



# Pilot

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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

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## February 15 — Return to Roca Bar North; Jeff Lyons—Meteorologist for WFIE TV

Our Wednesday, February 15th meeting moves back to the Roca Bar Pizza on Highway 41 North. Everyone seems to enjoy the atmosphere of this new restaurant and the ability to order off of the menu.



Our program will be Jeff Lyons, 14 WFIE Meteorologist. Jeff has been a speaker at our meet-

ing several times and always does a great job and is very entertaining.



Jeff joined the 14 News team in 1988. The Indiana University graduate currently anchors the weathercasts for 14 News at 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 on WFIE TV. Jeff earned his National Weather Association seal of approval in 1991 and the American

Meteorological Society seal of approval and certification as a meteorologist in 1993.

The proud father of three appears at over 40 schools a year and speaks to civic groups about weathercasting.

Our social time begins at 6:00pm with dinner at 7pm. Be sure to arrive by 6:30pm as that is the time we will order the food. Let's have a great turn-out at this meeting and give Jeff a big Evansville Bend welcome!!

## Commander's Corner



We had a very nice evening at RI-RA'S Irish Pub in January. Captain Carl made a very interesting talk, and everyone seemed to

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enjoy it. Also had a cyber member, David Bryant and his girlfriend Niki, were in attendance and we are expecting both to join the squadron, and take classes.

The District 24 Spring District Conference in Covington KY is coming up 9—11 March; Just a reminder, the rooms have to be reserved by Feb 8th to get the discounted rate. Be sure to check our web page for more information.

SEO Karen Rombauer, AP has several education classes and at least two seminars lined-up. Be sure to check out her report for details.

As I am writing this in winter the weather seems more like the end of March. This spring-like weather has been so nice it is giving me boating fever. I hope we do not get “blasted” later.

At the end of the newsletter you will see the slate of new officers for the next watch year. These officers were discussed at our last bridge meeting on January 25th. Thanks to Jay Picking and his committee for putting together this slate. We will vote on these nominations at our March meeting. So, be sure to come to this meeting in March to vote and show your support of the new officers and your squadron.

*Cdr. Sam Richey, SN*

## Education Update



***This Broadcast was received from the USPS National Educational Dept:***

A new web page listing potentially useful apps for boaters using mobile devices is now

available from any Educational Depart-

ment web page (such as [www.usps.org/education](http://www.usps.org/education)) on the left side navigation menu under Miscellaneous. The page includes both iTunes Store and Android Market apps. A form is also available on the page for you to submit other boating-related apps you've found useful.

Our 2012 Education Calendar is finalized now, as follows:

### **SEMINARS:**

Two seminars will be taught at Gander Mountain (in their Lodge Meeting Room):

- **Knots, Bends and Hitches:** Wednesday - 1 night only - **February 29;** 6:30pm
- **GPS: Wednesday** - 1 night only - **March 28;** 6:30pm

No pre-registration is necessary. These seminars are offered free of charge. BRING A FRIEND or 2 or 3.

### **PILOTING CLASS:**

We have 5 people enrolled for this class (Steve Smith, Derk Boss, David Bryant, Nikki Trulove, and David's daughter, Jessica.) I know you all are going to enjoy this course -- it really can be a lot of fun, and at the end of 10 weeks you're going to be so proud of yourselves as you plot cruising courses on your own!!! Four of our expert Pilots will be teaching: Jay and Suzy Picking, Sam Richey, and Dick Mahrenholz. You are truly lucky to be learning from the best!!

The classes will begin at 6:30 pm on Thursdays, with the following location schedule:

- Feb. 16 @ North Park Library - in

- the private meeting room
- Feb. 23 @ Gander Mountain - in the Lodge Meeting room
- March 1 @ EMA Building (Stanley Ave.)
- March 8, 15, 22 @ Gander Mountain
- March 29, April 5, 12, 19 @EMA

**JUNIOR NAVIGATION CLASS:**

This course will be taught to 4 students: Derk Boss, Leroy Elwood, and Rich and Karen Rombauer, by our own Commander Sam Richey.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, at 6:30 pm beginning March 27. All classes will be at the EMA Building.

**ABC COURSE:**

Our flagship course will last 6 weeks, beginning Weds., April 4 at 6:30 pm at the EMA Building. Any Evansville Bend members who are available to come and represent us at the classes are VERY welcome!!!! It's a fun and easy way to (1) earn a Merit Mark, (2) get recognized at our November Education meeting, and (3) meet new fellow boaters.

**NEW INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION:**

I still hope to put this course together in 2012. But, alas, it's gonna have to wait until the Rombauers get done skiing!!!!!!

While you're all wearing long faces, trying to get through winter (as mild as it has been!), and praying for spring/summer for good: we're going to be doing the "Let it Snow, Let it Snow" dance!!! Don't worry, though - - boating season will be here before you know it. See you all around the bend....seminar again at Gander Mountain.

**WE WENT IRISH IN JANUARY**

Our January 26th Special Thursday meeting went Irish to Ri Ra Irish Pub.



Captain Carl Guerry, the senior Captain and Director of Marine Operations at Casino Aztar, was our speaker.

Captain Guerry has 20 years of Coast Guard Service, 10 years of Drug

Interdiction followed by Commanding: two Coast Guard Cutters, two Coast Guard Search and Rescue Stations. After retiring from the Coast Guard, he received his Master, Merchant Marine License. He has also Skipped the Casino Vessel M/V Par a Dice, E. Peoria, Illinois River for 3 years, then went ashore for 8 years to serve as Director of Security, Facilities and Marine Operations for Boyd Gaming.



*Suzy Picking and Emma Lee Eberhart in deep discussion*

For the past 3½ years he has had the pleasure to serve as a Captain on the M/V City of Evansville, and current position is Director of Facilities and Marine Operations.

Capt Guerry mostly discussed his boating experience on rivers. He spent time explaining the process of launching buoys back into the river. Up until several years ago, the captains use their "sight" to determine where to "drop" the buoys back into the water. Now with the new technology, they use GPS to determine the exact spot. He then took several questions from members.

**Cyber member, David Bryant** and his friend, Niki visited our meeting and are considering joining our squadron. He joined through the USPS



Cyber Member program.

**What is the Cyber Program?** When each new member joins the **National Cyber Squadron** on-line, an email is sent to the public contact listed for the squadron's closest to their residence. After purchasing the America's Boating Course on-line and enrolling, they receive USPS membership for 6 months.

Their information is sent to the closest squadrons near their zip code and will include the new member's name, email, phone number, best contact time, and city, state and zip code. If several squadrons are in the new member's area, an email is sent to all squadrons.

Cyber Squadron members can request an online transfer at (URL to be provided.) An e-mail will be sent to the squadron contact with a copy to headquarters. Headquarters will then deposit funds electronically into the squadron's and district's bank accounts.

This is a newer way to attract new

members to USPS as many individuals today use the internet as a resource to gather information.

**Proposed Slate of New Officers for Evansville Bend 2012—2013**

**Cdr: Sam Richey**

**Executive Officer:**  
Richard Rombauer

**Squadron Education Officer:**  
Karen Rombauer

**Administrative Officer:**  
Derk Boss

**Secretary/Treasurer:**  
Janice Elwood

**Auditing**

Jay Picking	1 years
Cheri Boss	2 years
Henry Graper	3 years

**At Large Committee**

Steve Smith	1 year
Jo Gries	2 years
Ron Eberhart	3 years

**Rules Committee**

John Trapp	1 years
Leroy Elwood	2 years
Linda Richey	3 years

**Nominating Committee**

Jay Picking	1 years
Karen Rombauer	2 years
Cheri Boss	3 years

