



The Newswheel

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From the commander – Faye Kugele

I appreciate all of the support and encouragement that you have given me for the past two years. But I have to say that I am looking forward to turning over the helm to Kim Fisher. Of course I will still help coordinate the meetings and rendezvous schedules and will still try to keep you apprised of what has happened with future editions of the Newswheel.

Since the Administrative Office is actually a committee again this year, I am asking that you help out by recruiting speakers for the dinner meetings and come up with ideas for fun rendezvous events. We are trying to incorporate the district events and some local boating events into our calendar.

I also want to thank you for renewing your membership as it comes due. We need faithful members to help support the USPS creating and maintaining the boating safety and education courses. It is one of the ways each individual member can contribute to the safety of our boating community.

Remember to check out the USPS member site (www.USPS.org) for up-to-date discounts that are yours to claim.

Check out the squadron's Facebook page – there is a link on the website under the "Contact Us" tab – select the "Find Us On Facebook". Join the LSPS Facebook page. If you need assistance, contact Terry Chambers or Kim Fisher.

Don't forget we have our Change of Watch coming up – see information on page 6.

We also have some exciting programs coming up in April and May. Bring a friend or invite someone new to boating to come with you. Please remember to RSVP on the website – it works and helps us ensure we have enough food prepared!

Hope to see you at the next event!
Commander Faye

2017 Special Events! Save the dates:

*Saturday, March 25 – LSPS
Change of Watch at the Knights
of Columbus Hall
Social at 6:00 PM, Dinner at
7:00 PM
Cost - \$25.00 per person*

*April 6 – Dinner meeting
(Menu: Salad, fried fish, baked
chicken, au gratin potatoes,
carrots, desserts)*

*April 15 – On-the-land
Rendezvous at Marine Sales and
Service located on River Road –
Noon to 4 PM
Come for food, prizes, and fun!
Virtual boating trainer will be
on-site for you to test your skills*

*May 11 – Dinner meeting
(Menu: Salad, Hot Brown, corn
beef and cabbage, mashed
potatoes and gravy, desserts)
Speaker: Jack Banister – USPS
Founder's Day*

Be sure to visit the SEO
Corner on the website!

Squadron Education News

The Education Department is ramping up for a busy spring season! There are four separate offerings of the **ABC Public Boating Safety Course**. Each series consists of four 2-hour classes at different locations.

- Mondays in March at the Harrods Creek Fire Department
- Thursdays in April at the Clark County Casting and Conservation Club
- Tuesdays in May at the Bass Pro Shop in Clarksville
- Saturdays/Tuesdays (2 weeks) in June at the Louisville Boat Club

More details are located on the website under the Education Department.

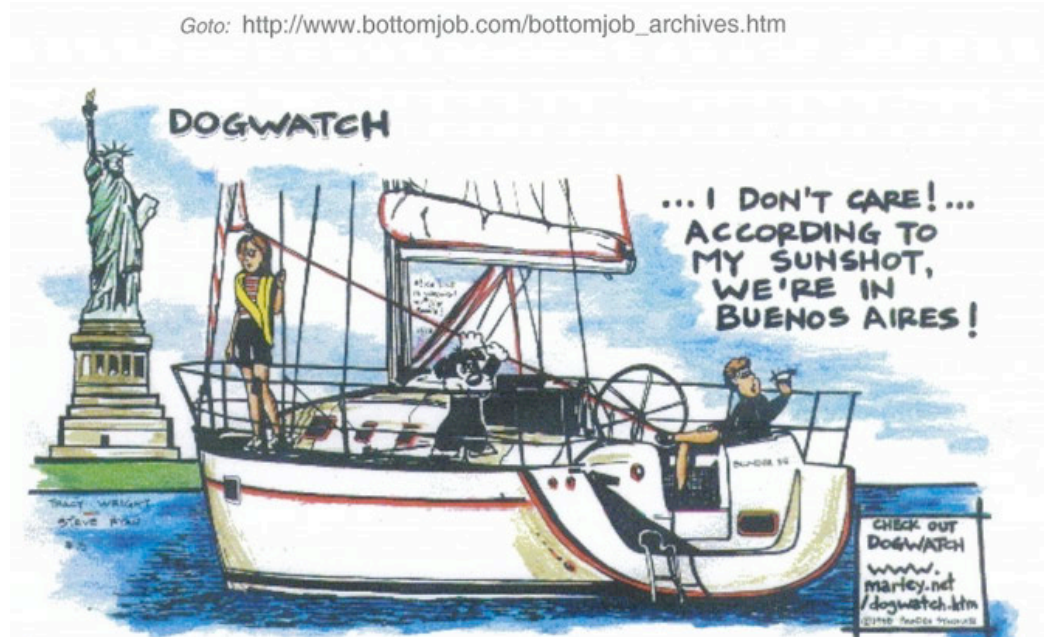
Calling all who desire to know more about Sailing!

Learn about types of sailboat rigs, hull shapes, sail configurations, and standing rigging. The instructor, John Kiesel, has over 40 years of sailing experience. Class material will cover:

- Wind and water forces affecting sailboat stability and balance
- Sail shape and standing rig tuning
- Steering and helmsmanship
- Sailing upwind, downwind, and spinnaker handling
- Heavy weather sailing and storm conditions
- Boat operations (including docking, anchoring, and safety issues)

Classes will be on Monday starting February 27th at Harrods Creek Fire Department. See the website, www.louisvillepowersquadron.com, to sign up or to get more details.

Goto: http://www.bottomjob.com/bottomjob_archives.htm



Tom Binzer recommended this you-tube video that was published on Jan 10, 2017:

“This is certainly the fastest ship in the world,” said Incat managing director Kim Clifford. “Of course there are a few speed boats that could surpass 58 knots, but nothing that could carry 1,000 passengers and 150 cars, and with an enormous duty-free shop on board.”

Go to this site to find out about the Fastest Ship the World has ever seen:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/qKrO5262fh4?rel=0>



Were You There? Or Did You Miss Out on the Fun?

There was a nice turnout for the LSPS Christmas Dinner that was held on Thursday, December 1, 2016. We had a delicious dinner of turkey & dressing, ham, potato au gratin, green beans, and assorted desserts. See pictures on page 5.

- We all learned a little more about how to protect ourselves from fraudulent scams that seem to be everywhere – phone scams that have a desperate “relative” requesting money; or offers for unrealistic opportunities and financial gains; or threats about IRS or government actions that can be handled by you paying a small fee.
- We were also warned to watch out for offers to “connect to your computer” to detect or fix a virus or bug.
- Scam artists may even appear at your door offering to check out your home for energy efficiency... but they have no connection to your electric/gas provider.
- Hope you enjoyed the holiday season

Were You There? Or Did You Miss Out on the Fun? (continued from page 3)

Those attending the January dinner meeting enjoyed a meal of K of C's famous fried fish, baked chicken, potato au gratin, carrots, and assorted desserts. The program was a moving historical video about the USS Indianapolis and its fateful voyage after delivering the atomic bomb to the South Pacific.

- Personal testimonies from the survivors of the sinking of the ship gave us a glimpse of the dangers the sailors faced as they waited for rescue.
- The documentary mentioned many emergency measures that were taken by the crew to remain as safe as possible in their watery situation – things we have read about – but this provided some perspective and reality about the hazards that are faced in open water emergencies.
- The historical view showed the weaknesses in communication and planning that haunted the mission. It was a stunning reminder for us of the price that has been paid for our freedoms that should never be taken for granted.

In February, it was a special treat to have two of our newest members, Joe and Janet Burch, to share their story of finding their “perfect” boat and their maiden voyage along with the challenges of getting her “home”.

- They traveled to New Hampshire get a first-hand look at the boat that seemed to fill all their requirements. After finalizing the deal and getting her seaworthy, they decided to head north to Portland, Maine and take in a summer cruising the islands of Casco Bay.
- Joe and Janet shared the highlights of this remarkable vessel and all of the challenges and rewards of their first coastal cruising experience. It was a special treat to see the sights of the area – and did you know that they cruised down the faster river in the world?
- It was great to hear about the preparations, their boating experiences, and the challenges in long-distance purchase of a boat.
- We are looking forward to their ‘somewhere-in-the-future’ loop trip and hope to get reports from them along the way.





Nancy Beale from the Hoosier Squadron presented the November program on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

Tom Binzer and Doug Foster got their badges for volunteering at "Adventure Camp."

The Christmas Party was great fun with prizes galore!



Pictures from the Boat Show – the knot board and the trainer attracted a lot of attention! See page 5 for a list of LSPS volunteers for this event.



Thanks also to the vendors who donated supplies for the Adventure Camp Pontoon Refurbishing project that Ed Ice is leading. Here are the donations and donors:

- Marine plywood donated by David Stemler of PC Building Materials of New Albany
- Marine hardware by Heuser Hardware of Jeffersonville
- Marine carpeting by David Robertson, member LSPS
- Steering cable and seat by Marine Sales and Service on River Road, Louisville

LSPS Change of Watch - Saturday, March 25, 2017

Please mark your calendars to attend the 2017 Change of Watch. This is your opportunity to express your thanks to the past Bridge as well as your encouragement and support for the incoming Bridge Officers! The District 24 Bridge Officers will be here adding their encouragement and support. Come and make them feel welcome.

This is a wonderful night out with friends and fellow volunteers. Catch up on what everyone has been doing this winter and make some plans for the upcoming boating season.

Another bonus for attending: you will be the first members to receive the updated membership roster for 2017-2018! Also, every person in attendance will be entered - at no charge - into a special drawing to be held during the event. You know how we love to give away those "valuable" prizes! But really... this is a pretty nice prize!

- 6 PM – Social (Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar)
- 7 PM – Dinner (Menu: Salad, roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn O'Brien, assorted desserts, coffee/tea)
- Cost: \$25.00 per person (This fee includes the actual cost of food and banquet set-up as well as key awards.)
- Dress: Wear you Sunday best, or if you are so inclined, you may choose one of the USPS dress uniforms.

Hope to see you there!

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Let's Celebrate These Boat Show Volunteers:

Thanks to everyone who helped with the boat show in January. It was great to have the virtual boating trainer again to help attract the attendees to our booth. We had several signups for the upcoming public boating safety classes and requests for membership information. **Glenn Kugele and Ed Ice** were key organizers who set up the booth and covered shifts each day to make sure there were enough people at the booth to answer questions. **Lynne Ice, David Robertson, and Treasia Robertson** assisted with the take down at the end of the show. The following people covered at least one shift:

Brenda and Kyle Fisher
Joe and Pat Venhoff
Gary Bower
David Lynch
Allen Gailor
Roddy McDowell

Kim Fisher (2 days)
Dale Bletso (2 days)
Jesse Turley (2 days)
Bob Shoher
Carla Waterbury

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