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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

July 18 Meeting Cancelled. Next Meeting is Picnic at Burdette Park, Wednesday, August 15th

Due to Sam and Derk being unavailable for the Wednesday, July 18th meeting, we have decided to cancel it.

Our next meeting will be a picnic at Burdette Park on Wednesday, August 15h.

More details to follow in the August Pilot. But, be sure to mark your calendar and plan on attending this annual picnic.

home especially if you can go most any time you want.



For those of you who missed the June meeting, Derk really presented a good program, and added lots of funny stuff along with stupid things people try to get away with at the casino.



There is not a lot going on right now. Only one class and Derk is taking Junior Navigation,

Commander's Corner

We are hoping to get more classes going in the fall.

I hope everyone had a good Fourth of July holiday. Linda and I did but stayed off the lake. The holidays are a good time to stay

Derk is also working on the picnic for August, hoping to see everyone there.



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Karen and Richard are still out of town and spending time with her father who is not well; let's keep them in our prayers.

Keep cool and we will see you at the August picnic.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

Ready, Set, Wear It! a Success

We had 3,993 people (and dogs) participate in the 2012 Ready, Set, Wear It! event helping to promote life jacket wear and boating safety! Congratulations to everyone and thank you for promoting the North American Safe Boating Campaign Wear It! message. For a full list of participants, visit ReadySetWearIt.com. —

Gene Molteni

Avoiding Collisions with Kayaks

Posted on 3 July 2012 by Bruce White DVC-BL

In the past few years, there have been several tragic examples of small boats, notably kayaks, which were run down by larger, fast-moving boats. A group of prominent engineers recently presented the paper, "Visibility Factors in Small Boat Collisions," at the 2012 International Marine Forensics Symposium sponsored by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. This paper offers some good suggestions on how to avoid being run over in smaller boats-kayaks-and, conversely, how to avoid running over small boats.

The suggestions on how to avoid being

run over were based on a series of tests on the water using volunteers in kayaks and powerboats.

Researchers found that kayaks aren't likely to be spotted by a powerboat until they're a quarter-mile away, which can quickly lead to an "extremis condition." The sooner a small boat is spotted, the better.

Seventy-five percent of the powerboat operators first reported seeing "paddle flash" when they saw the boat. A white or light colored paddle blade was much easier to see than a dark blade. The remaining 25 percent saw the luminous jersey that was being worn by the volunteers.

Among the recommendations to kayakers-

- 1) Carry an audible signaling device.
- 2) Wear fluorescent life vests or shirts.
- 3) Use paddles with white or light colored blades.
- 4) Avoid kayaking in areas with high boat traffic.
- 5) Use flags that can be mounted on kayaks.

Conversely, for owners of larger boats: wear sunglasses; keep a proper lookout; and, be especially alert in areas where you are likely to encounter smaller craft.

Source: "Seaworthy, the BoatU.S. Marine Insurance and Damage Avoidance Report," July 2012, p. 4.