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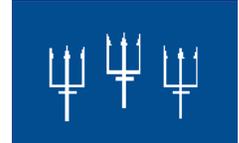
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Commander's Comments

Cdr Mike Scher, AP, P/D/C

It seems early for me to be sending you this message since the Change of Watch, when I take office, is still a couple days away but let me tell you some of the things the new Bridge will be considering.



Before I talk about what's to come, let me first say Thank You to the outgoing Bridge. They have done an outstanding job of keeping our squadron both active and productive from the education standpoint to the boating safety and activity arena. Our squadron has been able to maintain our member participation and membership numbers, our education standards, and our sense of camaraderie. Their challenge to the new Bridge is obvious, what will you do to keep the squadron moving forward?

All I can say at this writing is we will certainly try. I believe we have an extremely strong Bridge coming in this year when you look at enthusiasm and the ability to "get things done".



This new Bridge actually jumped the gun. They started working to set things up even before the Nominating Committee announced their recommendations for the election. In education Delila had the line-up for new classes, both ABC and advanced courses, back in October and our new Administrative Officer, Linda, had a committee established to handle our meetings, meals, and speakers ready to go when the 2015 calendar was published.



What does the new Bridge have in store for you this year? Changes in activities, much more educational opportunities, and a concerted push to increase participation by new members will be our focus. This starts with the educational opportunities. We have a couple seminars scheduled such as the upcoming Medical Emergency seminar in March, some courses that haven't been offered recently such as the Weather course scheduled

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ELECTED NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

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to start in March and an effort to get a Junior Navigation course started with participation from both the Chattanooga and Oak Ridge squadrons. Follow this up with the events coming such as the Poker Run following the Blessing of the Fleet in April and the Chattanooga cruise added to the Watts Bar Invitational at Euchee Marina in June.

How much we accomplish this year depends on you. We need your participation as well as support. In this light let me encourage you to start planning your activities early this year. Our Euchee Cruise (Watts Bar Invitational) isn't that far away, and with limited space, both powered slips and rental rooms, you will need to make your reservations as soon as possible. Check out Linda's article in this newsletter and make your reservation now.



There is a lot more to come. The new year starts with the Change of Watch on 23 February and will increase in activity as the weather allows. See you soon,

Michael

Knoxville Power Squadron

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Looking Aft

Our meeting at the Hibachi grill was well attended and we successfully elected our new bridge for this new year. Please note the names on the header pages of this newsletter.

Next In Line

MARCH 23, 2015 – DINNER MEETING

Location: **Pero's On The Hill** Social Hour: 1800
 7706 South Northshore Drive Dinner: 1900
 Knoxville, TN 37919
 865-694-6900



Presentation: Local TV weather reporter, Ken Weathers, will be our guest speaker.

Pero's is an Italian/Greek restaurant. We will choose from four selections. Each entrée will come with either a Caesar's or House salad; rolls and/or bread; and assorted Greek pastries with coffee (yes, I love desserts). This is a prepaid dinner and the cost per person (which includes gratuities) will be \$22.00. You need to make your selection and **send me your check by March 16th if you are attending.**

The meal will consist of a Caesar's or House Salad, and then your pre-selected choice of:

Pero's Pasticcio – Greek lasagna. Authentic recipe of pasta layered with seasoned ground beef in tomato sauce, topped with a creamy Bechamel sauce and baked to a bubbly golden brown;

Chicken Parmesan - Hand breaded all natural chicken breast topped with mozzarella cheese and Pero's famous meat sauce. Served with a side of spaghetti and meat sauce;

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce - Perculus family recipe. A true pasta experience;

Cheese Ravioli - Cheese filled ravioli topped with a creamy pesto sauce and finished off with a hint of marinara.

A full bar is set up in the room serving from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Alcohol will need to be paid for separately; soft drinks are complimentary and will be available throughout the evening. You can mail your check (no later than March 19) payable to the Knoxville Power Squadron to:

Linda Sundstrom
1410 Tomahawk Trail
Maryville, TN 37801

Please help to start off the 2015 season with a good attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you at Pero's!

Don't forget – parking is available in the back (and side) of restaurant. We will be using the back room for our dinner meeting.

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Looking Forward

WATTS BAR INVITATIONAL at EUCHEE MARINA – MAY 29, 30 AND 31:

Just a head's up that we are already well into our plans for this year's Invitational at Euchee Marina. It is not too early to think about attending and making your slip and/or lodging accommodations with Euchee Marina.

Slips:

There are approximately 19 slips with power/water available. We are certain that we can transition our squadron into this marina with minimal effort. After all, we have some great minds (and bodies) that are presently working this event. You will, however, need to make your own slip and/or lodging reservations. Euchee's telephone number is: (423) 334-1004; contact person is Christy. Mike Scher/ Ken Bloomfield/ Dave Powers should be able to answer any questions you might have.

Cost - \$1 per ft. when supplied with up to – 50 amps power.

Cost - \$2 per ft. when supplied with up to – 100 amps power.

Slips should be booked as soon as possible. Credit card will be needed to hold reservation. Reservations can be cancelled up to three days prior to event.

At Euchee lodgings consist of:

5 villa type, two separate bedrooms (\$115 per night); accommodates 10 couples

5 king size single rooms (located upstairs - \$100 per night);

1 queen size bedroom (\$100 per night); and

4 floating cabins (mini house boats) at \$135 per night. A slip fee for a small boat is included in price but no power with slip.

Rooms should be booked as soon as possible. Credit card will be needed to hold reservation. Reservations can be cancelled up to three days prior to event.



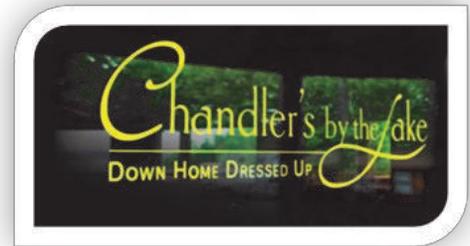
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Meals:

There is a restaurant (“Chandlers By The Lake”) on the premises. We are proposing that:

- Everyone can order off the menu on Friday;
- A Saturday breakfast buffet will be served at the squadron’s expense;
- For Saturday evening, we will have a buffet style dinner (MUST PREPAY) in the upstairs dining room at Chandlers. Beer is available but you will need to discreetly bring your own wine/liquor;
- Order off the menu on Sunday.

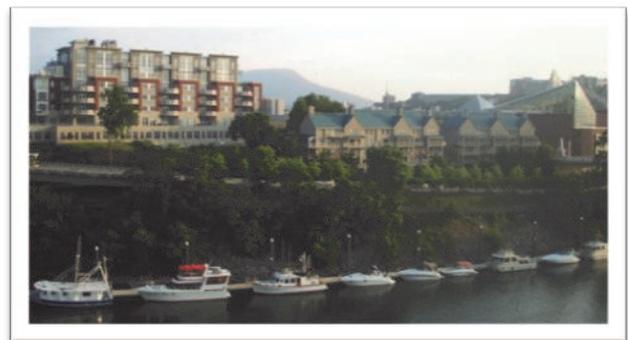
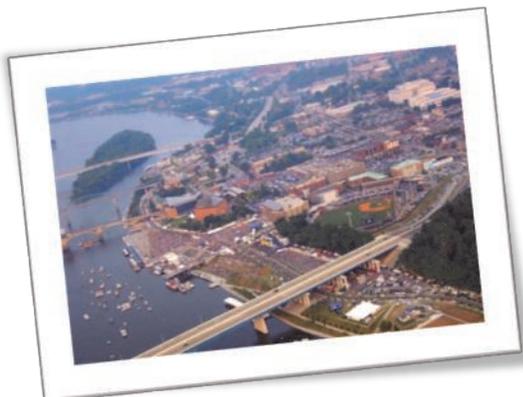


The marina is “pet friendly” but dogs will need to be kept on a leash at all times.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH

CHATTANOOGA CRUISE — JUNE 1,2, AND 3

Ira has been in contact with MarineMax who states said that it would not be a problem on May 31, June 1 thru June 3. River bend starts on that Friday. They can't take any reservations until three months prior to the event (first of March). Ira has offered to put together a list of restaurants and things to do when we are there. **Everyone will be responsible for making their own reservations and agenda, but you need to do so as soon as possible after 1 March!!**



CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

USPS members become Certified Instructors by attending the Instructor Development course. During class each student prepares and presents three different presentations and prepares an outline for a sixty minute presentation, using a USPS format. These outlines are then sent to National for review and certification of the new instructor. Ken Bloomfield, Debbie and Dave Ogrod have just completed this process.

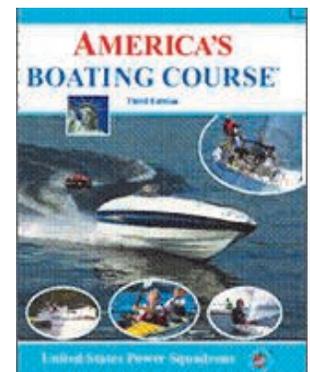


Every four years certified instructors must attend a re-certification session in order to maintain their certification. Tom Dietrich, Dave Roberts, Otto Schwarz and Ray West have just been recertified for four more years.

Other certified instructors in KPS include Bob Bray, Delila Callahan, Don Eatock, Mike Scher and Chuck Smith. These individuals have given considerable time and effort to be effective teachers for KPS.

ABC

Otto Schwarz , assisted by Chuck Smith, has completed our first ABC class for 2015. There were five students, three of whom were young people seeking TWRA boat licensing. The second class is scheduled to begin Feb. 21 with Delila Callahan and Ray West, and the third class will begin March 17 with Chuck Smith teaching and Otto Schwarz assisting. Please help us fill these classes.



WEATHER

The Weather course begins March 11 at Gander Mountain. Dave Powers will teach this five-week class. To date there are twelve registered students. Course cost is \$73 individual and \$109 couple. Please contact Dave at 901-337-3770 for information or to register for this class. Don't delay; student kits must be ordered soon.



SEAMANSHIP

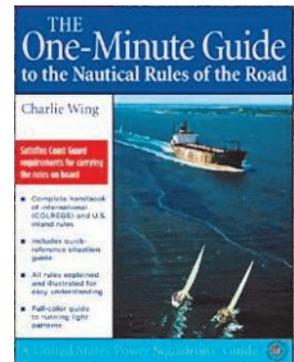
The Seamanship class begins April 11, 6-8 p.m. at Gander Mountain. Don Eatock will teach this seven-week course with assistance from several other certified instructors. The course cost is \$47 for members, \$71 for two members sharing a kit, and \$95 for

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non-members. The kit includes the text, a knot practice board, and the *One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road* by Charlie Wing.

Seamanship is the first of the USPS advanced courses. It takes the knowledge and skills learned in ABC and expands and extends them. Topics include the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinspike/basic knots.



Poker and Pizza April 25 !!

Message From Event Organizers Tom & Marbeth Dietrich !

Wow, what a day this will be! It's packed full of activities You can start the day by joining the Tellico Village Cruising Club's Blessing of the fleet. Then run down to Lenoir City park to join in the poker run. That evening we will open the hands and celebrate with a pizza dinner. That night, those who want can raft off for an overnight in the cove.



The poker run will be 15 miles long with 4 check points. The timing will be so both fast and slow boats can participate. In the event you don't have a boat and still want to play, you can drive your car to each check point, or catch a ride on someone else's boat.

The hand will be five card straight poker. People riding on boats with a 2015 VSC inspection sticker will get an extra card. You will be able to get your boat inspected the day of the event. Prizes will be awarded for the best hands.



This will be a prepaid event, so look for next month's news letter with all the details. If you don't want to play poker just come for Pizza and fun.

We need a few volunteers to help run this event. If you are interested please contact **Tom or Marbeth Dietrich at tdietric1@aol.com**.

Reverse Cycle Heating

For in-water boats, it is not uncommon to see boats that have reverse-cycle air-conditioning/heating units being used to keep the interior of a boat warm during the winter season while the boat is left unattended.

Two motivations for doing so are that (a) for much of the year, this is the most electrically economical method of heating the boat, and (b) it is already available so just needs to be turned on.

Last winter in Orange Beach AL we purchased and installed a new system to replace an old failed one. The following is the text of message that I received from MarinAire:

IMPORTANT Reminder to all Customers

Reverse cycle heat pump marine air conditioners will not work once the water temperature is too cold.

Therefore, **DO NOT** operate the units at heating, cooling, auto or dehumidification modes once the water temperature is below 40 degree Fahrenheit (or 5 degree Celsius) Operating the units at heating mode once the water temperature is below 40 F will cause irreparable damages. The water will freeze inside the tube, expand and crack the coil. Additionally, once the ambient temperature (air temperature) gets below 35 , The unit should not be operated at any mode (Cooling, heating, dehumidification or auto mode) . The air conditioning unit should be winterized immediately.

Please feel free to contact us for any question.

Best regards,

Sam Zengin

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This is a typical example of a seawater strainer in a boat, and as you can see the site-glass is normally full of water and if it freezes and then cracks, there will be a massive amount of water coming into your boat very fast. Even if your through hulls are closed, you will at a minimum have a considerable repair bill to fix the strainer if it freezes.



The moral of the story seems to be that you are highly advised to utilize a form of heating that employs a resistive element (and preferably no moving parts if possible) to provide the necessary heat. Just at the time you need it most, in the VERY cold weather, the reverse-cycle systems are least able to provide the necessary heat as there is too little heat energy left in the lake water to extract.