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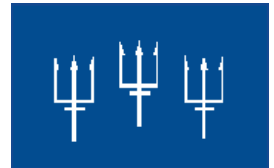
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From your Commander and his First Mate Vickie, we want to wish each of you a happy and prosperous 2015. This past year has been fun and educational for us. I can now speak in phrases like “set and drift”, “running fixes” and “slack and mean low ” after having just completed our squadron’s Advance Piloting class. I will tell you if I passed the exam in the Feb. NHT. Stay tuned to see if old dogs can learn new tricks. Please watch for more great educational classes and seminars being offered in KPS for 2015.



There are some tricks I would like to share with you as you look at the upcoming year. There may be more to your USPS membership than you think. Our Knoxville Squadron is not an island unto itself. There are over 40,000 members within over 400 squadrons just like ours. Well, not just like ours. I like to think ours is a top tier squadron. But I would like to encourage each member to go to the National web site and snoop around. WWW.USPS.org. On that web site you will see some things that might surprise you. Look at the on-line seminars available, the member benefits page, and boat insurance programs. Your KPS dues bring you a lot more than the friends and fun. And

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ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

AUDIT:

CHAIR: P/C Larry Campbell, AP
2 Year: Paul Dockins, P
3 Year:

NOMINATING:

CHAIR: Linda Sundstrom
2 Year: Janet Bray, P
3 Year: Cindy Davis, S

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Charlie Meadows, S
P/C Sharon Birdwell, AP

ABC CLASS COORDINATOR

Lt/C Dave Roberts, JN

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finally I would like to ask those who will be holding KPS leadership and committee positions in the New Year to visit the Squadron Job Descriptions page:

<http://tinyurl.com/o2renft> (if you can't click on this as a hyperlink, then copy and paste it into your browser).

This can be of great help to new and old bridge members alike. There you have it. Some great ways to start the new year off without any resolutions, just revelations.

Happy New Year!

Cdr. Chuck



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Looking Aft

Two great events, the Christmas Party and the November Roast were well attended, and enjoyed by all. Thank you one and all and enjoy the Christmas Season and New Years season in good health.



Next In Line

The election of the new Bridge will be held January 26, 2015 at the Hibachi Grill.



Come as you are and bring your alcoholic beverage of choice. Individual checks will vary depending upon your beverage selection. The Hibachi Grill is located on the north side of Kingston Pike west of Cedar Bluff and east of Pellissippi Parkway at 9645 Kingston Pike , Knoxville , Tennessee 37922

Looking Forward

February 23, 2015 we will be joined by D-17 Education Officer, Tom Hamilton, who will discharge the current Bridge and administer the oath of office to the 2015 Bridge.



The Lakeside Tavern will be the location for the Change of Watch. Lakeside Tavern is located at the top of the hill as part of the Concord Marina complex on Northshore Drive.



This is not our first event at the Lakeside Tavern where we are always well treated, enjoy social time, the view, and excellent food.

Each dinner is served with a salad, a medley of fresh vegetables, and a baked potato to enhance your selection from the following entrees:

- Hickory-Grilled Sirloin
- Lakeside Chicken Pasta
- Blackened Tilapia.

All dinners are priced the same, \$25.00 per person. We need your **paid-in-advance reservation** no later than February 18, 2015. Send your selections and check to:

Nick Tronolone 11130 Anchorage Circle Knoxville TN 37934

2015 Education Schedule

REGULAR CLASSES	DATE(S)	WHERE	TIME	INSTRUCTOR
<i>AB Classes</i>				
Tuesdays and Thursdays (2 weeks)	Feb. 3/ 5, 10/12	Gander Mountain	6-8 p.m.	Otto Schwarz
Saturdays (2 week-ends) Sunday	Feb. 21 & 28 Feb. 22	Tellico Harbor Club- house	9 a.m.-12 p.m. 1-4 p.m.	Ray West
Tuesdays and Thursdays (2 weeks)	March 17/19 March 24/26	Caney Creek Marina	6-8 p.m.	Chuck Smith
<i>Advanced Classes</i>				
Seamanship (7 weeks)	Begins Thur., April 9	Gander Mountain	6-8-p.m.	Don Eatock
Piloting (8 weeks)	Starts Thur., Sept. 17	To be determined	6-8 p.m.	Tom Dietrich
<i>Elective Classes</i>				
Instructor Development (2weeks)	Tues/Thur Jan. 20/22, 27/29	Gander Mountain	6-8p.m.	Delila Callahan
Instructor Re-Certification	February	To be determined		
Weather (7 weeks)	Begins Wed., Mar. 11	Gander Mountain	6-8 p.m.	Dave Powers

The theme for KPS Education for 2015 is “Let’s all attend an education event in 2015.” An education event can be a regular class or a one session educational Seminar.

Coming up soon for 2015 are the following choices:

- Instructor Development, a four-session program which demonstrates good training skills for those who wish to become certified KPS instructors. It begins 6-8 pm at Gander Mountain on January 20. Three persons are already registered for this class. Delila Callahan and Ray West are team-teaching for this event. Why not join us?

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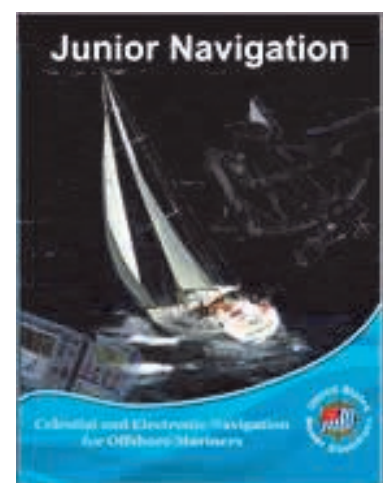
- One Instructor Re-certification session will be scheduled in January and one in February for those certified KPS instructors who must renew their certification status every four years. Please contact Delila if you are interested in attending one of these ninety-minute sessions. No dates have yet been set and there is no charge for this session.
- The first ABC course for 2015 begins February 3 at 6 p.m. at Gander Mountain and will cover basic boating and safety aboard. This course is intended for new boaters, young people needing TWRA certifications, or as a refresher course for someone returning to boating. ABC will be team-taught by Otto Schwarz and Chuck Smith.
- The second elective course offered in 2015 will be Weather, taught by Dave Powers. It will start Wednesday, March 11, 6-8 pm at Gander Mountain. Details of this course will be in the February newsletter.

Several one-session seminars are in the planning stage for spring:

1. Debbie O'Grod, a KPS member and an Emergency Room nurse at UT, is working on an evening session called Medical Emergencies on Board.
2. We are going to approach the Knoxville Fire Dept. about giving a demonstration on handling fires on board and use of pyrotechnics. Most of us have flares and fire extinguishers on board that we have never used. Now's the time to learn. Sign up for Fire on board.

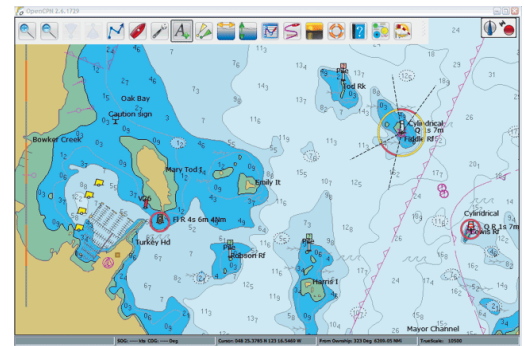
Something new and exciting is in the planning stage for a joint Knoxville/Oak Ridge/ Chattanooga course on Junior Navigation. Each squadron will supply some students, some instructors for various periods, and locations to meet.

This is a more advanced course and students must have already completed Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting.

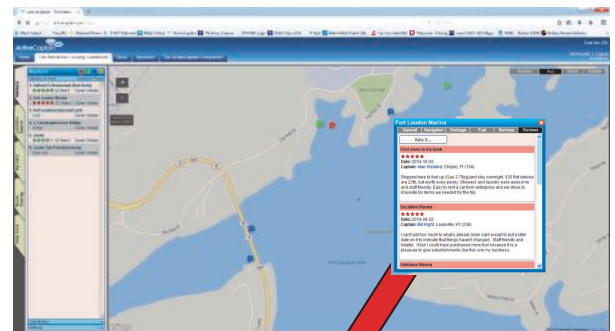


CHARTPLOTTER MARRIAGE

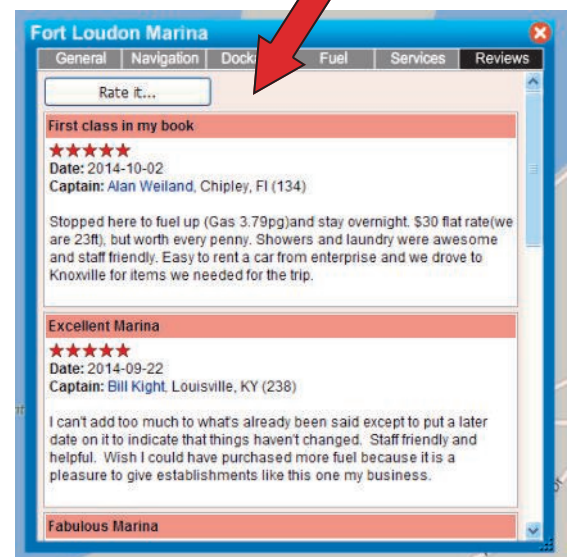
The picture at right is an example of the OpenCPN free chart plotter program that we have recently held some classes on. OpenCPN is a free software (GPLv2) project to create a concise chart plotter and navigation software, for use underway or as a planning tool. OpenCPN is developed by a team of active sailors using real world conditions for program testing and refinement. This is a very valuable and powerful chart plotting program with many features.



Now some exciting news: ActiveCaptain™ is an additional program that currently can only be used either internet on-line or off-line when built into the commercial chart-plotter. Soon, this program is about to become a valuable addition to the OpenCPN users.



ActiveCaptain™ is called “social navigation” software. This software is essentially a software that has all its information inputs created by cruisers like you and I. Marinas, anchorages, hazards, etc. info are all input by cruisers to ActiveCaptain™ on-line and compiled by them. Currently, if you are on-line you can go to any area and see a map, a Google Earth type image, or in many coastal areas an NOAA chart with the information thereon. This is a great aid to the cruiser for reasonably up-to-date info for his cruise planning. ActiveCaptain™ founder Jeffery Siegel has announced that he is going to make this data base available to be added to the standard OpenCPN software so that the data will all be available on an off line basis. In other words, as your OpenCPN software is displaying your position, all the pertinent information in the ActiveCaptain™ database will be made visible as clickable icons on your plotter screen as well. This will make for a very powerful Chartplotter/ data/planning system.



Stay tuned in for more update seminars on this fine Chartplotter. It's free and fun!