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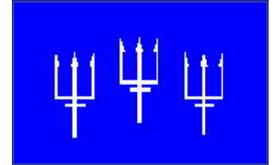
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Commander's Comments

Cdr Chuck Smith, P

As I compose this article, Vickie and I are docked on our boat at Ft. Loudon Marina. Due to an unexpected generator problem this is where our cruise from Kingston up to



Knoxville for the UT vs. Alabama football game ended. We are relegated to watching the game on TV at the dock. Such boating. . . a surprise around every corner.

What was not a surprise was the tremendous job your squadron members did at the District 17 fall conference in Pigeon Forge. KPS was host squadron for the event. I was very proud of the attention to detail, the planning, and the execution of all of our responsibilities including the hospitality suite and registration desk. Our own Captain Ray West did an outstanding job of entertaining D-17 members with his "Ohio River Log" presentation. We were also proud of our District DAO Hank Davis as he handled many details of the conference and conducted the door prize drawing and Ski Chair raffle. The Ski Chair was won by Atlanta squadron member Tim Tyson. I have never seen so much excitement from one man.

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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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These conferences are educational and informative. Many issues are discussed and a representative from national delivers a message from the Chief Commander. He spoke of many new initiatives being launched including more on-line seminars and classes. National is also buying several boat handling simulators that will be available for squadron use and boat shows. Not so popular was the announcement of a \$2 dues increase for the National portion of our dues. However, yearly membership cost remains a bargain if members get involved and enjoy all the benefits. The education, the insurance savings, and the Sail Angle and Ensign newsletters are just a few of the tangibles. The fellowship is priceless.

Cdr. Chuck

Knoxville Power Squadron

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Past Month

WOW!!! The KPS shines after the successful D-17 fall conference in Pigeon Forge.

This Month

For November Jim Barkley will prepare his famous tenderloin roast and Larry Lanz will prepare his equally great shrimp as the basis of a covered dish supper at the Concord Yacht Club. The CYC is located at 11600 Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922 about one mile west of Concord Road. Turn right at the traffic circle and the Club is on your left.

The date is November 17, 2014. Set-up will begin at 5:00, a BYOB social hour begins at 6:00, with dinner at 7:00, clean-up and break-down follows at 8:00. The Squadron will provide soft drinks. Your secret recipe covered dish will enhance the meal.

This is a \$15/person **pay-in-advance** event. We must have a count by November 12. Reply to Nick Tronolone, 11130 Anchorage Circle, Knoxville, TN 37934.

Looking Further Ahead

Then prepare for the Christmas Party at Sullivan's Downtown on Broadway Avenue, Maryville. Janet and Bob Bray are planning an activity filled evening to get everyone in the mood for the Christmas holiday. There is a preliminary program presented by them on the next page.



The December 11, 2014 party begins with the cash bar in the party room and an ice-breaker by the Brays. We will then start the meal with Sullivan's signature salad served with vinaigrette dressing. Then choose from one of the following:

- Tender pot roast served over mashed potatoes with a side of creamed spinach \$18
- Center cut sirloin with a side of sweet potatoe casserole \$22
- Chicken Florentine over creamed spinach with a side of sweet potato casserole \$18
- Northern salmon served over rice with a side of creamed spinach \$22.

This again is a pay-in-advance event and we must give Sullivan's a count December 6. Make your selections and reply to Nick at the address noted above.

And finally enjoy social time with your fellow boaters until closing.

One new \$10 to \$15 unwrapped gift from each couple will be appreciated and donated to our charity this year, Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.



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KPS Holiday Gala!
December 11, 2014

Program

- 18:00 - 18:50 Reception - w/Christmas "Find Out Who" Questions
Guess the Candy/Win a Prize!!
- 18:50 - 19:00 Dinner meeting with: Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Remarks
Invocation
- 19:00 - 20:00 Dinner
- 20:00 - Fill The Christmas Stocking Game/Win a Prize!!
Name That Christmas Carol



TOYS FOR TOTS -- Donations may be left in box



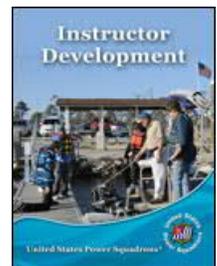
Partner In Command Seminar

A spouse may never know when due to some emergency, they may find themselves the person in command of their vessel whether they like it or not! Preparation for this unlikely event is a worthwhile consideration. On the **12th of Nov at Tellico Harbor Clubhouse**, Sally Ecklund will give a presentation on this issue. Sally is more than qualified to do so, as she has been boating for 38 years, and like her husband Carl, holds a 100-ton vessel Captains License. Carl is a delivery Captain, and Sally performs boat surveys along with her Certified Surveyor spouse Carl. She has also taught women how to be boat Captains. Sally is also a published author with a book designed for cruising boaters entitled "Tin Can Magic", a book that has an extensive coverage of how to create great meals using ingredients that came from a can.

Instructor Training

Instructor Development: This will consist of four 2-hour sessions:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan 20, 22, 27, 29, 6 pm. Gander Mountain in Turkey Creek.
- Delila Callahan, instructor.



What you can do to help KPS! Have you ever considered teaching? All ABC and course instructors must be certified. 2 students are already signed up. Call Delila to enroll.

Instructor re-certification: For all KPS members who have previously taken the Instructor Development course, but attended more than four years ago.

- The re-certification will be offered early in 2015.
- It's only one session, 60 to 90 minutes long.

Those requiring re-certification will receive a call later this year for one of two dates, according to preferences and schedules.

About Our Education Group

Three ABC classes are scheduled for the late January through late March. Teachers are Otto Schwarz, Delila Callahan/Ray West, and Chuck Smith at Gander Mountain, Tellico Harbor Clubhouse, and Caney Creek. More details later.

We need all KPS members to start talking up these ABC classes and helping the Education Committee fill these classes with enthusiastic students!

October Raft Off

Our last raft off of the year was held on a clear, cool weekend. Seven boats showed up to enjoy the beautiful weather and companionship.



Dave and Denise Powers on "Dream Weaver" offered their boat as the common gathering place. This was wonderful, as we had so many large boats in attendance that our outing turned into an "anchor close by" for many of the boats.



The event started with a GPS hunt. Boaters were sent in search of clues, which when arranged correctly would spell a word. The clues turned out to be signal flags. When deciphered and unscrambled correctly they spelled "MATE". Kudos to all for getting the right letters.....but spelling "TEAM"!

That evening we had our first annual trivia "battle of the sexes". This was Tennessee Trivia, and the competition raged back and forth. The ladies eked out a one point victory and now have bragging rights until next year when the men will get another chance. Marbeth and I were impressed with how much both groups knew about Tennessee.

Everyone snuggled in for a cool night and woke up the next morning to a beautiful, clear, crisp day with a blue sky overhead and a blanket of mist hanging over the lake. What a wonderful way to end our boating season.



As Winter Approaches!

This is the time of the year to decide what to do regarding winterizing a boat that will be left in the water over the winter. The items that are of main concern are:

- The internal potable water system.
- The shore-connection for shore water pressure.
- The raw-water cooling circuits.
- Icemakers.

As mentioned in a prior NHT, one method is to ensure that these items are all either emptied of water, and/or have been protected by anti-freeze. This is perhaps the most fool-proof method of protection if done correctly; however, what has proved to be a successful alternative in our local climate is to utilize a bilge-heater method and keep the boat interior above freezing. I have used this method now for over 23 years without any problems. If you also use this method, there are a few recommendations that I would make, as follows:

1. Have dual heaters and run these on breaker-independent on-board circuits. This is just a “belt-and-braces” method of ensuring some heat should a breaker trip.
2. I make sure that my heating devices do not draw heavy loads. I typically use heaters that draw less than 8 amps each, thus never coming close to stressing the wiring.
3. I prefer to use convective circulation rather than forced air as this means that there is no fan that could seize up and thus impair the heaters ability to provide heat.
4. Last of all, I like to use a system that does not get hot enough to start a fire even if the heating surface were to be in contact with paper or cloth.

Two types of heater that I personally like that meet these most of these criteria are:

1. Oil heaters, but controlled by an **external thermostat** as their built in thermostat is too close to the heat for good control, and is only a “more/less setting”. These should be confined to diesel powered boats, as they are **not ignition protected** against gasoline vapor.
2. Bilge heaters that maintain a preset temperature and that have a PTC (Positive thermal Coefficient) and thus can not get hot enough to start a fire, and are ignition protected. They do however have fans. Following are the examples I like (both under \$200) :



PTC Bilge Heater



Oil-Filled Convection Radiator Heater