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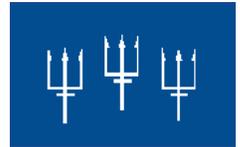
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## Commander's Comments

Cdr Mike Scher, AP, P/D/C

I am writing this article slightly ahead of our first water event of the year, but, I know that is going to be a terrific success. With the type of people that the boating community gathers and especially the type of people that choose to join our organization, it is easy to predict a great event and a lot of very happy people. And with Tom Dietrich and wife Marbeth running this event, I know you will all have fun. Unfortunately I cannot attend this event. I had to make a difficult choice to work this date and take off work in favor of attending the dinner meeting at Whitestone. I love to eat almost as much as I love to boat so it was a difficult choice to make. And this brings me to a very important point I wish to make this month. As members of our squadron we have a myriad of choices to make; take a class (which one), go to this month's seminar, join everyone at the dinner meeting, or go to the water event (with or without our own boat). We have a very robust schedule this year with a lot going on. Not everyone can do everything, although some do try. It is important as members to make your decisions early to get signed up for the events you want to attend.



Just take a look at our schedule. The next item is the dinner meeting at Whitestone, then the Lock-thru and picnic in mid-May followed closely by the Watts Bar Invitational. Things "are a'heatin' up".



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The Spring District Conference was held earlier this month in Huntsville. Four of us attended and had a good time. The conference was informative and we did spend some time getting to know our USPS Chief Commander. There were a couple of troubling things that we discussed that you should be aware of. First was the proposal that our national dues be increased next year and the staff is proposing to go to a single fee (approximately \$116) for a family membership. The same fee would be applicable to a single member. Everyone currently a member would be "grandfathered" so it would not cost us anything additional but members joining after 1 Jan 2016 would be under the new fee. Remember, this is as yet, just a proposal.



Another item discussed was the request that all members contribute \$100 to a marketing fund. Thankfully this proposal looks to be dead on arrival. The conference was held at the lodge at Joe Wheeler State Park, a large, quiet marina that would make a great stop over for anyone looking for a restful place on the Elk River.

Think things are busy now? Hold on to your horses as we are just getting started!

Thanks, and hope to see you all soon.

Michael

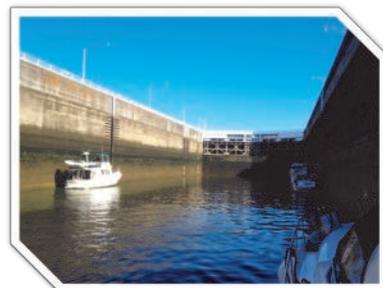


## Happening Now

### JUST A REMINDER ...

#### MAY 16th – LOCK-THRU & PICNIC

The Knoxville Power Squadron will host its annual cruise through Fort Loudoun Lock, to be followed up with a picnic at Pavilion 1 in Lenoir City Park. Rich Hawbaker has been kind enough to step up and take on the responsibility of our Captain in this effort. THANK YOU - RICH!



You need to respond to Rich ASAP if you are interested in attending and whether you will be bringing your boat as well.

Let me know if you will be attending the lunch. If so, please bring a dish to complement sandwiches which the Squadron will provide. I can be contacted at (716) 937-6807 or at lsundstrom17@gmail.com.

*Please note that we have the pavilion reserved from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.*

We will need to vacate by 2:45 pm. Volunteers are always welcomed.

#### **FLASH MESSAGE FROM RICH:**



Mentors and instructors are needed for the May 16 lock-through. We could have six to eight non-member boats for this event.

Please contact Rich Hawbaker at khawbaker@charter.net or 865-408-9151 if you would be willing to help on a non-member's boat or bring your own boat to accommodate those that do not have a boat.

## Next In Line

#### MAY 29th-31st – WATTS BAR INVITATIONAL at EUCHEE MARINA - *Coming up fast!*



If you haven't already made your slip and/or lodging reservations, you need to do it now. The sooner the booking, the better for everyone! Euchee's telephone number is: (423) 334-1004; contact person is Christy or Susan. Mike Scher/ Ken Bloomfield/ Dave Powers should be able to answer any questions you might have. Credit card will be needed to hold reservation. Reservations can be cancelled up to three days prior to event.

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## Meals are as follows:

There is a restaurant on the premises. We are proposing that:

**Friday:** Everyone is on their own to either order off the menu at the restaurant or enjoy your own dinner on your boat;

**Saturday AM:** Breakfast buffet will be served at the squadron's expense at the restaurant. It will consist of a buffet selection of: eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, omelets and mixed pastries.

**Saturday PM:** It has been decided to enjoy a cocktail hour (or two) around 4:00 pm on the Mike Scher/Dave and Denise Powers party barge! BYOB. We are suggesting not bringing munchies so as to save your appetite for the buffet dinner at 6:00 pm.

**Saturday PM:** Buffet will be held in the restaurant upstairs dining area overlooking the marina. We will be treated to: Grilled New York Strip steak; Grilled Italian Herb Chicken; green beans; mashed potatoes; rolls, salad, and peach cobbler. The price will be \$20.00 each and will include gratuity.

Please advise me if you are planning on attending the buffet dinner at the restaurant on Saturday, May 30. Cost is \$20.00 and will include gratuity. Dinner is a prepay.

Beer can be purchased but wine and other alcohol will need to be brought in discreetly. I can be contacted at (716) 937-6807 or at: lsundstrom17@gmail.com.



**Sunday AM:** On your own. Prepare for departure to MarineMax Chattanooga if you are going there.

## **JUNE 1st, 2nd and 3rd: CHATTANOOGA CRUISE**

Just a reminder to make your slip reservations at MarineMax if you haven't done so already. River Bend starts on Friday so you will not want to be shut out.



— telephone number is:  
(423) 266-1316.



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## On The Horizon

### 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 presentation on “Lightning Strikes, Preparation and Emergency Procedures”



Parties with over 20 guests (such as ours) will be offered limited menu options with printed menus placed at each seat. Servers will take your order which we have been assured will be brought out in a timely manner. Each person will be responsible for handling their own check after the dinner.

Please let me know if you plan on attending this dinner meeting so I can give an accurate head count prior to June 15. I appreciate your participation as we are promised an “exceptional dining experience!”

## Over The Horizon

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



**MORE DETAILS IN NEXT  
MONTH'S NOW HEAR THIS!**

## From the Education Desk

### Recent and Ongoing Education

Fourteen KPS members have completed the Weather course taught by Dave Powers. Thanks Dave for teaching what was a very complex course. Seven students are currently in the Seamanship class being taught by Don Eatock. Most are new members to KPS. These two classes will complete KPS class offerings until fall. However, there will be several seminars offered this summer. "Medical Emergencies on the Water" is a seminar that will be taught by Debbie Ograd the evening of May 12. It will begin at 6 p.m. in the Chota Recreation Center room D, 145 Awohili Drive, Loudon. There is no charge for this sixty-minute presentation, but please make a reservation with either Debbie at 865 577-7330 or Delila Callahan at 931 456-0505. For more details on this seminar check the April 2015 KPS newsletter.



### Service Club Presentations

If you are a member of an area Service Club, let us know. We can provide a program speaker. Call Ray West at 931-456-0505 to schedule.

### From Our Vessel Inspection Officer — KIDDE FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL

U.S Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall to replace certain black plastic zytel nylon valve disposable fire extinguishers. The Problem is that they may not fully discharge when pressed and released multiple times. The recall involves ABC and BC extinguishers manufactured between July 23, 2013 and Oct. 15, 2014 and sold between Aug. 2013 and Nov. 2014. To determine if you have one of these faulty extinguishers do the following:

1. Look at the underside of the bottom of the unit for years 2013 or 2014.
2. Look at the label for Model number and Serial number
3. Look near the bottom edge of the cylinder for date code of manufacture which is a 10 digit number.

2013 numbers are xxxx20413x through xxxx36513x

2014 numbers are xxxx00114x through xxxx28814x

If your extinguisher matches these codes call Kidde at 1-855-283-7991 or go to [www.Kidde.com](http://www.Kidde.com) or go to US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) at [ww.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls](http://ww.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls).

Have all numbers 1, 2 and 3 information ready before you call or go online to speed up the process.

Submitted by P/C Bob Bray

\*Note-I received mine in about 2 weeks.

# Bimini Care

With the advent of spring, most of us are in the process of making our boats as “pusser” as we can. An often asked question is what is best to use on our canvas and/or clear vinyl (isinglass).

Practical Sailor did some tests of various products, and I have here provided the results of their findings. The vinyl test results to the right really only show what NOT to use, and/or what to be careful with when treating canvas. Useful info in itself. Some of the chemicals tested were ones that you might use on canvas.

As for the canvas, the ★ item is the best, the ☑ symbol is good, and the \$ item is a decent value choice. Practical Sailor is a magazine that astonishingly does not accept paid advertising, a rarity in this day and age, so their testing and recommendations are generally quite good.

AS	TEST RESULTS	CHEMICALS vs. CLEAR VINYL
PRODUCT	OBSERVED EFFECT*	
Marykate Waterproofer	No effect	
Iosso Water Repellent	No effect	
Star brite with PTFE	No effect	
AquaTech	Badly fogged; window ruined	
303 Fabric Guard	No effect	
NikWax Tx-Direct	No effect	
3M Outdoor Watershield	No effect but has silicones known to fog vinyl over time	
100% DEET Bug Repellent	Window melted; sticky for weeks	
No-Ad SPF 40 Sunscreen	Some permanent fogging	
Windex	No immediate effect but known to stiffen vinyl over time	
Ammonia	No immediate effect but known to fog vinyl over time	
Bleach	No immediate effect but known to fog vinyl over time	
Vinegar : Water (10:1)	No effect; accepted as safe way to remove water spots	
Rain-X	Slight effect; known to dull finish over time	

\* Allowed to dry; single application

AS		VALUE GUIDE CANVAS WATERPROOFING TREATMENTS						
MANUFACTURER		AQUATECH	CRC INDUSTRIES	3M INC.	GOLD EAGLE	NIKWAX	STAR BRITE	IOSSO
NAME		Water Repellent	Marykate Waterproofer	Outdoor Watershield	303 High-Tech Fabric Guard ★	TX-Direct Spray-on ☑	Waterproofer with PTFE \$	Water Repellent
TYPE		Spray	Spray	Aerosol	Spray	Spray	Spray	Spray
PRICE *		\$19.50	\$21.07	\$4.88	\$44.99	\$21.50	\$23.99	\$19.99
SIZE		16 ounces	30 ounces	10.5 ounces	32 ounces	16 ounces	22 ounces	32 ounces
PRICE PER OUNCE		\$1.22	70 cents	46 cents	\$1.41	\$1.34	\$1.09	63 cents
TEST RESULTS								
PANEL TEST	24-HOUR WATER RESISTANCE **	Excellent / < 10%	Good / 20%	Excellent / < 10%	Excellent / < 10%	Excellent / < 10%	Excellent / < 10%	Excellent / < 10%
	30-DAY WATER RESISTANCE **	Fair / 40-100%	Poor / 80-100%	Excellent / < 10%	Excellent / < 10-20%	Good / 20-50%	Excellent / < 10-20%	Fair / 40-100%
BOAT TEST	30-DAY WATER RESISTANCE **	N/A	N/A	Good / 20%	Excellent / < 10%	Good / 20%	Excellent / < 10%	N/A
	30-DAY STAIN RESISTANCE **			Good	Excellent	Good	Excellent	