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June 2011

Upcoming Calendar

Thursday, 2 June 2011 LSPS Dinner Meeting Social: 1830 Dinner: 1900 Location: K of C 4417 Upper River Road Cost: \$15.00

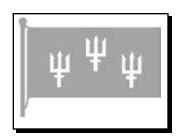
Speaker: Jeannie Ison, ORSANCO Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission Topic: River Sweep

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

Rendezvous: Louisiana Shrimp boil Saturday June 11, 3:00pm Rose Island Yacht Club 2000 Justin Cove 40059 Details Inside

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Commander's Report

Cdr Thomas J Binzer AP

As I mentioned before, the national office of the USPS has



challenge us to reach out and become more visible in the community.

At the May dinner meeting we responded to that challenge by hosting

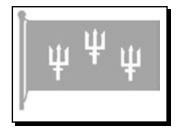
a "BOATERS FORUM" .We invited the leaders of various boating organizations to attend the May meeting and introduce themselves and their organizations to us as well as each other .There were eight different panelists that gave their perspective of the boating community. The response and feed back that I have received from members and the panelists has been very positive. I was informed by two of the panelists that the Mayor would soon be making an announcement that would impact the boating community and would be asking the LSPS for suggestions and involvement. I will keep you posted.

The ugly WEATHER, when will the sun ever shine again? With the rain and cool cloudy days its hard to get very excited about going out on the boat, but better day are sure to be on the way. I hope. In the mean time, make the best of it and take this opportunity to be a little more thorough when you are summarizing you boat. Check your life jackets, even the slightest tear will render them unsafe. Make sure all of the belts are in good condition and properly tightened.

Please remember that when you receive your notice from USPS for membership renewal you can renew on line with a credit card. During the month of June we have the majority of the membership due for renewal.

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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 are in the e-mail invoice. You can find your certificate number in the roster and you can look up the invoice number on www.usps.org/dues/dues-processa.php , clicking "request invoice number" and typing your certificate number and your area code

As of May 15th 85 members renewed and 42 have not. I urge those who have not renewed to do so promptly. I can assure each of you, you are important to the continued success of our squadron and the USPS. I would like to see everyone every month but I realize that is not possible. To those we don't see often, we do appreciate your support of the USPS mission and your work, dedication and inspiration. Together we all stand for boating fellowship, safety and education. Thanks you for your support, I look forward to seeing you at the June 2 dinner meeting and at the June 11th rendezvous at Rose Island Yacht Club. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE.

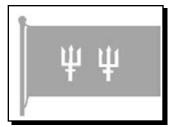
BOATER'S BLESSING

May there always be water under your boat
May she always be seaworthy, ever afloat
May the bilge pump be certain to work night and day
May the compass and charts always show the safe way
May you find gentle harbor as every day ends
May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good friends.

Author - Unknown Taken from www.Sailseas.com/bergen/boaters blessing.htm



Louisville Skyline



Administrative Officer's Report

P/C Maureen M. Samuels, JN

The Belle of Louisville trip was wonderful. Thanks to the Propeller Club for sponsoring the trip. The river was up and there were a lot of logs floating in the water. It was great to be on the water when our boat couldn't be out. The Mayor's Healthy Hometown Subway Fresh Fit Hike, Bike & Paddle is on May 30 at the waterfront.

Dinner Meeting: Thursday, June second will feature Jeannie Ison with ORSANCO (Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission). Jeanne, who is coming from Cincinnati, will speak about the River Sweep.

Rendezvous: June 11 starting at 3:00, (dinner at 5:00) Rose Island Yacht club. Wayne and Janice Weller are cooking their famous Louisiana Shrimp Boil.

Little shrimp boiled up for you,

Toss in potatoes and carrots too.

Add a little kielbasa meat,

Corn on the cob, oh what a treat.

Clams and mussels, Oh Yum Yum!

Make plans now so you can come.

The Shrimp boil is \$35.00 per couple or \$17.50 for one. There will be VALUABLE PRIZES. Upcoming:

June 24-26: South Haven (on Lake Michigan) Rendezvous sponsored by Hoosier Sail & Power Squadron. Call Mark Winzenread at 317-679-2472 for more information.

July 17: Raft up at 12 mile island. More details next month.

July 22, 23 & 24: District 24 Rendezvous and Summer Council at Warsaw KY.

July 24-26: Ohio River Cruise, a multi-squadron activity. Ask Tom Binzer for details.

September 1: Dinner meeting, there is no dinner meeting in July or August.

September 16-18: Lake Cumberland Raft Off, sponsored by Bluegrass Power Squadron Call Tony Hawking at 614-657-5011 for more details.

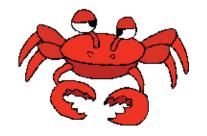
Let's have fun! Maureen



Big Four Bridge



Jefferson County Sheriff Color Gaurd





LOUISIANA BOIL

Includes: Shrimp, Clams, Mussels, Kielbasa Sausage, Corn on the cob, Red Potatoes and Carrots*

When: Saturday, June 11, 2011

Where: Rose Island Yacht Club

Start Time: 3:00-? Dinner Time: 5:00

Cost: \$17.50 per person

Pitch-in: A-K appetizer L-Z dessert

BYOB(drinks): Ice & cups will be provided

Hosted by: Wayne & Janice Weller

RSVP: by JUNE 8

*An alternative to seafood will be available upon advance request. Include your request in the box on the RSVP form on our website, or call Maureen at 502-296-9147

SEO Report June 2011

Squadron Education News

P/C Kim P. Fisher, AP

I begin this month's article again mentioning the level of the Ohio River. I still haven't seen our docks. I hope they are still there. The water has receded enough that we have been able to resume 'normal' land-based activities at our 'Paradise' in Utica. We have raked up flotsam, returned countless pieces of driftwood to the river, pressure-washed, and finally cut the grass. The "we" in the previous sentence includes many more than just Carol and I. We are forever grateful for the family and friends who pitch in whenever needed. Carol and I extend a big Thank You, to any of you who are reading this. So now everything looks normal if you don't notice that you still can't see the boat dock. Boating can't be too far away. We saw the Leitner's out this weekend.

The Education Department begins our summer lull about this time. We are continuing to seek out opportunities to deliver Seminars. If you know of any Boat Clubs, Marinas, or other boating groups who would be interested in a 2 hour Seminar, please let us know. The charge for materials for each is going to be in the \$20-\$30 range. Very similar to any other type of seminar you might attend. See the listing at the bottom of this article.

Piloting (P) – Nine people submitted tests from the class. We are awaiting results. Many people have expressed interest in taking Advanced Piloting in the fall.

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 is ready to begin a class in May. Please contact him for information. **Navigation (N)** – The Navigation class is underway. Larry Samuels is teaching. 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.

See You Around the Bend

USPS Seminars

Using GPS operating a GPS, basic waypoints and routes Using VHF and DSC Radio selecting and using VHF, details of using DSC Anchoring selecting, deploying, and handling anchors Trailering Your Boat selecting, maintaining, launching using trailers Onboard Weather Forecasting predict local conditions with personal observations Marine Radar selecting, operating, interpreting radar returns Knots, Bends, and Hitches comprehensive marine knots including hands-on Boat Handling Under Power basic handling in close quarters and open water Advanced Powerboat Handling comprehensive handling including on the water Partner in Command introductory training for mates and crew Mariner's Compass selecting, installing, adjusting, using a compass Boating in Rivers, Lakes and Locks inland boating, handling locks Basic Coastal Navigation navigating with electronics and basic tools Mastering the Rules of the Road inland and international rules made simple Sail Trim advanced sail management PaddleSmart® introduction to paddling, techniques Hurricanes and Boats pre-planning and securing boats for hurricanes

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ARE YOU A BOAT LAUNCH RAMP HOG?

While boaters are generally a congenial group, tempers can flare at the boat launch ramp. This is usually the result of boaters not following a few simple guidelines. In hot summer days boaters are anxious to get under way and they have little patience waiting for a ramp hog. One simple rule covers it all. Spend as little time as possible on the launch ramp, both when launching and retrieving.

The launch ramp is no place to learn how to back up a boat trailer. First go to a vacant parking lot and practice the art. Since many launch sites have an informal protocol, park in the staging area and watch a boat or two launch. Whenever possible, have another person with you. It makes the launch a lot faster and smoother and minimizes the chances of losing control of the boat after it is launched. **Patiently wait your turn in line.**

In the pre launch staging area remove all tie downs, except the bow (winch) line. Put all gear aboard. Check battery condition, prime the fuel bulb, turn on the blower, set the motor or drive unit to the proper trim level, and put the key in the ignition. If you are alone, tie a line from a boat cleat to the trailer so you don't loose control of it during the launch. Back down the ramp until the boat just begins to float off the trailer. Then untie the bow line and power or push the boat off the trailer. Take the boat to a courtesy dock immediately remove your vehicle.

While each of these steps are important, the two most disastrous mistakes are failing to put in the drain plug and removing the bow line before launch. A missing plug will cause a boat full of water and a disconnected bow line may result in a launch on the parking lot concrete. In retrieving your vessel, secure the bow line and pull the trailered boat back to the staging area. Now, off load equipment, secure all tie downs, pull the drain plug, and run a safety check of your boat and trailer. Make certain that the vessel engine is trimmed up, and that loose gear is secured.

Check those hitch and safety chains. Plug in the lights. With the ramp hose flush out the salt water from the brakes and wash down the hull. It is easy for an unwashed vessel to carry invasive marine species to other bodies of water.

A little preparation and thoughtfulness is all you need to avoid being a ramp hog. Just remember to be considerate of others and spend as little time as possible with your boat and/or trailer on the ramp.

To learn more about a trailering seminar or the fun of boating, contact the United States Power Squadrons® for their boating courses and seminars at www.USPS.org.

As it members remind us: "Boating is fun...We'll Show you how"

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