



The Newswheel

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2017 Special Events! **Save the dates:**

*January 5 – Sea Tales – Missing! The USS Indianapolis
Menu: Fried fish, baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, carrots, desserts*

January 25-29 –Louisville Sports, RV and Boat Show

February 3 – Joe and Janet Burch will share their boating adventures

March 25 – LSPS Change of Watch – location and details to be announced later

From the commander – Faye Kugele

I can hardly believe that the Christmas holiday and New Year are right around the corner. We have yet to winterize our boat – we are optimistic that we have a couple more boating days before us! However, we do plan on being all set before Christmas arrives!

This has been a busy year for the squadron so far... and I want to say thanks to everyone who stepped up this past year by recruiting a speaker or hosting a rendezvous. Without your help the membership would not have had the wonderful opportunities and events that we have shared. It does “take a village” ... or is it “squadron!”... to accomplish the mission!

Also thanks goes out to the new officers and board members! Roy Mattingly,

Kim Fisher, and Kaye Bletso are joining Dale Bletso, David Robertson, Maureen Samuels, Pat Venhoff, and Carol Fisher for the 2016-2017 LSPS year. Be sure to thank them and encourage them the next time you see them.

We have some great programs for the January and February dinner meetings so be sure to mark the dates on your calendar! Any ideas for future meeting topics or rendezvous themes – please let me know! I will still be coordinating the meetings and rendezvous until we get an Administrative Officer on board.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the next event!

Commander Faye

Thanks to Adventure Camp Volunteers!

Treasia Robertson – 4 days
Kim Fisher – 3 days
Charlie Cox – 3 days
Joe Lauer – 2 days
Faye Kugele – 2 days
Joe Venhoff – 2 days

Pat Venhoff – 1 day
Tom Binzer – 1 day
Margie Binzer – 1 day
Glenn Kugele – 1 day
Doug Foster – 1 day

Administrative Update:

Dinner Meeting Programs:

On September 8th, Dale Bletso presented the district report for class participation and discussed the various course content. He challenged everyone to take a course this year – to improve your knowledge and better prepare yourself for any potentially dangerous situation on or around the water! Encourage others you know to take a boating course!

Jim Holmberg of the Filson Historical Society, spoke to us on October 6th and gave us an overview of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The stories he told emphasized how Louisville and Kentucky locations and people impacted the journey. Jim gave a very interesting talk about the families involved and what the daily challenges were for the explorers.

On November 3rd, Nancy Beall from the Hoosier Squadron, shared with us her personal encounter with carbon monoxide poisoning and the death of a dear friend due to this colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that strikes without any warning. She emphasized the importance of having a CO monitor on your boat and in your home. Be sure the batteries are working by testing the alarm periodically. She has petitioned to have a CO monitor added to the Vessel Safety Checklist as a recommended item for boating safely.

If you have not been to a dinner meeting lately, you are missing out on varied and valuable information. Each of the speakers have been engaging and interesting as they shared their passions. Come when you can and bring a friend. The food is always good and at a reasonable price! Connect with friends and share the fun while you learn a thing or two!!!

Rendezvous Report:

We had another successful McAlpine Dam lock through and raft-up along the New Albany shore on September 7th. Kim Fisher gave the safety briefing at the docks prior to the boats setting off for the trip through the channel. What a view we had of the waterfront buildings as we proceeded down the river. It was perfect weather and the trip went off without a hitch!

On October 8th, we had our annual Chili-Fest at Paradise with Kim and Carol Fisher as our hosts. They had assistance from the other Fishers (Brenda and Kyle) and the Bowers (Gary and Paula) to provide a wonderful place for our rendezvous and with all the trimmings to which we have all become accustomed. Dennis Lorenz served as the judge to determine which entry was the “best chili ever!” And even more fun was had around the bon fire with marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers for those who wanted smores!

Go to the LSPS Facebook page to see lots of pictures and videos – you can “Find Us On Facebook” by looking under “Contact Us” section of the website (www.louisvillepowersquadron.com).

Squadron Education News:

The next course offered will be Marine Electrical Systems that will start Tuesday 3 January 2017 and will run 9 weeks.

- The cost is \$50 for United States Power Squadron (USPS) members and \$75 for non-members.
- The instructor is Dale Bletso.
- Location address will be provided after registration has been completed.

USPS members should register for this advanced grade course on the USPS website or contact Dale Bletso by email at Bletso@twc.com.

Boat Show Volunteers Needed!

Mark your calendar now for the annual National Boat Show – January 25 – 29, 2017! Remember volunteers get free entrance to the show (but you still need to pay for parking). Contact Charlie to find out where to pick up your volunteer badge. Squadron is trying to ensure sufficient interactive teaching opportunities are available in the booth. We have two areas of specific focus: a knot tying bench and the virtual boating trainer that continues to be a big hit at events. Of course we will be emphasizing our Boating Safety Classes and answering questions about benefits to being a USPS member. To make this event a success we will need three folks manning the exhibit, especially during the high traffic times. This will be an exciting opportunity to convey education can be fun. We will have signup sheets at the upcoming meetings, and of course you can also contact the boat show chairman, Charlie Cox, at fc124799@att.net to sign-up or get additional information.

In Memory – Jack Ed Banister

December 21, 1929 - October 13, 2016

Jack was a dedicated and active member of the Louisville Sail and Power Squadron and a past district commander for District 24. He was an enthusiastic instructor for Junior Navigation for many years. Jack faithfully made the drive from Hanover, Indiana, to each dinner meeting and executive committee meeting that his health would allow. Even this year Jack served as the Squadron Commander's Aid and as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. Jack was a true gentleman, educator, and friend. He will be missed by all of us who knew him and had the privilege of working with him.

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