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Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron

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**Gambling's Funniest Video - Presented by
Lt/C Derk Boss - September 21st Meeting**

Our Administrative Officer, Lt/C Derk Boss will be presenting our meeting for Wednesday, September 21st. He will be showing Casino and Gambling's Funniest Videos and talking about security at Casino Aztar.

Our meeting will be held again at the new **Roca Bar Pizza North**, 12301 U.S. Highway 41 North. It is located just South of the Boonville-New Harmony Road and across the street from the Vanderburgh County 4-H Fair Grounds.

Meeting time is 6pm for Social fellowship; order food at 6:30pm, 7pm for dining. We will order off of the menu so you may eat whatever you want.

Our August meeting was our first time at the Roca Bar North and everyone was very pleased with the food and the meeting room.

Commander's Corner



Those of you who missed the August meeting missed a very good time. Kim and Kyle Fisher presented a very interesting

and entertaining program about their trip from Pittsburgh to Louisville on the Ohio River. The Pizza was very good and drinks cold. Everyone who attended thought the Roca Bar did a good job taking care of us, and the private room is a great place to hold a meeting.

Richard and Karen Rombauer have been working hard to get our name out to the public and they need our help. Mount Vernon River days will be held 9th, 10th and 11th of September. We will have a booth and will be passing out brochures

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and advertising our ABC classes. We need members to man the booth. More information on page 3.

Summer seems to be passing rather fast, Linda and I have been on the water in our boat numerous times, but never enough. We hate to see it end.

Cdr. Sam Richey, SN

Education Update

ABC CLASS:

Based on our expectation of interest from the Mt. Vernon River Days event, we're tentatively scheduling the next ABC class to begin

Sept 27. It will be conducted in the EMA building, starting at 6:30 pm. each Tuesday evening through Nov. 1.



SEAMANSHIP CLASS:

I know we've rescheduled this several times, well, it looks like we might finally get it together. This is still slightly tentative (and will be firmed up ASAP after Sept. 11), but for now we're planning to begin Seamanship also on **Sept 27**, also at EMA, also at 6:30 pm.

JN CLASS, PILOTING CLASS:

We have several people interested in these classes, and are planning to schedule them both to start in 2012, probably January. Stay tuned for details.

SEMINARS:

USPS has released three new seminars:

1. [Emergencies on Board](#)

This seminar is designed to prepare the prudent skipper for those unfortunate situations involving accidents and emergencies on board. It will provide the skip-

per with the information to prepare adequately for common emergencies and how to actually deal with them when they occur. Topics such as preventing accidents, running aground, fire, getting lost, towing, medical conditions, as well as other often-encountered emergencies are covered. The seminar comes with the Emergencies on Board Quick Guide—a handy reference to use in responding to emergency situations.

2. [Fuel and Boating](#)

This seminar assists the student in understanding the issues and problems involving the handling of gasoline and diesel fuel and how these issues relate to boating. Sections deal with computing and evaluating fuel consumption, system care and safety, and environmental issues associated with fueling a boat.

3. [Tides and Currents](#)

The seminar deals with how the sun and moon create tidal patterns, sources of information about tides and tidal currents, simple ways to predict height of tide and speed of current flow and how to use both print and electronic tide tables.

The seminars we've held at Gander Mountain have been a very successful and popular way to reach boaters in our community and we definitely plan to continue them. We'll look at the new seminar materials, and possibly add them to our future schedules. Again, please let me know if there's any particular seminar you're interested in and we'll be sure to schedule it. The full list of all seminars and their descriptions can be found at: www.usps.org on the Education Dept. tab.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

We really could use more certified instructors. USPS requires that anyone teaching our classes to the public (as opposed to a class of only USPS members) MUST be certified as a trainer. To become certified you have to take the, duh..... Instructor Certification Course. Since we're scheduling ABC classes and seminars much more frequently than ever, it would be nice to have a larger group of instructors. This is a great chance to help others become skilled boaters like you!!!

SEO Karen Rombauer, AP

THE MOTOR BOAT BOYS ON THE OHIO - 601 MILES OF FUN

Kim and Kyle Fisher with the Louisville Power Squadron were our featured speakers at the August meeting. They provided us with a very entertaining power point presentation of their adventure.



They are brothers who both love boating and whose interest began at an early age when they would read from a series of books entitled "The Motor Boat Boys" written in the early 1900's.

Their boating adventure (without wives) began in July 2005 as they set out to navigate the mighty Ohio River from Pittsburgh back to their home port of Louisville. Their journey lasted 6 days and encompassed 601 miles, 13 locks, and 152 gallons of gas.



Their boat of choice was a 1977 22 foot Starcraft aluminum hull boat with a 130 hp Yamaha outboard. Their goal was to boat about 5 hours per day and travel about 100 miles.

Of utmost importance to them was to find the best fish sandwich on the Ohio, which they did. Their trip was planned with overnight stays at hotels/motels close to the river.

As they navigated the Ohio they soon came to realize its significant historical value.

An article about their trip was printed in the June, 2010 edition of Heartland Boating.

They are planning another trip on the Tennessee River and really excited about their next big adventure.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their presentation.

Thanks to both of them and their wives for making the drive from Louisville.

MT. VERNON RIVER DAYS ARE A COMIN'

Evansville Bend will be participating in the upcoming Mt. Vernon, IN River days, September 9, 10, and 11th.

We will have a display and need members to help at our booth/display to promote our squadron.

Hours of the event are Friday from 11am to 10pm, Saturday from 10am to 10pm, and Sunday from 9am to 3pm. We will need members to cover all of these hours.

Please contact P/C Richard Rombauer if you would like to participate at our booth.

BYLAWS UPDATE AND VOTE

Several changes in USPS have necessitated us updating our bylaws. We have a copy available to read on our website and also will have printed copies at our September meeting and will take a vote for their approval.

The primary change is to our name to **Evansville Bend Sail and Power Squadron**. Also, membership categories have changed and needed to be revised in our bylaws.

WELCOME ABOARD - STEVE SMITH

Cdr. Sam Richey swore in our newest member, Steve Smith. Be sure to congratulate him at the next meeting.



Cdr. Sam Richey swearing in our newest member, Steve Smith



Calendar of Events

Sept 16,17&18th - Fri - Sun.
Lake Cumberland Raft Off

Sept 21st—Wednesday,
Membership Meeting

Oct 22nd— Saturday; Chili Cook
Out— at the Henry and Gay
Graper's River House at French
Island. Bring your own chili for
the pot.

Nov.16th— Wednesday;
Education Night