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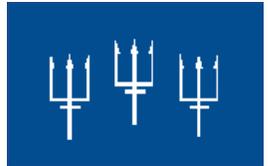
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What a great Salmon Roast event this past month. Thank you to all who made it happen.

Even though boating may slow down in the coming weeks your squadron activities will not. This month brings the District 17 Conference in Pigeon Forge as well as a great deal of behind the scene work as we begin to plan for next year. The education committee is planning the ABC classes, starting an AP class, and some great seminars. The Nominating committee is working to fill next year's offices and committees. Your bridge will soon be putting together a draft of the 2015 event calendar.

One final word about the D-17 conference. The event highlight is the Saturday night dinner Oct. 18th. It includes presentations, awards, door prizes and such. District Squadron members are welcome to attend only the Saturday evening dinner if they like. Reservation can still be made. You should have received a registration form via e-mail from district. Sign up for as much or as little of the conference as



Custom built chair to be raffled off.
Made by Commander Chuck Smith.

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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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CHAIR: P/C Margaret Edidin, P
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APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICERS (Some of the following positions will be updated.)

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Lt/C Dave Roberts, JN

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you like. The general membership meetings are free and open to all.

There are still some raft ups, and day cruises with beautiful weather. Enjoy! See you in Pigeon Forge.

Cdr. Chuck



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Past Month

WOW!!! Chef Ira and Apprentice Ed out did themselves and pleased 46 people at the very popular annual salmon roast. Thanks for a great event. And thanks to Mike for the use of Sea-Duction.



This Month

The October D-17 meeting was noted last month and the information remains the same (still available on our website if you lost your last month NHT). The D-17 meeting committee is sending the forms and the program schedules via email. If you did not receive the information contact a bridge officer.

Volunteers are still needed to help Vickie at the hospitality room and Jean at the registration desk. As the host squadron there are many more opportunities in need of chairmen and volunteers.

Looking Further Ahead

For November Jim Barkley volunteered to cook his famous tenderloin roast as the basis of a covered dish supper at the Concord Yacht Club. The CYC is located on Northshore Drive about one mile west of Concord Road. Turn right at the traffic circle and the Club is on your left. The address is:

11600 S Northshore Dr., Knoxville, TN 37922

The date is November 17, 2014. A BYOB social hour begins at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00. Contact Nick by mail, email, or telephone. We must have a count by November 12. This is another pay-at-the-door event and will depend on the number attending and the cost of the tenderloin at the time. Your secret recipe covered dish will enhance the roast.

Looking Way Ahead

Then stand by for the Christmas Party at Sullivan's, Downtown Maryville. Janet and Bob are planning an activity filled evening to get everyone in the mood for the Christmas season.

We will publish the meal selections next month.

Cathy

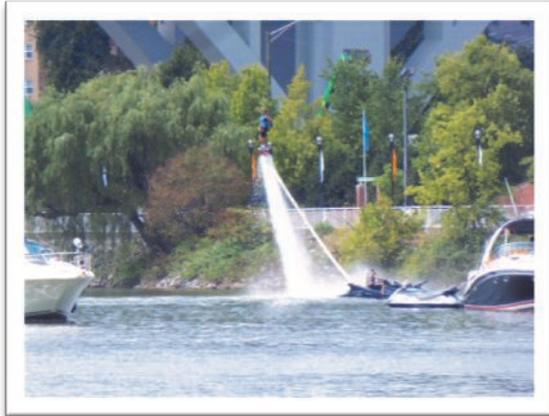


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Boomsday Report by Tom Dietrich

I have wanted to go to Boomsday since moving to TN 7 years ago. We had heard many horror stories about how difficult it was to go by boat..... huge waves, congestion, rowdy people, but none of that turned out to be true. The ride up and back was easy, and all the boaters were courteous and well-behaved. The whole event was spectacular.



As we were moving into our anchorage we saw what looked like a man on a power driven wake board. As he got beside us, he flew 5 ft out of the water, waved and went by. It turned out to be Ben Merrell on his flyboard going to entertain the spectators. What a show he put on! But the real show was the fireworks, and they were spectacular!



That night severe weather was predicted, so for safety sake we went over to the town docks and tied up securely for the night.

On the trip home we saw a "daring" rescue at sea. Blue Wakes was towing a stranded boat back to the docks. Way to go Hank!

Would we do it again? You betcha! And we hope to see more squadron members there next year.

Tom



Weather Course

Our Squadron member Dave Powers, with a background in Air Traffic Control and also a pilot has agreed to instruct our weather course. The safety and comfort of those who venture out-on-the water have always been weather dependent. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere. The course focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet. This course will be held in **Feb and Mar** and more info will be forthcoming.

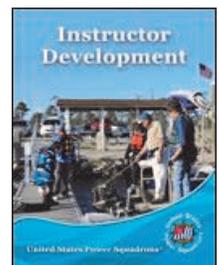


Partner In Command Seminar

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 a location TBA**, 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, holds a 100-ton vessel Captains License, along with her husband Carl is a delivery Captain, performs boat surveys along with her certified spouse Carl, and has 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

Our Squadron has a constant need of people who are qualified to give the formal course that the USPS-HQ produce and make available. To that end, there will be a course held early in 2015 (nominally in Feb) that will provide the training and certification of members to be instructors. Please think about taking this training course, as it is both a service to the Squadron and also a chance to share your knowledge and experience with your fellow boaters.



About Our Education Group

You may be interested to know that our Education Committee consists of the following members:

- Dave Roberts - our EO
- Ray West and Delila Callahan
- Otto and Bobby Schwarz
- David and Denise Powers
- Chuck and Vickie Smith

You may contact any one of these members to indicate your desire to attend any course that you might be interested in, scheduled or not. The Education Department is here to serve your needs, and would like to know what you want.

As Winter Approaches!

While there is still some good boating time left in the current year, it is perhaps time to think about winterizing your boat. To that end, this is a brief checklist to work off that is primarily intended for boats that will be hauled out of the water :



Cracked housing from freezing.

BOATS WITH INBOARD ENGINE SYSTEMS

- Fill fuel tanks and add stabilizer to gasoline
- Change oil and filter
- Change fuel filters/separators in engine(s)
- Check coolant level in freshwater-cooling system and add coolant if necessary
- Run antifreeze through raw-water-cooling system
- Make sure water strainers are filled with antifreeze
- Fog cylinders in gasoline engines
- Top up battery electrolyte level and put batteries on marine charger

BOATS WITH OUTBOARD \ENGINE SYSTEMS

- Fill internal fuel tanks and add stabilizer
- Turn off fuel supply and fog while running dry
- Drain gear case and add fresh lubricant
- Flush engine with muffs and fresh water
- Store unit in lowest position
- Inspect/replace anodes
- Empty fuel from portable tanks into car tank and take them home for storage

BOATS WITH OUTDRIVES

- If water intake is in lower unit, flush and run antifreeze through using muffs
- Drain gear oil and add fresh lubricant
- Inspect/replace anodes

OTHER ONBOARD SYSTEMS TO CONSIDER

- Flush and fill marine air conditioning system with antifreeze
- Ensure the potable water lines are either blown dry or filled with pink potable-use antifreeze.
- Ensure that any icemaker systems do not have water left inside lines not intended to be frozen are either air purged or filled with pink potable-use antifreeze.