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## Commander's Comments

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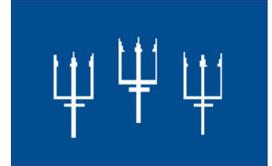
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Early April finds us ever closer to getting back out on the water. With that comes planning and preparing our boats and our KPS events. It has been a rather difficult and lingering winter making the warm days ahead all the more precious. Your commander and others in the squadron will be heading off to North Georgia's Lake Chatuge for the USPS District 17 Spring Conference. I am excited as our District Bridge officers are thinking outside of the box on District meetings and activities. The conference is stacking up to be both informative and fun.



Fun is not always the first word that comes to mind when we talk about the Power Squadron. We are a boater education and safety organization. However, "fun" is a very necessary ingredient in success. When we look back over our lives at those things we are most proud of accomplishing we see that hard work was likely accompanied by some fun component. Fun is the grease that keeps the wheel turning. As I write these words there are ABC classes being taught, KPS events being organized, this newsletter being put together, and vessel safety checks days being set up. Several are planning a marina event for later this month to promote KPS and boat safety. Yes, there is work being done. But there is also fun and personal satisfaction in these efforts.

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**ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

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Your bridge officers understand the necessity of the “fun” component.

Along with education and civic service, fraternity is the third side of our triangle of purpose. That fraternity and fellowship is often the source of the fun. Each time we gather, whether it’s for dinner, in a class, or on the water, I’m excited to be with my friends. Our squadron enjoys exceptional participation by its members in the work and in the fun. We have a busy calendar this year. Make plans to attend as many events as you can. But also increase the “fun” component by helping with some events. If you are reading this letter having never attended a KPS dinner meeting or water event, we miss you. And you are missing out on some fellowship and fun.

Cdr. Chuck

# **Knoxville Power Squadron**

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## This Month

### April Dinner Meeting — April 28th

At the April 28 dinner meeting at Altruda's we will select our individual entrée from Altruda's menu of their nine most popular items including Nona's spaghetti served eight different ways, the endless salad bowl, and crusted rolls.

The customary amenities: coffee, tea, and water are included; and bar service will be available. The pre-paid cost is \$27 per person.

Altruda's is located at 125 N. Peters Road in the Commons Shopping Center. Maureen will be your hostess for this dinner meeting while Cathy and Nick are in Memphis for a Granddaughter's wedding.

**We need your prepaid reservation no later than April 22.** Send to :

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Knoxville TN 37934  
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**Our April Speaker** — As we all know (sometimes the hard way), weather can have a major influence on the “fun or fear” aspect of a day on the water. Ken Weathers, Meteorologist from WATE-TV, will help us to determine when not to leave the marina. Through the efforts of Chuck we are fortunate to be able to have such a program at the beginning of the boating season.



## Looking Further Ahead

We are listening for volunteer event captains, suggested programs, and speakers.



May is a popular month. The Saturday, May 10 lock-thru cruise and picnic are popular. Our guests are the recent ABC Course graduates and possibly some prospects from the boat show sign-ups. The Squadron will provide the sandwiches and we need to brush-up our picnic dishes for a good time.

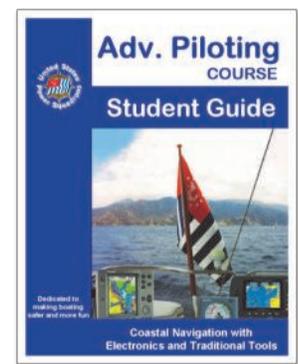
Cathy

## From the SEO — Education Notes

Beginning in September, we will be holding our Advanced Piloting course. We already have three members signed up, and would like to see more. This is a very interesting course that truly delivers practical useable skills. The following is the description. We have not had an Advanced Piloting class for quite some time, so it's time to get you Piloting folks moving. Please contact me or Ray West if you are interested in Advanced Piloting this spring.

### ADVANCED PILOTING

Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. (I think we can cover everything in eight classes) In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:



- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart-plotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

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Dave Roberts