



# The Newswheel

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April 2011

## Upcoming Calendar

**Thursday, 7 April 2011**

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

Speaker: Rick Bell

Topic: History of Waterfront Park

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

Raffle Prizes: TBA

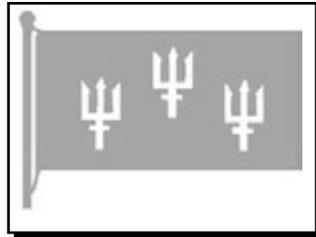
Upcoming Events: April 9  
Sea Ray of Louisville  
1-3pm Anchoring Seminar  
3-5pm Indoor Raft Up  
Details Inside

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## Commander's Report

*Cdr Thomas J Binzer AP*

First I want  
to thank  
you for your  
attendance and  
support at the

March 26th Change of Watch. On behalf of the new bridge we appreciate your confidence and the opportunity to serve you. I want to thank Past Commander Larry Samuels, the 2010 Bridge and all of the LSPS members who contributed to last year's success. Well Done!

There are challenges ahead for us to address and one of those challenges is membership. First we need to rejuvenate our membership by spending more time BOATING and making sure we have interesting, informative and educational programs. We need to reach out and to those members we seldom see and encourage them to be more active. No one wants to return to a place where they don't feel comfortable. Reach out and make a new friend.

New member recruiting is another challenge, sure. Demographics changes and time constraints mean fewer folks are joining civic organizations. There are only so many hours available in folk's daily schedules and we are competing for those hours. We face more competition from state and internet providers of basic education not to mention how the economy has affected us all.

The USPS headquarters has responded to these challenges by making available to us new tools that will help us recruit new members. For more than a year, new members have been able to join on line and become members of USPS cyber squadron. These members are looking to join traditional squadrons, and we will actively recruit them. USPS has also been busy up grading its advanced and elective courses,

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developing seminars and on the water training making it the most valued and complete boating course available to the boating community.

There is a new trial membership program for students taking the ABC course that should lead us to new prospective members. As of Dec.1st 2010, squadrons could begin offering free six-month memberships to student completing the ABC course. We have just completed the ABC course and those students are candidates to become new members. It is up to us to welcome them and get them evolved to make them feel welcome in the LSPS.

Another challenge for us is USPS headquarters has entered into a new partnership with the Brunswick Corp. allowing squadrons to work closely with boat dealers to provide classes, seminars and on the water training. In response to this challenge we have contacted the Sea Ray dealer and they are going to host our first rendezvous and anchoring seminar in preparation for Thunder Over Louisville. This event will take place on Sat. March.9th.

As you can see, these challenges USPS has given us are designed to make the USPS more accessible and visible in the community. We will take the initiative to invite member of other boating organizations to our meetings and event to better understand each other's organizations and showcase the benefits that the LSPS has to offer. And may be together we can make our waters a safer place to boat.

More challenges. Mayor Greg Fisher has requested the USPS be involved with the Mayors Hike, Bike and Paddle event to be held on both Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. We have been in planning meeting for this event and we will have more info. in the weeks to come.

I hope that everyone likes to be ON THE WATER because this year is shaping up to be a very active BOATING year. In the planning stage are river raft ups, a week end on Lake Cumberland with the Bluegrass Sail and Power Squadron, and a joint venture with Cincinnati and Bluegrass Squadrons for an Ohio River cruise following the D/24 summer council at Smugglers Cove.

In order to survive and meet the challenges that we have been given, we need to " Think outside the Box", we need to do thing differently. It's time to come about. It's time to change course.

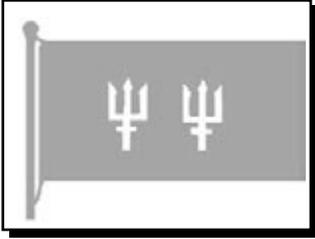
Let's Tack.....Tom



*Our New Commander*



*Thanks Larry*



## Administrative Officer's Report

P/C Maureen M. Samuels, JN

Hello Boaters!

Being on the Bridge is fun and the Administrative Officer is in charge of the fun and games! I am glad to have the position, but I feel like I have cheated one of you out of a blessing.

Brenda Fisher, Carol Fisher and Paula Bower have graciously agreed once again to plan our rendezvous' for the year. These three are the greatest fun makers around. Please make time to come to a rendezvous, you will not be disappointed. I understand they have several on the water activities planned for this year.

Our first rendezvous of the season is an indoor raft up is from 3 to 5 on Saturday April 9th at Sea Ray of Louisville, 1410 Frankfort Ave. There is an anchoring seminar from 1 to 3 at Sea Ray, come for the seminar and stay for the party!

April 7th is our dinner meeting; Rick Bell will be speaking to us about the History of the Waterfront Park. Rick is an interesting and informative speaker.

If you know of any interesting speakers or if you would like to make a presentation, please contact me as we are always looking for new speakers.

Maureen Samuels

## 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



*Three Muskateers Thank You*



*Communicator Guru Thanks Terry*

## Lee Harris

I returned home from the LSPS COW, tonight and found this note from Carol Harris written Friday 25 March. Many members have been asking about Lee, so I am forwarding this to you. Please pray for Lee and send cards if you would like to:

Lee Harris, 4501 Saratoga Woods, Louisville, KY 40299

P/C Larry Samuels, SN

All

Since my last update to you, Lee has continued with his radiation treatments and had a chemo treatment on March 17. Because of fever, I took him to emergency room on March 19; thank goodness, he was not admitted to the hospital.. On March 21 and 24 he received hydration infusions. Today we were given appointments to have an MRI and CT scans done and to see the surgeon within the next week or so.

Lee said to let you know his is badly, badly bent right now, but not broken.

Again, thanks so much for your cards, notes and e-mails. He looks forward to the mail and enjoys reading your notes. As always, please continue with your prayers.

Carol

## Editor's Note

Congratulations to Our new Commander, Tom Binzer and Margie Dresser on their engagement and Wedding!!! We are all so happy for you both!



*Surprise Margie*



*Good Job Tom*

# Squadron Education News

P/C Kim P. Fisher, AP

LSPS is conducting a Pre-Thunder Anchoring Seminar on Saturday April 9th. The Seminar will be held from 1-3 PM in the showroom of Sea Ray of Louisville. This 2-hour seminar is part of the USPS University Series and is open to the Public. Anchoring is relevant to all boaters, and is especially timely before Thunder-Over-Louisville. Cost for the Seminar is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Register at [http://www.usps.org/e\\_stuff/seminars.htm](http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars.htm) Tell your friends and neighbors.

America's Boating Course (ABC) - Our Wednesday night ABC class just concluded. All students tested and passed. We have just started another ABC Class at Harrods Creek Fire House. This class is being held on Monday nights. Ten students are enrolled. The class will conclude on Monday April 18th.

Seamanship (S) - We will be offering Seamanship to interested members at the conclusion of our Spring ABC Classes. Please contact David Robertson for details.

Piloting (P) – I mentioned last month that we were entering uncharted waters with our next Piloting Class. This is the first advanced class we have offered to non-members. Well the response was tremendous. Eleven students are enrolled in the Piloting class. Three are LSPS members and eight are members of other local boating organizations. The initial class was held at Cunningham's Creekside. Although the food was great, we discovered that the room did not lend itself to this type of classroom situation. Our thanks to Cunningham's for letting us try it out. The remaining classes are being held (sans fish sandwiches) in the community room at One vision Federal Credit Union in Clarksville Indiana. Kim Fisher and David Robertson are being assisted by Tony Tagliarino.

Engine Maintenance (EM) – It is time to think about getting your boat ready for the water. Ever wonder how that impeller works? And how often you should change one out? Doug Foster is ready and willing to explain. Doug will begin a class in May. Please contact him for information.

Navigation (N) - 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. Contact Larry for further details.

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David Robertson**

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Brenda Fisher ..... 12-Apr  
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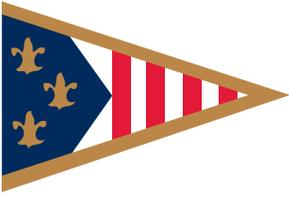


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