

The Newswheel

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From the commander – Faye Kugele

I hope that you have been enjoying the river – from your boat or from the shore! It is a tremendous resource for us and we should not take it for granted.

I also hope that you enjoyed the last issue of the Newswheel. It is my hope that you will use the upcoming issues to keep up with the squadron activities.

Please come out to the dinner meetings and bring your friends. It is great to see some previously active members coming back! We have missed your presence and your conversation... isn't it often about the stories we tell and the experiences we share that bind us together!

Check out the USPS member site (www.USPS.org) for up-to-date

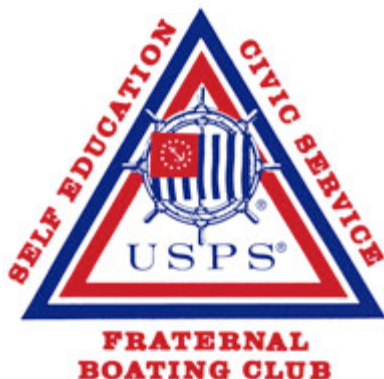
discounts. Office Depot/Office Max, Boat US, LifeLock, Ford (for family and friends pricing), Budget/Avis.

Also, I would encourage you to contact me with any suggestions or comments that could help the squadron stay active for our members and for the community.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and talents!!! The classroom instructors, vessel safety examiners, the officers and members of the executive committee and subcommittees, those who keep us informed by updating the website and sending out the News Blasts, and those who serve as the face of LSPS every day – that could be YOU!

We are in need of some volunteers to serve on the executive committee for the upcoming year. If you are willing to be nominated, please contact Ed Ice. You will be glad you did!

See you at the next dinner meeting!



2015 Special Events!
Save the dates:

October 1, 2015 – Dinner meeting (Hot brown and roast beef), Speaker Kim Fisher

October 16-18, 2015 - D-24 Fall Conference in Madison, Indiana at the Riverboat Inn

November 5, 2015 – Dinner meeting (pork chop and fried chicken), Speaker Ali Greenwell with an update on Parkland of Floyds Fork

December 6, 2015 – Christmas Party at Knights of Columbus Hall

Do a little or do a lot...If you want to help we have a spot! If interested, contact Faye Kugele at 502-594-9155.

Squadron Education News: by Larry Samuels

P/D/C David Robertson is currently hosting a Seamanship class at Harrods Creek Fire Department that started on Tuesday, September 8th. (see associated article)

Three members recently passed the JN examination. They are Dale Bletso, Tom Christensen, and Faye Kugele. The JN class offered students a chance to use sextant observations of the sun, and determine their approximate location. In addition, the students planned and simulated two portions of a cruise from Martha's Vineyard to the Bahamas. The open book examination required basic knowledge of Celestial Navigation (JN), and the plotting skills developed in previously completed Piloting (P) and Advanced Piloting (AP) Classes. Special congratulations go to Tom Christensen who made 100% on the JN exam – which has been determined to be a quite a rarity! Congrats Tom!

Boat Show Volunteers Needed!

Folks, although it is just starting to feel like Fall the Boat Show will be coming up before we know it. This year our Squadron is taking a fresh look at our exhibit to increase the interactive teaching opportunities. We will have three areas of focus: the fire extinguisher demo, a knot tying bench and the virtual boating trainer that we introduced last year.

To make this a success we will need three folks manning the exhibit, especially during the high traffic times. We will need volunteers to sign up for each area. This will be an exciting opportunity to convey education can be fun.

We will have signup sheets at the upcoming meetings, and we plan to have a short discussion meeting for all volunteers prior to the show. Of course you can also contact Charlie at fc124799@att.net at any time to sign-up or get additional information.

Mark your calendar now for the annual National Boat Show – January 27 – 31, 2016! Remember volunteers get free entrance to the show.

Executive Officer, Charlie Cox

Safety Briefing for the McAlpine Locks

From Administrative Officer – Margie Binzer

Our September speakers were Wesley Snyder and Jordan Basham, who spoke about the MS4 Project for the Louisville Metro Sewer District. They shared the progress that MSD has made to storm system overflows and the planned improvements to the Beargrass Creek river system.

Wesley and Jordan provided an explanation for 'consent decree' activities and commitments. They answered various questions about the MSD construction sites that have been noted across the metro areas. The next few years will be an intense effort to deal with the many areas along Beargrass Creek that will require evaluation and resolution to end the overflow of sewers into the waterways. It was a very interesting and interactive discussion.



Next dinner meeting - November 5th

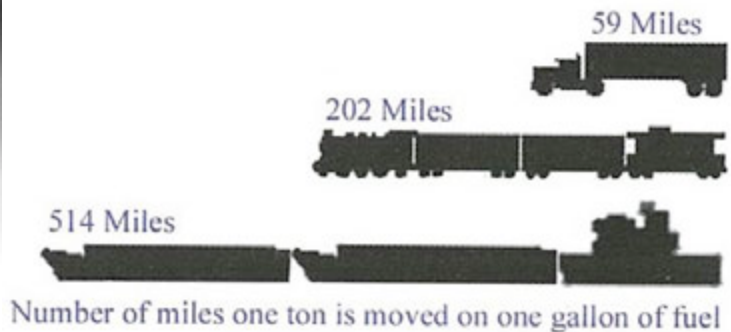
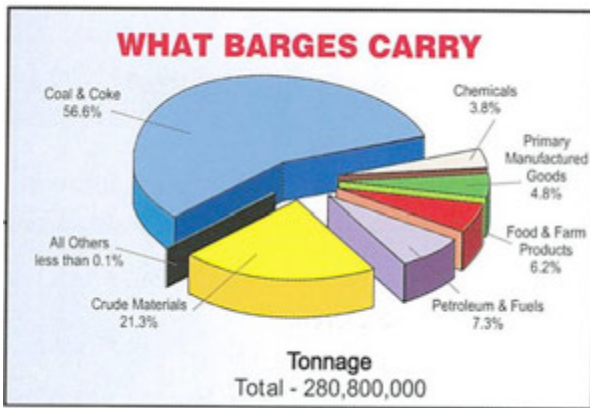
The next dinner meeting will be held Thursday, November 5th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on River Road. Ali Greenwell will provide an update to the Parklands at Floyds Fork project. Since her initial visit with us two years ago, great progress has been made to connect the waterways from one end of Jefferson County to the other. Come hear about this wonderful addition to our community! Come at 6:30 for the social time. Dinner is served at 7:00.

Dinner is salad, pork chop, fried chicken, potato, succotash, dessert, bread & butter, coffee/tea and only \$15.00 per person. Cash bar available.

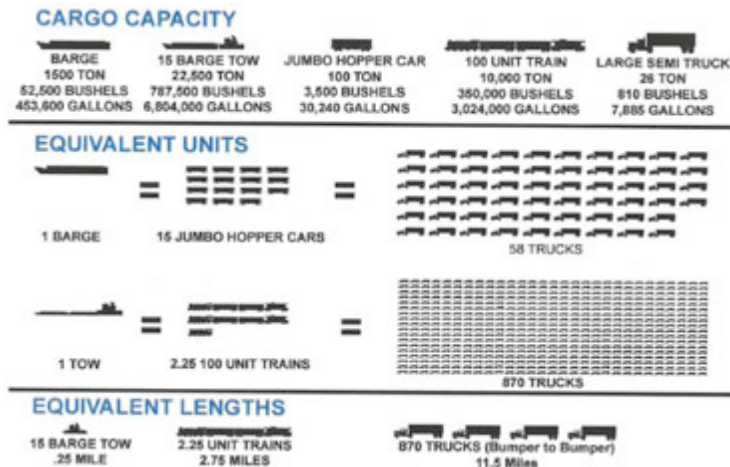
LSPS Goes Locking Through...

It was a perfect day... the weather was perfect... the information we received during the safety briefing was fantastic... the company of boaters was wonderful!

During the safety briefing, Kim Fisher provided an overview of the locks and dams... how they operate... and their importance to the river traffic. Did you know that the Ohio River and its navigable tributaries move approximately 280 million tons of cargo each year – That is more cargo than what annually moves through the Panama Canal. Coal makes up over half of all cargo, and delivering the coal to electric generating stations is a primary reason the electric rates in the Ohio River Basin are among the lowest in the nation! Also, over 50 million tons of cargo move through the McAlpine Locks each year. See below for how cargo capacity of barges compares to trucks and trains.



There were five boats that participated in the trip through the locks. They rafted up on the New Albany side of the river just down from the lock area. A big thanks goes to Ruth and Keith Leitner who provided the anchor boat for the raft-up. Keith also led the communication with the Lock Master. The Leitner's provided a close-up perspective for their guests: Ray, Bill Keating and his wife, and Larry Stickler. The others attending with their boats were Faye and Glenn Kugele, Paula and Gary Bower, Kim and Carol Fisher with Kyle and Brenda, and Eric Grubb with his son Robbie. Everyone enjoyed lunch and then the trip back through the locks.



Fall 2015 Seamanship Class

Hello fellow boaters,

The Fall 2015 Seamanship class started on September 8 at the Harrods Creek Fire Department in Prospect with 2 students, Ron MacPhee and Judy Brown, and a couple of study at home members. The USPS Seamanship Course presents material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinspike/basic knots. The class schedule is four weeks of class and the fifth week is the test.

I would like to thank the Harrods Creek Fire Department for allowing us to use their facility, our SEO Larry Samuels, SN for getting everything ready, the students and the Instructors who made this possible. The instructors were Alan Roles, John Kiesel, Kim Fisher, and myself. Also thanks to Margie and Tom Binzer for helping out the week I was out of town.

We also had a new member join during the class so let's welcome Judy Brown to the squadron. The next Seamanship class will be the Spring 2016 class after the ABC course. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the water.

Boating is Fun. We'll show you how! Thanks,

David Robertson, JN

2016 -2017 LSPS Officers and Executive Committee

The slate of officers for the upcoming year will be presented at the November 5 dinner meeting. Voting will take place during a very brief business session at the Christmas Party.

Mark Your Calendar for December 6th

The Louisville Sail and Power Squadron will have their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6th. Watch your News Blasts for more information!

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SINCERE THANKS ...

Thanks to all of you who offer your time and talents to make the Louisville Sail and Power Squadron successful. Here are just a few more names as examples:

- Glenn Kugele (I know this could be considered biased) – thanks for assuming the Treasurer position for the rest of this year.
- Ed Ice – for keeping up with the merit marks for all of the volunteers and reporting them to national! Thanks!
- Margie Binzer – for your audio-visual skills and assisting with set-up when needed for classes! Thanks.



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