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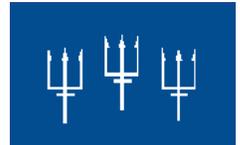
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Commander's Comments

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I know this year has just begun but I think I can safely say that this is going to turn out to be one of our banner years. We started the year with several educational endeavors, core courses, elective courses, and the traditional ABC course. The first two ABC courses had to be cancelled mainly due to severe weather concerns. Then our first water event, the April Blessing of the Fleet and raft-off were cancelled due to rain – weather again. April was not a good month for water events but our educational programs started to take off. Completion of a couple ABC courses and then the Seamanship and Weather class really highlighted the beginning.



Now we have completed our first water event, the Lock-Thru exercise and picnic. Over 60 people, members and prospective members/guests, joined that exercise with seven boats going through the lock. Weather, predicted to be bad once again, held off and let us get our work done. We also had our first highly successful home-grown seminar, Medical Emergencies on the Water, held at Tellico Village. Over 33 people, members and guests, attended that lecture including several Tellico Village Fire Department personnel. A big success!



From these successful events we have gained several new members. Now we are only days away from our yearly big

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event, the Watts Bar Invitational. This will be our thirteenth invitational. We started the event with just an invite to the Atlanta and Chattanooga Squadrons to join with us at Euchee Marina. About eighteen boats attended and about fifty people joined together for dinner that first year. In the tenth year the event had grown to six squadrons, over 30 boats, and over 100 members joining together for the festivities. The eleventh year was cancelled due to the tornado damage to nearby marinas but we resumed the event last year. This year we will be going back to a straight Knoxville event. The marinas just can't support a huge event like we had become. By the way, there is plenty of room aboard my boat, Sea-duction, for anyone who would like a ride to Euchee and back. I could use a couple extra crewmembers. Just give me a call at 865-405-5512.

Like I said in the last newsletter, we are just getting started. This will be a banner year! Let's keep it a safe year.

Thanks, and hope to see you all soon.

Michael



Looking Aft

If you missed the April 27 dinner meeting at Whitestone Country Inn, you missed a wonderful evening. The weather was sunny and “crisp”; it made for a perfect time to view the gorgeous scenery the Inn has to offer. The Whitestone buffet was delicious, as always, and certainly no one went home hungry. Don McBride was our guest speaker who entertained us with his vast experience with the Star Clippers sailing vessels; the Star Clipper, the Star Flyer and the flagship, the Royal Clipper, the largest fully-rigged sailing ship in operation. Thank you to everyone (**38 attendees**) who took the time to come out and share a fabulous evening with members and friends!

YOU MISSED IT: By Nick Tronolone

The record setting flotilla from the KPS led by Captain Rich Hawbaker; followed by Linda Sundstrom’s record setting picnic gathering. Yes, two records in one day. Come join us - don’t be among the missing next time.

Thank you, Rich, for leading the seven boats and their countless passengers safely through the Fort Loudoun Lock teaching exercise. Not everyone nor did every boat remain for the picnic so a final count is elusive, but it was in excess of 60 participants.

Given the delicious pizza, subs, salads and desserts that were available, mores' the pity that you missed this fun event.

Thank you, Linda, for a record setting picnic complete with members, students, guests, and children all numbering 49.

Next In Line

NEXT DINNER MEETING – JUNE 22:

Location: COPPER CELLAR WEST
7316 Kingston Pike, Knoxville
(865-673-3422)

Social Hour: 1800

Dinner Hour: 1900

Presentation: Ken Bloomfield will provide a narrated with video presentation on “Lightning Strikes and Preparation” — with information on what can happen, what to expect, and what you can do about it.

We will be ordering off a limited adequate menu. The menu options



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will consist of :

- **Prime Rib** – tender aged western beef, slow roasted and served with Au Jus \$29.50
- **Grilled Lemon Chicken** – served over basil pesto pasta \$19.75
- **Prosperity Pork Chops** – topped with prosperity butter \$20.00
- **Grilled Shrimp** – 10 Jumbo shrimp served with drawn butter over basil pesto pasta \$24.75

Please bring your check made payable to “The Knoxville Power Squadron” and give to Tom Dietrich. Brenda Bloomfield will be serving as AO in my absence.

If you haven't already done so, please let me know if you will be attending so I can give an accurate head count prior to June 15.

I can be reached at: (716) 937-6807 or lsundstrom17@gmail.com. Let's continue our outstanding participation at our monthly dinner meetings!

Next In Line

Our July 27 Tennessee Valley Winery dinner meeting is being planned by Ed and Jean Armes as they have graciously done in the past.



The Winery has agreed to host our July 27th dinner meeting again this year. It will be in their wine storage room just like last year. They have folding tables with white table cloth and folding chairs making the room look quite nice.

Even though it is July, the storage room will be chilly so a light sweater or jacket would be in order.



A wine tasting booth will be set up for our 6:00 happy hour and then wine of your choice for 7:00 dinner.

The theme will be "An Italian Evening" and John (the owner) will give a short talk about their wines, wine pairing and upcoming events.

Main dish is Cannelloni with Mixed Salad, Baguette Bread, Bruschetta and Coconut Dream Brûlée Dessert.

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Cost will be \$25.00 (which includes dinner, all wine, tax and tips).

This is a prepaid event and you will need to send me your check, payable to the Knoxville Power Squadron, no later than July 20 if you are attending.

Please send check to: 1410 Tomahawk Trail, Maryville, 37801.

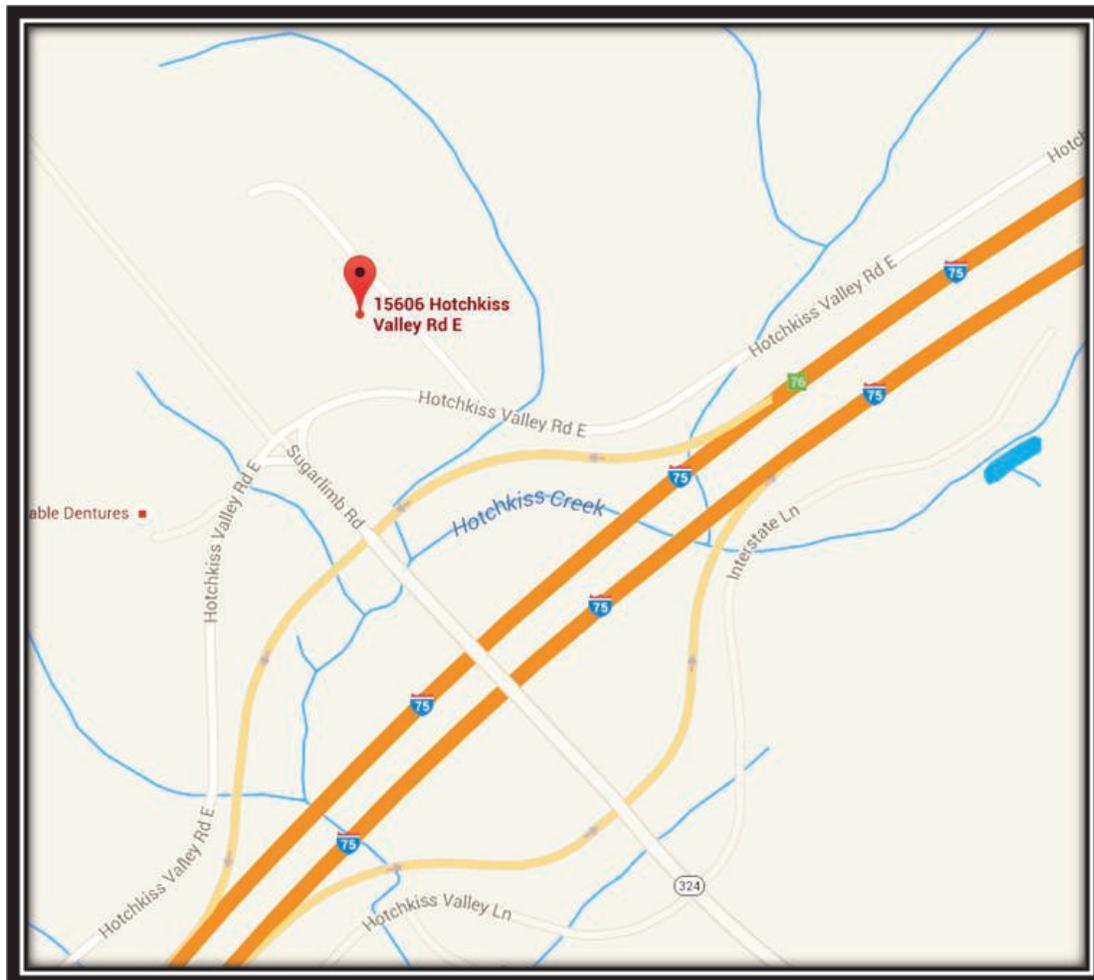
Also, just for the attendees that night, there will be a 20% discount on all wine that is purchased.

Tennessee Valley Winery

15606 Hotchkiss Valley Road East (Exit 76 off of Hwy. 75 S)

Loudon, TN 37774

865-458-5147



From the Education Desk

Recent and Ongoing Education

This week the seven students in Seamanship will complete the class. Thanks to Don Eatock for teaching the class, with some help from Dave Roberts and Delila Callahan.



The “Medical Emergencies on the Water” seminar was a huge success with 33 students, including nine people from the Tellico Village Fire Department. Debbie Ograd did a terrific job.

The “Emergencies (non medical) on the Water” Seminar will be presented by Dave Roberts on Wednesday, July 15, 6-8 p.m. at Gander Mountain at 11501 Parkside Drive, in Turkey Creek. Topics will include: staying safe on and around the boat; man overboard procedures; swamping/sinking/grounding; collisions and vessel assistance.



Dave is a long-term boater with years of experience teaching boater safety courses for the Power Squadron and the Coast Guard. You’re sure to enjoy his presentation. This KPS seminar is free and open to the public. Please call either:

Dave (home 865 777-5400, cell 865 748-9738) or
Delila (931 456-0505) to register for the seminar.



KPS Lock-Through

- Education is not only confined to Squadron members.
- Teaching the public how to Lock Through is also a public teaching service we fulfill.
- As may be seen in these photos, there was a great turnout.
- Top left photo is the prior instruction briefing by Larry Lanz.
- The rest of the photos are self explanatory and show the event underway.

DIY Oil Testing

As I am sure most owners know, oil testing can reveal a good deal about an engine. However, this process is most often used as a pre-purchase test to help evaluate a heretofore unknown engine as one is in the process of purchasing a prior-owned boat. The cost and nuisance of this tends to make this a one-time test. Now, thanks to an article done by Practical Sailor magazine, there is a useful alternate method that is cheap, and fast. It consists of nothing more than putting a drop of oil on a piece of common 65 lb. cardstock and letting the crude form of chromatography reveal information.

In this first pair of pictures the first oil spot (#3), is from a healthy Cummins diesel engine, and the fine carbon combustion products spread quite widely with the engine oil as their carrier. The second picture (#4), is from an engine with a blown head gasket and the 7% antifreeze mixture in the oil clogs the paper pores and while the fuel still travels about the same, the combustion products don't.



In a similar test, this second pair of pictures the first oil spot (#2), is from a healthy gasoline engine, and again the fine carbon combustion products spread quite widely with the engine oil as their carrier. The second picture (#3), is from an engine with a blown head gasket and the 10% antifreeze in oil mixture again clogs the paper pores and while the fuel still travels about the same, the combustion products don't.



The point here is that a periodic testing of your engine oil with a simple little 4" x 4" square of cardstock paper can give you a surprisingly good picture of your oil condition and thus some indication of engine health. The important thing would be to establish what the oil looks like when the engine is healthy. However, it is pretty clear from these examples that when the oil is in good condition the combustion products will travel a good percentage of the fuel migration in the paper, and a much lesser percentage when there is some water or antifreeze contamination.

This is likely the lowest cost diagnostic you will ever see for your engine! Not a bad idea to implement it as a periodic routine.