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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

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November 16 Meeting Will Recognize our Teachers During Education Night

Our November meeting has traditionally been the meeting to recognize squadron educators - teachers and proctors for their many hours donated to our squadron to teach members and non-members.

Social time starts at 6pm . At approximately 6:30pm we will order from the menu with dinner to be served about 7pm.

This year is no exception as our meeting returns to Roca Bar North on H.W 41 North on Wednesday, November 16th.

Commander's Corner

We have many dedicated members who volunteer their time to teach our various classes. Many teach in our Public Boating Course. Some teach in our "members only" classes. Without the dedication and sacrifice of these individuals, our squadron would not grow and flourish. In addition, many members act as proctors at the classes to assist the students.



Those of you who missed the Chili Cook-Out missed a very good time on the river bank at the

Graper's. It was a beautiful afternoon and the chili was very tasty.

Richard and Karen Rombauer,

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A Unit of USPS, Sail and Power Boating® — District 24

Linda and I attended the District 24 Fall Conference in Columbus Indiana this past weekend. We had a good time, and everything went smoothly. as usual.

On Friday night every squadron presented a power point of the many events, teaching and social, we had participated in during the year. All of the presentations were judged by the other squadrons. Although we did not win first place, Evansville Bend's presentation got very good reviews. Thanks to Ron Eberhart for putting it together. We will be showing it at this month's meeting.

This has been a very busy summer and I am sorry to see it has gone. Now it is time to put our boats away. Let's all hope that winter passes as fast as summer did!!

See you on the 16th at Roca Bar North.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

Everyone brought their own chili and "added" it to the kettle. Many also roasted hotdogs on the big fire.

As they say, "a good time was had by all.



Gay and Henry Graper; our hosts



CHILLI COOK-OUT WAS A COOKIN' HAPPENING

Many thanks to Henry and Gay Graper for hosting our annual Chili Cook-Out on Saturday, October 22nd.

They are always very gracious in offering their river camp for our get-togethers. They make great host and hostess and we are greatly indebted to them for hosting this event.





Sam and Linda Richey

Leroy Elwood eating with his friends.



I've taken many boating classes already! I've been boating for years! Police on the waterways don't check for licenses and it is not as if our waterways are as rigidly controlled as our roadways. If I have boat trouble, I can always just pull into the nearest shop to get it fixed.

We've all heard these excuses; however, we can never learn enough to stay out of trouble on the water. Our waterways and boats are always changing and we need to make sure that our knowledge of them keeps pace. The only way to do this is to continually improve our skills and knowledge.

Look at marine electronics. Today's boaters have a rich array of instruments to help get them from point A to point B. These instruments are getting more powerful, "sexier" and cheaper, too! However, having a tool and using it effectively are two very different things

Much of my career was spent in technology and my experience is that most "user manuals" are written for technologists, not for users! I've found that they describe the basics, but they do not tell me how to get full use out of my investment. What's the solution? Simple! There are classes available to help boaters understand and use virtually any piece of electronic equipment.

The famous Murphy's Law tells us that if something can go wrong, it will! We know the marine environment is especially harsh on electronics; it's not uncommon for something to work perfectly today and not work tomorrow. At some time during everyone's on-board adventures, it will become necessary to revert to manual boating skills such as finding the way or getting an engine started.

PRAY FOR VICKY TRAPP

Vicky has undergone more tests with unwelcome results.

Please pray God's strength on her and her family as she continues with her treatment.

**WHO NEEDS BOATING CLASSES?
EVERY BOATER!**

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The question then is, "how can we make sure that we have a complete package of boating skills?" The obvious answer is "education!" To that end, we all need to keep taking classes that help us improve our boating skills.

Winter is the perfect time to take classes. My favorite source is the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS). Each course and seminar is continually reviewed to make sure that its content is current and accurate. USPS volunteer instructors are certified, and seminars are usually given in two-hour sessions (full multi-module classes are longer).

Already taken classes? One solution is to volunteer as an instructional proctor. Each time I help out with a class I've already taken, I either learn something new or reinforce the skills I already have. Another solution is to take refresher classes. Whatever you do to find the classes you need or want and whomever you take them with, follow the advice of the well-known athletic goods company and "JUST DO IT!"

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Calendar of Events

December 3rd - Saturday;
Holiday party at Oak Meadow
Country Club.

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
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Happy Thanksgiving

