






**Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron**  
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*Happy Holidays to All  
Evansville Bend Members*

Have you been a good boy or girl boater this past boating season?? Santa is making his list and he always checks it twice.

*whenever possible; and conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to United States Power Squadrons.*

Did you take time to help a fellow boater in trouble or distress this year?? The oath we take as a member requires our duty to help others.



Hopefully you will pass the "Santa Test" and he will reward you this year with a great boating gift instead of a lump of coal!!

It may have been one year or twenty years or more since you have taken the oath but it is always good to review the pledge and renew our own commitment as members and boaters of the United States Power Squadron.

*I do solemnly pledge to abide by the bylaws of United States Power Squadrons; promote high standards of navigation and seamanship; maintain my boat and operate it legally; render assistance*

## Commander's Corner



Our Holiday party coming up, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Linda and I hope to see everyone there, Thanks to Suzy and Jay Picking we

will be meeting again at Oak

<b>Commander:</b>	<b>Cdr. Sam Richey, SN</b>	<b>(812-721-2322)</b>
Executive Officer:	P/C Richard Rombauer, AP	(812-985-9956)
Education Officer:	Lt/C Karen Rombauer, AP	(812-985-9956)
Administrative Officer:	Lt/C Derk Boss, AP	(812-202-5281)
Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN	(812-401-8300)

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Meadow Country Club. It is a real nice place to meet, and the food is always good. Thanks to Karen Rombauer for helping with the food selection.

I have received my merit mark. The commander is always the last one to receive his merit mark. I have to make sure all members who worked during the year get their merit mark before the chief commander awards my merit mark.

We had good meeting in November and everyone seems to like Roca Bar North. Karen was the speaker as this was our Education meeting. Great job Karen!

*Cdr, Sam Richey, SN*

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## Education Update



As is our custom, the November meeting was our annual Education night -- a chance to share our 2011 accomplishments and show appreciation and recognition to those members who made our programs possible.

First, a certificate from D-24 was presented to Suzy Picking in recognition of her achievement of completing classes through AP plus 3 electives. Congratulations, Suzy!!!

Then I showed a very long (*just kidding!!*) slide presentation of the classes and seminars we conducted in 2011. We presented 3 seminars at Gander Mountain, 4 ABC classes, a Seamanship class, and an Engine Maintenance class.

A special "THANKS" and appreciation goes to the team of instructors for these classes: **Derk Boss, Henry Graper,**

and **Sam Richey**. These special guys spent a lot of time preparing, and sharing their depth of boating knowledge with our students. Their dedication is unbelievably awesome!! And, when each of them wasn't teaching - they still came to every class and served as proctors, too. Many thanks to them for making our Education program a huge success!!!

Also we were extremely fortunate to have fantastic participation by many of our members who served as proctors in the classes: **Gary Carson, Janice Elwood, LeRoy Elwood, Rob Geiss, Gay Graper, Jay Picking, Suzy Picking, Linda Richey, and Richard Rombauer**. It's important to have their support - to be there to answer questions, help grade exams, and even just show that we experienced boaters are "real" people, and that we like to have fun together, too. Oh, and we forgot to mention our boating enthusiast, **Emma Rombauer** - who also attended quite a few of the classes and served as our official "greeter".

I'm hopeful that 2012 will be an equally strong year. In addition to several seminars and the ABC courses, we're also planning to hold a New Instructor Certification class, a JN class, and a Piloting class. As always -- if you have an interest in any of the advanced or elective courses, please let me know so we can get them scheduled.

Enjoy the holidays, take a much-needed rest, and we'll be back at it in January!!!

*SEO Karen Rombauer, AP*

## Education Recognition Meeting



*Jay Picking accepts Suzy Picking's Certificate of Educational Proficiency*



*Karen Rombauer, Sam Richey, Derk Boss and Henry Graper—Teachers this past year.*



*SEO Karen Rombauer recaps the educational achievements*



*(L) Rob Geiss, Gay Graper, Janice Elwood, Karen Rombauer, Richard Rombauer, Gary Carson, Jay Picking - with certificates of appreciation for proctoring at education classes.*

**HOLIDAY PARTY—RESERVATION  
DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER  
29TH.**

It is comin'...just like Santa Claus, our annual Holiday Party. Janice Elwood needs your check and entrée choice by Monday, November 29th. (invitation is also attached to this email)

*Holiday Menu -Your Choice of  
Three Entrees*

*Spinach Mandarin Orange Salad  
with Walnuts  
(select one)*

*Chicken Picatta on Basil Orzo  
Pasta  
\$23*

*Shrimp Scampi on Risotta  
\$25*

*8oz. Rib-Eye Steak  
With Carmelized Onions  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
\$27*

*Rolls and Butter  
Glazed Carrots  
Turtle Cheesecake  
Coffee or Iced Tea*

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**GUESTS AT OUR NOVEMBER  
MEETING**

One of our Sea Scout members, Joseph Greenwell III, brought his mother and father, Joseph II and Janet Greenwell, to our meeting. Also, a special guest of Gary Carson was Jeff "Tilley" Tillotson.

It was great to see these guests and hope they will be able to make it to our Holiday Party or the next regular meeting in January.

**A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST  
FOR A SPECIAL MEMBER**

P/C Vicky Trapp has undergone more tests with unwelcome results.

Please pray for God's healing power on her and give strength to her and her family as she continues with her treatment.

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## Calendar of Events

**January 18, Wednesday —  
Regular Meeting**

**February 15, Wednesday —  
Regular Meeting**

**March 21, Wednesday —  
Regular Meeting**

**April 21, Saturday — Change  
of Watch**

### **YOU CAN HAVE YOUR BOATING STORY PUBLISHED IN THE PILOT**

Do you have a boating story you would like to have published in the Pilot?

It could be an article about your favorite boating lake or place, how you assisted a distressed boater, or your best boating trip or adventure. The story should be about 150-250 words.

*Please submit your article by email to  
P/C Ron Eberhart, P.—  
ron.eberhart@wowway.com*