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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

Wednesday, January 17 Meeting at Roca Bar North Come Socialize and Share a Boating Story

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th at Roca Bar North on US Highway 41.

Come and socialize with the Evansville Bend members, enjoy a great meal and share with others some of your boating memories from this past summer .

Social time starts at 6pm. We will order food at 6:30pm and eat at 7pm.

Administrative Officer Derk Boss is requesting your input on the following.

"Would you be willing to pay \$10; \$15 per couple to attend a presentation on the History of the Ohio River at one of our regular upcoming meetings?" The speaker will be traveling from out of town and the cost would cover his expenses. Please vote yes or no by return email or contact Derk at 812-470-1744.— djboss49@gmail.com

Commander's Corner

As I am writing this, Christmas and New Year are over and about 6 inches of snow remain outside. Yet I am still thinking of summer and boating, days are getting longer is one consolation.



Henry Graper and I met Chris Kaminski and proctored his ABC exam. He passed with flying colors and has joined as a cyber member. Chris is in process of becoming a member of Evansville Bend. We are looking forward to having him; he also plans on taking seamanship next month.

It is time to be looking for bridge members. We need a few members to step up; it is at least time for a



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new commander.

We had 16 members to receive merit marks this year. It takes about 15 hours of work to earn a merit mark, Teaching a class or doing 10 Vessel checks qualifies you for a merit mark. The only way commander can get one is to send in recommendations for rest of squadron. P/D/C Leroy Elwood received his 25th mark this year and makes him a life member, good job Leroy. Thanks for you many years of dedicated service to Evansville Bend.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

Education Update



Here we are -- 2013 already!!!! Can you believe that we're already into another year - - and soon it will be time to get the boats out again. In preparation for spring, we've been

working on the Evansville Bend 2013 Education schedule -- and it looks like it will be another really busy year.

But before I really "spring ahead" to 2013, let's step backward just a little in time. Those of you who attended the Holiday Dinner in Dec. witnessed our Education Program that evening, when I distributed Certificates of Appreciation to all our members who worked diligently in our 2012 programs. Here's the 2012 Summary:

Feb 29 Seminar: Knots, Bend, Hitches.

Instructor was Derk Boss. 5 participants
Evansville Bend proctors were: Henry Graper, Janice Elwood, Rob Geiss

March 28 Seminar: GPS. Instructor was Sam Richey. 12 participants

Proctors were: Janice Elwood, Derk Boss, Linda Richey, Cheri Boss, David Bryant, Steve Smith, Richard Rombauer, Karen Rombauer

April 11: ABC class. Instructors were Derk

Boss and Sam Richey. 11 participants.
Proctors were: Linda Richey, Sam Richey, Derk Boss, Steve Smith, Janice Elwood, Leroy Elwood, Cheri Boss, Richard Rombauer, Karen Rombauer.

March 29: Piloting Class. Instructors were Jay and Suzy Picking. 3 participants.
Proctors were: Henry Graper, Derk Boss, Richard Rombauer

JN class: Instructor was Sam Richey. 4 participants

Again, I'd like to express my heartfelt THANKS and APPRECIATION to all of you who taught and/or proctored. We could never put together education programs like this without your help and support!!!



Now..... on to 2013:

Seamanship: The next class will begin Jan. 8. If you're interested in participating, and I haven't contacted you - please let me know right away.

Piloting: We're going to re-instate the Piloting class that was started in 2012. Current tentative schedule is to begin Feb. 19 and go thru April 23. Even if you didn't get into the class last year, it's not too late to sign up for this one. Just contact me ASAP.

Seminars: on Feb. 19 we're doing the **GPS** seminar. On March 12 we plan to do the **Boat Handling Under Power** Seminar, and on June 4 we'll present **Rivers, Lakes, and Locks**. These have all been very successful events for us in past years. Unfortunately, Gander Mountain is no longer making their meeting

room available, so all future seminars will be held at the EMA building (Stanley Ave.). We have also decided to try something new and different: instead of these being "free" seminars with the option to purchase the text materials, we are now going to provide the materials to each student for a nominal fee (\$25).
ABC Class: April 2 thru May 7.

On the water Training: For the first time ever, we're going to offer some real hands-on training this summer, on June 8. Location to be announced later.
JN: Derk is continuing to work on his JN class. Unfortunately, the rest of us dropped by the wayside. Hang in there, Derk -- you'll achieve JN for sure in 2013!!!

We don't have any of the elective courses on the agenda for 2013 -- but if there's something you're interested in, just let me know and we'll schedule it.

Don't forget -- an easy way to earn Merit Marks is to help with the classes and seminars. Just show up whenever it's convenient for you -- it's always terrific when we see your familiar faces in the room!!!!

Karen Rombauer, SEO

HOLIDAY PARTY WAS A GREAT TIME. GOOD FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

We had 21 people attend our annual Holiday Party. We returned once



again to The Oak Golf and Tennis Club. Under new owners, they are making some changes to their facility.

The food was great as usual. After dinner, Karen Rombauer gave us a recap of the past educational year.

Everyone had a great time enjoying food, fun, and fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JON PERKINS—25 YEAR MEMBER
We have special recognition going



out to Jon Perkins. A 25 year membership pin was presented to Dr. Jon Perkins, MD by P/D/C LeRoy Elwood, AP on 10/21/12 at his office.

Jon obtain the grade of AP and has enjoyed many years of fun and safe boating.

Congratulations to Jon and thanks for being a member for 25 years.

EVANSVILLE BEND GIVES A HELPING HAND



Each year as part of our annual Holiday Party celebration, we request members to make monetary donations

or canned goods donations to the Tri-State Food Bank.

Again, this year, Evansville Bend came through with donations totaling \$215 in cash and 10 canned goods.

Janice Elwood gave us the total at the end of the party and explained how much food one dollar can

purchase. The Tri-State Food Bank serves 33 counties in Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. There are over 127,000 people living in poverty in these 33 counties which represents 15.6% of the total population.

- \$1 can provide food for 8 meals.
- \$10 can provide 81 meals for homeless people.
- \$25 can provide 129 cans of soup to feed the hungry.
- \$100 can provide food for 9 families of four for a week.
- \$500 can provide over 2,631 pounds of fresh produce.
- \$1000 can provide a semi-truckload of food for the hungry.

Thanks to all members who contributed!!

