



Pilot

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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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We Will Be Buzzing Over to the Hornet's Next for Our 19 January Meeting

Our January meeting will be buzzing...as we head back to the Hornet's Nest, Wednesday, 19 January. Social time at 6pm...Dinner at 7pm.

It's a new year, and we will be enjoying the great, famous fried chicken and other entrées.

This meeting will be mostly a social meeting with a short business meeting.

It will be a great time to enjoy a fabulous meal and share your boating adventures from last year.

We will also be voting on our slate of officers for the upcoming "Watch" year.

Commander's Corner

I'm probably the last to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and probably last to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope your holidays were safe and enjoyable.

Our November membership meeting was I believe lots of fun and very enjoyable. All of our new members were sworn into the squadron.



This was also education night so Karen's power point presentation was very professional and informative in showing the members and guests present our educational activities for the year as well as what we are planning for next year. This is also the time that we recognize all of the instructors proctors and inspectors that have given so freely of their time and energy to help the general public and members in safe boating practices and insuring that their watercraft satisfies all the inspection requirements.

I saw this item in the Compass and thought it was appropriate even though I didn't want to admit at least one of these items is a reminder to me to keep that check list (either mental or written)

Commander:	Cdr. Richard Rombauer, AP (985-9956)	
Executive Officer:	P/Stf/C Sam Richey, SN	(812-721-2322)
Administrative Officer:	P/C Henry Graper, AP	(812-359-4927)
Secretary/Treasurer:	P/D/C Janice Elwood, JN	(812-401-8300)
Education Officer:	Lt/C Karen Rombauer, AP	(812-985-9956)

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handy.

Boating blunders—Avoid the 5 most common mistakes

You can avoid most mistakes on the water by taking a basic boating course, staying focused and following a pre-departure checklist. Here are five of the most common mistakes and how to avoid them.

Forgetting to install the drain plug before launching. Don't assume the drain plug is in the boat. Put this item on your checklist and double-check the installation.

Failure to put out enough anchor rode. The amount of line needed to anchor a vessel is five to seven times the water depth in calm weather, including the distance from the surface to where the anchor attaches at the bow. If anchoring in high wind or rough seas, you'll need at least 10 times the water depth in rode.

Not carrying up-to-date nautical charts. A smart skipper always carries a chart of the waters on which he or she is traveling. Not only do you need to know where you are and what's around you, but you also need to know what's under you. A chart will tell you how deep the water is and if there are any obstructions.

Getting lost at night. If you're inexperienced at nighttime navigation, allow yourself plenty of time to get back to port before sunset. Take a few runs at night to become familiar with the area and what it looks like after dark.

Overloading the boat. It's easy to unintentionally overload small vessels with people, coolers and gear, and an overloaded boat is prone to capsizing, even in relatively calm waters. Know your boat's maximum load capacity and abide by it.

Here's a plug---Anyone interested in helping in the area of education, vessel inspection, bridge officers, committee members of all kinds or just want to volunteer time to help in the squadron please contact any of your bridge officers. Remember our January Meeting held at the Hornet's Nest is the meeting we vote on our "New" Officers. See you there!

Cdr. Richard Rombauer, AP

Education Update



First, a little recap of 2010 (for those of you who were unable to attend the November meeting): We were really pleased to be

able to offer so much in the way of educational opportunities to both USPS members and the general public. As you can see from the chart, we conducted 3 seminars, 3 ABC classes, and 2 advanced classes. For a squadron our size, that's nothing short of phenomenal - and for this we owe a special thanks and our appreciation to the group who made it possible:

- Kenny Derr (Proctor)
- Janice Elwood (Proctor)
- Henry Graper (Instructor and proctor)
- Jay Picking (Instructor)
- Suzy Picking (Instructor)
- Linda Richey (Proctor)
- Sam Richey (Instructor)
- Richard Rombauer (Proctor)



Moving forward to 2011: We're planning to continue in this direction with a full schedule of classes (see the chart).

SEMINARS: If you haven't participated in one yet, get yourself over to Gander Mountain on Jan. 20 or Feb. 24 and join in. IT'S FREE!! And, just because we offer these to the general public doesn't mean you're not invited, because YOU ARE!!! Bring a friend and show them what great people are in the Power Squadron!! What do you have better to do on a cold winter evening?? PLUS, (and this is a biggie!!) you can come early or stay late and do some shopping!!!

In March, we're going to teach an elective class that we haven't held for several years: **Engine Maintenance.** *This course stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. The EM course covers repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. It also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls. The last chapter discusses solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility.* Now, ladies, please don't groan and roll your eyes. This is good stuff that will be useful to all of us -- and I'm planning to attend this class, so please don't let me be the only female!! **If you're interested in taking this class, please let me know by Feb. 1** – I'll be ordering the books that day.

As always, if you're interested in taking any of the other advanced courses (Piloting??? Junior Navigation????) or any of the other elective courses – PLEASE LET ME KNOW. This is YOUR squadron, and we want to offer the education the YOU want. To find out more about any of the USPS courses, please go to: www.usps.org/national/eddept/. If you're interested in participating in one of these classes, or scheduling a different one, contact me at 812-985-9956 or email me at rkem.rombauer@sbcglobal.net
SEO Karen Rombauer, AP

2010 EDUCATIONAL EVENTS SUMMARY

Jan. 7: Advanced Piloting class— (5 students)
Feb. 16: ABC class - (7 students)
April 10: ABC class (@USI -cancelled)
May 5: Instructor re-certification seminar - (5 participants)
May 12: Seminar, Boat Handling under Power - (12 participants)
July 17: ABC class — (8 students)
Aug 4: Seminar, Boating on Lakes, Rivers, Locks - (20 participants)
Aug 10: ABC class — (8 students)
Oct 5: Seamanship class - (3 students)

VSC – Vessel Safety Check – UPDATE

In 2010 our squadron passed 248 inspections. Special recognition goes to our Examiners:

- Clarence Blanton
- James Elwood
- Henry Graper
- Jay Picking
- Sam Richey
- Mike Shirk



If anyone would like to join this team, please contact Henry Graper to schedule training. henrygraper@att.net

2011 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**SEMINARS @ Gander Mountain
Lodge room, 6:30 PM):**

Jan. 20 – Rivers, Lakes, and Locks
Feb. 24 – Boat Handling under
Power
Aug. 2 – Onboard Weather
Forecasting

ABC (@ EMA, 6:30 PM):

Thursday evenings:

March 3 thru April 7

Tuesday evenings:

Aug. 9 thru Sept 13

SEAMANSHIP (@ EMA, 6:30 PM):

Tuesday evenings:

April 26 thru May 24

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE (@ EMA,
6:30 PM) Tuesday evenings:**

March 8 thru April 12



Cdr. Rombauer inducts 5 new members at the November meeting.



Members dining at Western Ribeye for the November meeting.



SEO Karen Rombauer recaps the educational events this past year.



Gay Graper, Jay and Suzy Picking and Janice Elwood - Holiday Party



Karen Rombauer, Carolyn and Harold Nix, Janice and Leroy Elwood



Richard Sandy Mahrenholz, Karen Rombauer and Charolette Phillips

Calendar of Events

- **February 16** - Wednesday - Hacienda West—Order off menu; meeting in Margarita Garden Rm.
- **February 18—19** - D/24 Spring Conference in Dayton, OH
- **March 5** - Change of Watch - Oak Meadow Country Club

Happy New Year!

**Evansville Bend
New Officers: 2011—2012**

Cdr: Sam Richey

Executive Officer:
Richard Rombauer

Squadron Education Officer:
Karen Rombauer

Administrative Officer:
Derk Boss

Secretary/Treasurer:
Janice Elwood

Auditing

Jay Picking	1 years
Donn Wood	2 years
Henry Graper	3 years

At Large Committee

Mike Shirk	1 year
Jo Gries	2 years
Ron Eberhart	3 years

Rules Committee

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

Nominating Committee

Sally Frazier	1 years
Jay Picking	2 years
Karen Rombauer	3 years



*Cdr. Rombauer with Jay Picking at
Holiday Party. What's with that tie?*