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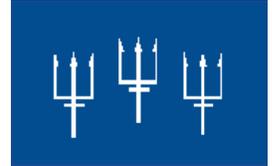
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Commander's Comments

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August was filled with some beautiful days for boating. The Clinch River Cruise and the Ice Cream Social were great fun. Our thanks go out to the many who contributed to its success. As we move into the activities of September and beyond, your bridge is working on several new initiatives. Ed Armes, membership committee chair, has put forth some excellent member retention ideas. We will be looking at implementing some of these. Your bridge is also looking at long-term ways to reduce monthly dinner meeting costs in hopes of growing attendance. Some good ideas have emerged that we will explore further.



The fall of the year is also the time that your nominating committee begins its search for new squadron leaders for next year. There are bridge positions as well as committee positions that will be open. The health of a squadron is measured by the percentage of its members that serve in squadron roles. It has also been wisely suggested that more of the major tasks be performed by small groups to lighten the load on individuals. For me personally, serving on the bridge and committees for the past few years has been an honor and a delight. The relationship building and comradery are priceless. I highly recommend it. Please be receptive to a nominating committee member's inquiry. Better yet, let one of them know your area of interest.

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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

RULES:

CHAIR: P/C Margaret Edidin, P
2 Year: Kirby Wilcher, P
3 Year:

PORT CAPTAINS

WATTS BAR LAKE: Robert McConnel, S/N FT LOUDOUN LAKE: P/C James C. Barkley, SN TELlico LAKE: P/D/C Mike Scher, AP

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS and OFFICERS (Some of the following positions will be updated.)

BOAT SHOWS

Lt/C Hank Davis, JN (P/C)

MEMBERSHIP

Ed Armes

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P/D/C Ronald Lukens, AP

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P/C Jim Barkley, SN

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Lastly, I continue to urge each member to consider attending the District 17 fall conference in Pigeon Forge. Mark your calendars for Oct. 17-19. By now you should have received an e-mail from District with details.

“See You in September”;

Cdr. Chuck



Knoxville Power Squadron

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Past Month

The Melton Hill Lake cruise, the raft-up, the over night, and the ice cream social were well attended successful events. And East Tennessee provided perfect fall days in August.

This Month



September 23 brings us to the end of summer. The Squadron will celebrate September 21 at Lenoir City Park Shelter One with the very popular Salmon Roast. So, get out the recipe file and wow the Squadron with a covered dish to compliment Chef Ira's grilled salmon. Party begins at 3:00.

This is a pay at the door event, but we must know by September 16 if you will attend. Chef Ira needs time to catch and prepare the fish for the event.

There will be a raft-up and an optional over night coupled with the salmon roast. Jean and Ed Armes will captain the on-the-water portion. Please coordinate your on-the-water plans with Ed and Jean.

Looking Further Ahead

Our Squadron was asked to host the District 17 fall conference October 17, 18, and 19. This is a dynamic non-stop week-end of activities, and we are pleased to be chosen.

The location is again in Pigeon Forge and many remember the craft shops, shopping malls, and the fun that extends from Sevierville into Gatlinburg and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. There will be lots of bears around since the mast crops were poor this year. This is also the height of the fall colors. Full information from District-17 will be available soon.



The Knoxville Power Squadron is responsible for providing and manning the hospitality suite, the registration desk, and the general hospitality of the out of town attendees. Vickie Smith will chair the hospitality suite. **She needs volunteers to help.** Jean

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Armes will chair the registration desk and **she also needs volunteers** to help and to prepare the welcome packets. There will be sign-up sheets at the September salmon roast.

In addition, we are in the early stages of planning for our KPS Christmas Party. Bob and Janet Bray are helping to round up ideas and assistance in this effort.

We would like to make this as enjoyable as possible and to that end we are looking for suggestions for activities and/or games for the party.

Here are a few of the kinds of thing we are contemplating, but we really want input to find out what most would like to see:



1. **Fill the Christmas stocking.** — Divide into teams and have the participants race to fill their team's hanging stocking with a spoonful of wrapped candy.
2. **Christmas gift wrap relay.** — Set up assembly lines of gifts, boxes, scissors, wrapping paper, ribbon, and tape for each team. Make an assembly line of workers. Then race to wrap!
3. **Word Find.** — Using Christmas words—Christmas, Poinsettia, Candy cane, etc.— Divide into teams and have each team make as many smaller words from it as possible before the timer runs out.
4. **Two truths and a lie.** — Each table nominates their volunteer “fibbers” who each in turn tells two stories about themselves, two of which are true and one that is not. For example, volunteers would name their three worst Christmas gifts; two would be true and one would be false.

Anyone and everyone who has any ideas can call us at 865-408-9229 or e-mail us at **jbb Bray@charter.net**

We would just like to know what people like to do besides eat and drink!

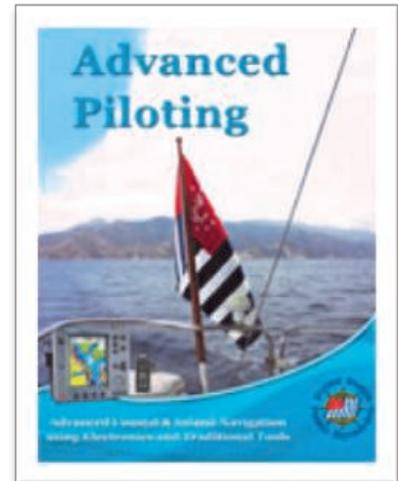
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Advanced Piloting

The Advanced Piloting class will begin October 7, 1800 hrs Eastern time, at Concord Marina. The class will be taught by Jim Barkley (SN).

This class builds on the Piloting course, and includes more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigating in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS usage.

Member cost is \$55, Nonmember \$95. There are 4 students already enrolled, so it will be a good stimulating group. AP is an excellent opportunity to build on your boating skills.



Advanced Piloting Description

Advanced Piloting is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigation skills, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart plotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student’s skills through hands-on practice and learning. Ten classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind and currents
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course

"Free" Chart Plotter System

Pursuant to a recent conversation with the Education Department, I suggested a possible topic. This free seminar would result in all attendees having at the end of the session a functional GPS Chart Plotter system that would include all the charts of the inland rivers. The following is a description of how this would work, and an invitation for comments regarding how many would be interested to attend such a seminar.

Attendee Requirements — each attendee would arrive at the designated location with:

- A laptop computer that they wanted to use for this purpose. [*Needs to have Windows™ operating system, and must have a USB port available*]
- A GPS “mouse” (typically costs about \$50 or less).



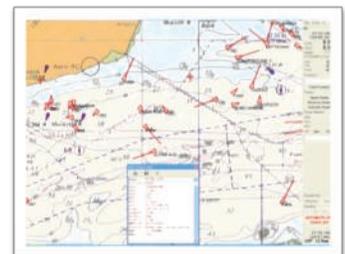
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Provided at the Seminar — each attendee will be provided for free with:

- A CD with all the software and all the inland water charts in both Vector and Raster format.
- Instruction and assistance in loading the software, linking the GPS data stream, and using the software.

The software programs provided would be both SeaClear and OpenCPN.

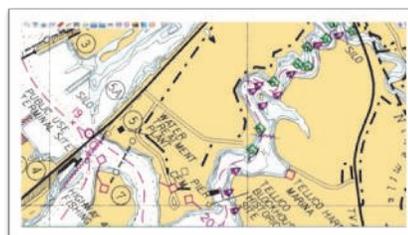
- SeaClear is a free and very simple, low demand on the laptop software that works well and will accept AIS input/display but the AIS feature will not be interfaced at this seminar. SeaClear will display raster charts only.
- OpenCPN is a free and more extensive software that will display both vector and raster software, and also AIS input/display but again the AIS feature will not be interfaced at this seminar. It will also display tides and currents on tidal waters.



SeaClear Screen



OpenCPN Vector Display



OpenCPN Raster Display

Please contact one of us if you would be interested:

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