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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

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Chili Cook-Out....Back to the Graper's Rivercamp - Saturday, October 22

Henry and Gay Graper have graciously agreed to host our annual Chili Cook-out this year.

The event will be held on **Saturday, October 22nd, 2pm** at Graper's River Retreat at French Island. Most members know the location, however; I have included a map for those not familiar with how to get there.



Everyone is to bring their favorite chili which will be mixed into the big "chili pot" hanging over a big fire. Also bring "finger foods", or a covered dish, lawn chairs, and drinks.

In addition to the chili, these items will be provided: hot dogs,

crackers, cheese, condiments, tea, and bottled water.

Activities include the annual corn hole tournament.

There will be a fire for those who enjoy sitting and socializing.

Remember, please bring your pot of chili and pour it into the giant kettle.

Commander's Corner



At our September meeting we officially changed our name to Evansville Bend Sail and Power

Squadron. Some of the members expressed interest in having new

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Executive Officer:	P/C Richard Rombauer, AP	(812-985-9956)
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shirts reflecting the name change. If you would like one of these shirts, please contact someone on the bridge. We can order the shirts, or you can purchase a shirt and have it embroidered.

Also at the September meeting our Administrative officer Derk Boss talked and showed footage of some of the ways people try to cheat the casinos. If you were not there you missed a good program and good food, and we missed you, too!

I hope to see everyone at the chili cook-off. It will be held at Henry and Gay's river camp this year. Ron will add directions and date.

It is getting closer to the time to winterize our boats. That is always sad time of year, but it has to be done.

Cdr Sam Richey, SN

Education Update



Our Seamanship class is underway, with 6 students participating (4 are Sea Scouts).

It looks like we'll have enough interested students to begin the next Piloting Class. It's tentatively planned for January, 2012. More details will follow soon.

We're also still planning for a JN

class to being in January - details will be announced soon.

SEO Karen Rombauer, JN

Welcome Aboard!

Our September 21st meeting returned to the new Roca Bar North on US Highway 41 North across from the 4-H Center.

One of the highlights of the evening



was when Cdr. Sam Richey inducted one of our latest new members, Butch Branson

Executive Officer, Derk Boss was our speaker discussing security at Casino Aztar and ways people try to out smart the casinos.

D/24 Fall Conference in Columbus, IN

The deadline to register for the upcoming Fall Conference in Columbus, IN has been extended through October 10th. Here's a link to the website to download the newsletter with all of the conference information.

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d24/FallConference2011Color.pdf>

There are lots of education awards to hand out to our D24 members..... plus a 50 year membership plaque to one of our district members. This is also the first fall conference where we will have a representative from the National Education Department as well as the C/C's representative, the NAO V/C Robert Baldrige.

Cdr. Sam Richey, and XO Richard Rombauer, and SEO Karen Rombauer will be our delegates and will be attending the meeting. It is open to all D/24 members. Hotel registration deadline is October 15th.

THE GEOMETRY OF SEAMANSHIP

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There are key words in seamanship that are very useful but sometimes confusing. There is a fanciful legend that early boaters used a board to steer their vessels. Since most were right handed, the right side became known as the "Steer Board" side. Because the Steer Board Side would not be placed against a dock, the left side, or dock side of the vessel became known as the "Port Side". As time went, on the expression "Steer Board" for right side evolved into "Starboard".

Knowing these terms is valuable when discussing nautical right of way. When two boats approach one another, neither has the right of way! You may pass each other on either side although you should try to pass port to port. When boats approach each from any other point, several other rules must be considered. In this writing we will focus primarily on the actions to be taken by approaching vessels all under mechanical power.

The US Coast Guard's COLREGS (Collision Regulations) provide us with a circle of explanation that clarifies the geometry of right of way that applies both day and night. The circle above displays the angles of right of way that apply both in day and night. During the day, the angles indicated must be apply even though the lights may not be seen. At night, the placement and projection of navigation lights must serve to signal clearly those angles.

With the exception of Personal Watercraft and small paddle craft which have separate rules according to the state, all boats must display a red navigation light on the

port (left) side of the bow. Between two approaching power boats, this signals that vessels approaching from your left side must “stop” or give way. Conversely, the display of the green navigation light on your starboard bow indicates that you are giving the go ahead to any vessel approaching on your right side and that you will stop or give way to them. Your white stern light tells to every vessel to your rear, that they must give way to you when trying to overtake you.

The red and green navigation lights must be visible from your bow tip to 112 ½ degrees aft on the respective side of the boat. Boats under mechanical power must display a white all around light. All vessels must also display the white stern light that must be seen in that 135 degree area in the back of the vessel not covered by the red and green. Some boats engaged in towing or fishing display very specific lights that they show. You should get to know them so you know how to avoid mishaps.

**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*

Calendar of Events

November 16th— Wednesday;
Education Night

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

Happy

Halloween



Boo

**This Way to
Evansville Bend's
"Chili Cook-Out"**

HW 66
Road 900
**Hatfield &
French
Island**

From Alcoa, go 6
miles to Hatfield,
turn right, go 3.3
miles, then left

HW 61
Newburgh

ALCOA

HW 66

Eureka

4-way
Stop

Turn right,
go 1 mile,
then left

County
Rd 700

County
Rd 200

3-way
Stop,
turn
left, go
1.5
miles



**Graper's Retreat at
French Island**

From Main Entrance of
Alcoa at HW 61 & 66..go
east 6 miles to Hatfield on
HW 66. Turn Right toward
Eureka.. go 3.3 miles on
blacktop to 2nd stop sign
("T" road). Turn left on
County Rd 200. Go 1.5
miles, turn right on County
Rd 700. Go 1 mile to "T"
in road. Turn left and go
.5 mile. GRAPER'S on
right. Name on mailbox.