveling the entire navigable length of the Cumberland River and the entire Tennessee River in one trip, in 12 days in a 22 open boat just goes to show what is possible. He also talked about his plans for a local "River Convoy" this summer that we are invited to participate in. I purchased a couple of his

books including the Ohio River Guidebook and his Beyond the Bridges after the dinner meeting. I got the guide as a reference book but spent a couple of hours just reading about all of the great places along the river. He has a new Cumberland River Guide and several other items available on his website at [www.riverlorian.com](http://www.riverlorian.com). The "LSPS Change of Watch" on March 26 at the Kingfish "River Watch Room" we are making every effort to be sure the elevator is working. So make plans to attend and we'll see you there.

### **2011 Event List**

**Saturday March 26** – LSPS Change of Watch – "River Watch Room" at Kingfish on Upper River Road. Social at 6:30, Dinner Buffet at 7:00, and a cash bar. Cost for dinner \$25.00 per person. So come out and welcome your new bridge.

**Thursday, April 7** – Monthly Dinner Meeting at the K of C on River Road, Louisville. Social at 6:30 PM  
Speaker: Rick Bell, "The History of the Waterfront and Park"

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

## **Indoor Boating Party !!!**

April 9 3-5pm.

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Appetizers/snacks being served

Ice and paper products provided

**BYOB**

*Please note: One of the conditions of having the party in the boats is that NO ONE bring any RED drinks on board any of the boats – example: NO tomato juice, red drink mixes, red soda or red wine.*

## FROM THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

*D/C Dick Remski, SN*

USPS is a great secret organization! Very few people in our district area know what it is, and their understanding is somewhat like the problems we have with our phone line in Dayton after a winter storm ... we are listed in the business white pages just below Dayton Power and Light!

We have all struggled with identity. How do we let people know who we are and what we do and what fun times we have? At our Spring Conference I spoke with Chief Commander Frank Dvorak about how we would like to start using "America's Boating Club" in big type in our advertising and put USPS a bit smaller in type so people don't have to figure out what we are. He encouraged us to try it and pass on some feedback to National on how it works. So let's try it!

We have seen some major changes in our own district. No we're not picking up members by the droves, but we are learning much more about what it means to be in USPS and in a "district". Commander Jeff Lagrew has taken great leadership in organizing fun boating trips for our district, and other USPS, members. "Sell the sizzle and the steak will follow!" Thanks, Jeff, for reaching far across squadron boundaries.

P/D/C, Don Cloyd has taken on the effort to visit each and every squadron at one of their events AS A GUEST! He has encouraged all of us to reach across squadron boundaries and join with our fellow district members and HAVE FUN. I plan on continuing this and encourage out District Bridge members to do so as well.

Our last three summer rendezvous' have actually taken us boating again! Many of our district members experienced boating the Ohio River for the first time, and many others have enjoyed the river one more time in perhaps a more seasoned boating career.

Our DEO Larry Samuels had his last Louisville COW remarks published in the Ensign a couple of months ago. His speech revolved around the three R's: recruiting, retention, and reenergizing. Many of our more senior members have given up active boating as they have grown more mature, but invite them along on an outing and you'll give someone a great gift of time to enjoy something that was once so much a part of their lives.

Commander Bill Pell in Dayton has formed an extremely collaborative relationship with Ohio DNR, Division of Watercraft. The Dayton squadron spent several weekend days with Watercraft officers during the "Wear it!" campaign last summer and some of us from Dayton even volunteered for the divisions kayak pond at the Ohio State Fair and had a great time.

I don't bring a lot of really new ideas to my year in this chair. I do want to emphasize some of these great ideas I have mentioned as things we can all learn from as we go through our next year.

Most of all, reach out to fellow boaters, invite them to one of your squadron functions and tell them about our knockout courses that National has put together for us. Work on retaining your current members by getting them involved in activities. Invite them for fun and not just to work! And call your more senior folks and be sure to invite them to come along next time you have an on-water function.

We have lots of creative folks in our district and I would like to hear any and all ideas that you have tried in your squadron and want to pass on to others. If you hear about something another squadron is doing, call them up and ask how to implement their project or idea in your squadron.

This thing of ours, USPS, is great and lots of fun! Let's try to let the "secret" get out by using "America's Boating Club". Let's share it with all the other boaters we meet and we will grow our membership!

# Squadron Education News

P/C Kim P. Fisher, AP

We have just started an ABC Class at Harrods Creek Fire House. The class is being held on Wednesday nights. The class will conclude on Wednesday March 16th. We will begin another one on Monday March 21st for the next 5 Monday nights.

Larry Samuels is organizing a Navigation Class. Navigation or N is the last in the USPS Series of Advanced Grade Classes. Students use a sextant to take sights on celestial bodies other than the sun to determine their position here on earth. The course is challenging yet rewarding. I sincerely hope that all of our members who have taken Junior Navigation will take this opportunity to complete their educational journey that began when they first took Seamanship. Contact Larry for further details.

As an organization, we are entering uncharted waters with our next Piloting Class. We have had interest from members of other various boating organizations, so we are offering the class to members and non-members alike for the first time. We will conduct the classes on Tuesdays from 7-9PM beginning on March 1st. Our classroom will be the small dining room at Cunningham's on the River, 6301 River Road. I for one, feel like this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be seen by the local boating community doing what we do well, educating other boaters. It also gives all of us a chance to slow down a little. I can eat before or after class and not have to race around like crazy to do so. If you know of any local boaters who are interested, have them contact me to register. Seats are limited and will be offered based on who registers first. The price of materials is \$50 for members, \$75 for non-members. Food and beverages from Cunningham's are not included.

We will be offering a Seamanship class at the conclusion of our Spring ABC Classes. Stay tuned for another more "public location" for this class also.

We are also making initial plans for a Pre-Thunder Anchoring Seminar. This 2-hour USPS Seminar will be offered to the Public. The topic is relevant to all boaters, and is especially timely in Louisville in April. So I ask you again, please tell your friends and neighbors.

See You Around the Bend

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**First Rate -**

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**Pipe Down -**

Means stop talking and be quiet. The Pipe Down was the last signal from the Bosun's pipe each day which meant "lights out" and "silence".

**Chock-a-Block -**

Meaning something is filled to capacity or over loaded. If two blocks of rigging tackle were so hard together they couldn't be tightened further, it was said they were "Chock-a-Block".

**Groggy -**

In 1740, British Admiral Vernon (whose nickname was "Old Grogram" for the cloak of grogram which he wore) ordered that the sailors' daily ration of rum be diluted with water. The men called the mixture "grog". A sailor who drank too much grog was "groggy".

**Three Sheets to the Wind -**

A sheet is a rope line which controls the tension on the downwind side of a square sail. If, on a three masted fully rigged ship, the sheets of the three lower course sails are loose, the sails will flap and flutter and are said to be "in the wind". A ship in this condition would stagger and wander aimlessly downwind.

**Pooped -**

The poop is the stern section of a ship. To be pooped is to be swamped by a high, following sea.

**Buoyed Up -**

Using a buoy to raise the bight of an anchor cable to prevent it from chafing on a rough bottom.

**By and Large -**

Currently means in all cases or in any case. From the nautical: by meaning into the wind and large meaning with the wind: as in, "By and Large the ship handled very well."



*Thanks Jerry!*



*Going over the Commander's head  
at D24 COW*

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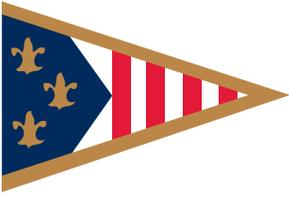


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