



# Pilot

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## Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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### New Member, Jay Ubelhor, February Speaker— Sailing the Virgin Islands

Sounds like a great idea!! Virgin Islands in late December. Cold here...warm there!! One of our newest members, Jay Ubelhor, took the trip and a sailing class



over the Christmas holidays. Jay wanted to learn more about sailing and took this opportunity to go to the Virgin Islands. Jay has agreed to be our February speaker and will tell about his recent sailing class in the Virgin Islands.

Come and hear about Jay's experiences.

Our meeting will be Wednesday, 18 February at the Black Buggy Restaurant at Lynch and Green River Rd.

We will meet in one of the private rooms in the rear of the restaurant which are located at the back of the restaurant just past the buffet.

**Do NOT pay as you enter the restaurant** - Janice will collect the money, as usual. Non-alcohol social time beginning at 6:00 PM. **Dinner at 6:30 PM.**

Meeting and program will begin at 7:00 PM. *(Please note the change in times - due to the fact that Black Buggy closes a little earlier than most restaurants.)*

Dinner is your choice of Full Buffet for \$12.00 per person or Soup & Salad Bar for \$8.00 per person.. No need to decide your

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choice prior to the meeting night - but if you choose Soup & Salad Bar -- NO CHEATING!!

Soup Selections: Ham & Bean, Chili, Vegetable, Potato. Dinner Selections: Fried and Baked Chicken, BBQ Pork, Meatloaf, Smoked Sausage & Kraut, Liver Onions, Breaded Pork Chops, Tender Sirloin Tips, Peel & Eat Shrimp.

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## Education Update



I hope everyone got thru the "Ice storm of 09" ! I am sure there are a lot of stories out there to be told. I was talking to some of

our friends in the KY/Barkley Lake area, and they indicated it will be some time before the area gets back to normal.

## Commander's Corner



Squadron Members –

What a great turnout at our January meeting! It must have been the awesome presenters for our meeting. Or maybe it was the subject of

our presentation, the restaurant, etc. Whatever the reason, it was great to see so many EB members!

We hope to see you all again at the February dinner meeting. Our very own Evansville Bend member Jay Ubelhor is planning to tell us all about his sailing school adventure in the Virgin Islands over Christmas break.

I also appreciate all of the responses to our survey last month. The officers for our outgoing and incoming bridge look forward to evaluating the survey results so that we can make our squadron better.

*Yours in Safe Boating,  
Cdr. Keith Gehlhausen - S*

We will be starting our annual "ABC" safe boating course, beginning March 10th.. We will be needing proctors to be at each Tuesday night class, so it will be greatly appreciated if you can volunteer a couple of hours each night of the class.

As I said in the last article, we would be giving a brief overview of the available classes that the Power Squadron offers. This month we'll look at the Piloting course.

This is the first course in the series of navigation courses that are offered. It covers the basics of coastal and inland navigation, with emphasis on GPS navigation, and how to navigate if the GPS fails. There is a lot of hands on practice on reading/interpreting charts, plotting courses, determining time distance and speed, converting true and magnetic compass readings, use of the GPS setting up waypoints and routes.

We have several well qualified instructors who do an excellent job teaching this class. Let me know if this is class you may be interested in taking.

*Steve Wilson, SEO*

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**BOAT SHOW AT STADIUM  
CANCELLED —EVANSVILLE  
BEND TAKES ACTION TO  
RECRUIT PERSONS FOR BOAT  
COURSE**

As you may have already heard or read in the newspaper, the OBC is not having their annual February Boat and Sport show at Roberts Stadium.

The Bridge jumped into action and has decided on several new approaches to reach out to boater to recruit them to our March Boating Course.

We will be at Gander Mountain and Dick's Sporting goods on two consecutive Saturdays in February.

21 February at Gander Mountain and 28 February at Dick's. We signed up many members to come and work two-hour shifts at our January meeting.

If you want to volunteer, contact Richard Rombauer.  
(rkem.rombauer@sbcglobal.net) We

will have our display from 9am to 9:30pm each Saturday.

In addition, Karen Rombauer has written several PSA (Public Service Announcements) to send to local radio stations. Televisions will also be contacted. Ron Eberhart has created flyer (attached with their newsletter email) that you can print out and display at your work place or other businesses.

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**BOATERS NEED TO  
PRESERVE OUR WATER  
ENVIRONMENT**

Commander Keith Gehlhausen and his first mate, Dorothy, presented



our January program at the Tumbleweed restaurant.

About 30 people attended the meeting where we enjoyed an entrée of chicken breast or sirloin steak. After normal officer reports, we voted on the new slate of officers for next year.

Keith's program discussed the Ocean Conservancy program, "Good Mate". The idea is to "leave



no trace”  
when you are  
boating.  
Keith  
reminded us

that we need to protect our environment when boating by not polluting the waters. This is not only not throwing objects into the water, but being prudent when we fuel our boats at docks not allowing any spills, or washing down our decks with environmentally friendly cleaners.

We are to be educated and informed stewards of the environment and we all should do our part to keep the navigation waters clean.

For more information about Ocean Conservancy go to their website:  
[www.oceanconservancy.com](http://www.oceanconservancy.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 7, 2009 (Saturday)** —  
Change of Watch, location to be announced later.

### NEW OFFICERS SLATED APPROVED FOR 2009 — 2010

Suzy Picking, Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers to the membership at the January meeting. The only change was Ron Eberhart replaced Karen Rombauer as “Member at Large” since she will already be on the Bridge serving as Administrative Officer.

A vote was called for by Commander Keith Gehlhausen which was unani-

mously approved. Congratulations to our new officers who will be sworn in at our Change of Watch, Saturday, 7 March, 2009. We know you will conscientiously steer Evansville Bend during the next watch year.

### New Officers: 2009—2010

#### Commander: Richard Rombauer

Executive Officer: Sam Richey

Squadron Education Officer:  
Steve Wilson

Assistant Education Officer:  
Henry Graper

Administrative Officer:  
Karen Rombauer

Secretary/Treasurer:  
Janice Elwood

#### Auditing

Leroy Elwood	1 year
Anne Trapp	2 years
Jay Picking	3 years

#### At Large Committee

Dorothy Gehlhausen	1 year
Ron Eberhart	2 years
Sandy Mahrenholz	3 years

#### Rules Committee

John Trapp	1 year
Leroy Elwood	2 years
Linda Richey	3 years

#### Nominating Committee

Dick Mahrenholz	1 year
Suzy Picking	2 years
Sally Frazier	3 years