

The Newswheel

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2016 Special Events! Save the dates:

*Saturday, June 18, 2016 –
Low Country Shrimp Boil –
Clark County Casting and
Conservation Club shelter house
in Utica, Indiana. (See article)*

*Friday, July 8, 2016 –
Evening under the Louisville
summer sky – at the U of L
Planetarium - Program starts
at 8:00 PM.*

*July 15-17, 2016 – D24
Summer Rendezvous at the
Riverboat Inn in Madison,
Indiana*

*No meetings in June, July, or
August... see you on the water!*

From the commander – Faye Kugele

The new fiscal year for the Louisville Sail & Power Squadron is off to a great start. The Change of Watch was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the past year's accomplishments and to plant the seeds of anticipation for the upcoming year.

I had the pleasure of announcing the 2015 member of the year - Terry Chambers. She played a very critical role in keeping the LSPS communication up to date with the e-mail News Blasts to members while the website is being reorganized and

updated. A team has been working to reformat and refurbish the website while making it more user friendly for those tasked with its upkeep, Dennis Lorenz and Kim Fisher. Other members are Dale Bletso and myself along with our new member, Joe Burch, who has been assisting the team in analyzing our needs and providing the basic site. The completed new website is still under construction but will be worth the wait! Thanks for your patience!
Commander Faye

Administrative Officer Report:

It is time for our big summer social. We are pulling out all stops and are asking you to invite your friends and family as well as other boaters to make reservations and join us at the Low Country Shrimp Boil. Brenda and Kyle Fisher and Wayne and Janice Weller are teaming up to make the authentic feast and the Louisville Sail and Power Squadron are planning the afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The cost is \$17.50 per person by reserving your spot – send an email to Brenda at KBFISHER2@TWC.com or call her at 502-727-5571 (provide an email address to receive a confirmation). Reservations must be made on or before June 13 to receive the discounted price or you will have to pay \$20.00 per person.

Menu: Shrimp steam pot or alternative of grilled chicken upon request when making reservations. Appetizers will be served from 4:30 and dinner served at 5:30. Bring your lawn chairs and additional soda if desired. No outside alcohol is permitted, but there is a full cash bar available at the clubhouse next to the shelter house.

Dockage is available on a first come basis – contact Gary Bower (502-494-2653), Kim Fisher (502-544-1185) or Kyle Fisher (502-727-5570) to reserve a dock space.

Remember there is no dinner meeting in June... so plan to attend this fun event and enjoy the delicious food with your boating friends! See you there!

Reflections:

April 7th dinner meeting – Don Ferry from Jeff Boat gave an interesting presentation and showed some video clips about the huge industry that is located on the shores of our river – just a little upstream from downtown. Everyone enjoyed the program and the wonderful meal!

Marine Sales & Service Rendezvous – on April 16 was a tremendous success once again! Thanks to Paula Bower and her team of volunteers for a great event. Thanks also to Dale Bletso who brought a homemade sextant and showed us how to use the artificial horizon. We also had 2 visitors from the Hoosier Squadron – Jason and Holly Settles who also won one of the door prizes! Other raffle winners: Ron & Danna Sellers, Gary Mellinger, Karen & Kevin Rogers, Anthony Diprospero, and Doug Foster. Some of the vendors present were from Humphreys Canvas & Upholstery and L Boatique.

April 18 – 22 – Ed Ice led the team of volunteers for the Spring Adventure Camp! As always, there were many kids who got to ride on the pontoon thanks to volunteers from LSPS and the Louisville Sailing Club. Ed has a project to refurbish one of the pontoons this summer – so if you would like to help out – please let Ed know.

May 12th dinner meeting hosted Kadie Engstrom – what a hoot!!!! Those who missed this program should look out for any opportunity to hear Kadie explain how Louisville is connected and interconnected in so many ways within the city as well as to the outside! This was a delightful program!

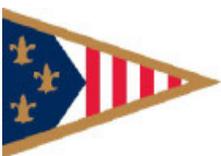
Safe Boating Week – Thanks to David Lynch for getting the word out to the community. Wave TV invited Kim Fisher, David Lynch, and Tom Binzer to be interviewed for the morning show on Sunday, May 22nd. Be sure to thank these fine gentlemen for their willingness to do the 7:40 AM TV spot and for representing the LSPS so well! Thanks Guys!

A Little LSPS History – The LSPS Burgee

The Burgee was designed by P/D/C Charles A Bastin, AP and was submitted for approval to National on 11 May 1960. The Burgee design was approved as submitted by the National Governing Board in the fall of that year. The red and white of the National Ensign is combined with blue and gold of the Kentucky flag to form the Burgee used today by the Louisville Sail and Power Squadron. The three fleur-de-lis in gold represent the City of Louisville.

Five white areas and eight vertical stripes symbolize the year in which the Louisville Power Squadron was formed. When the Burgee is viewed from the boat's starboard, the design is such that a symbolized "K" is formed, indicating the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The triangular shape of the Burgee represents the three basic requirements of a god skipper: safety, skill, and judgment. The five sides of the field represent the five grades of the Squadron: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigator, and Navigator.



Squadron Education News:

The ABC Course is now in the 3rd edition, making it compliant with the 2015 NASBLA Standards as well as approved by the states of Indiana and Kentucky. There were 22 students who successfully completed one of the three ABC courses that were held in March and April. Thanks to Kim Fisher for leading the three classes and to all the member volunteers who helped with registration, ropes class, test grading, and recruitment discussions! Thanks for taking time to make the water safer for everyone!!!!

A Seamanship class was held in April/May with three students graduating on May 16th. Thanks to David Robertson and those members who assisted.

Starting June 7th, an additional ABC course is being conducted at the Louisville Yacht Club on River Road. If anyone is interested in volunteering or know of anyone who wants to take the class, contact Kim Fisher. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts for boaters who complete the course – tell your friends!

Thanks again to all the instructors and volunteers who make these classes successful! You will receive merit mark credits for 2016.

New Member Benefit

Your eyes come first with VSP. As the only national not-for-profit vision care company, it reinvests in the things you value most—the best care at the lowest out-of-pocket cost. See your new benefit on the [Member Benefits website!](#) USPS members can get a basic pair of glasses to suit their prescription needs while saving over \$200.

2015 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics

The USCG has released the 2015 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, which can be found on its website. Excerpts from the publication include in 2015, there were 4,158 accidents involving 626 deaths, 2,613 injuries and approximately \$42 million dollars of damage to property. The fatality rate was 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels and represents a 1.9% increase from the 2014 fatality rate. Compared to 2014, the number of accidents increased 2.3%, the number of deaths increased 2.6% and the number of injuries decreased 2.4%. The entire report can be viewed on the USCG website.

Operation's Training Conducted

Maureen Samuels hosted an Operation's Training on May 19th. The three hour course covered the structure of the Executive Committee and gave a wonderful overview of how the LSPS functions and its responsibility to the District and National organization. If you missed this class, there will be another opportunity later this year – watch out for announcement of the date/time. Thanks!

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Let's Celebrate:

Welcome to six new members who joined after taking the ABC Course offered this Spring! Be sure to say "hi" and make them feel welcome!

The new members are:

- Joe Burch
- Janet Burch
- David Porta
- Darla Stahl
- Gretchen Stahl
- Michael Stahl

Also, thanks to the volunteers who helped Kim Fisher with the three ABC public boating classes:

- Glenn and Faye Kugele
- David Robertson
- Larry Samuels
- Jesse Turley
- Joe Venhoff
- Ed Ice
- Dale Bletso
- Gary and Paula Bower
- Carol Fisher

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