



24th Bridge

United States
Power Squadrons



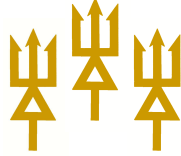
District 24



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Thanks to all of you who attended the D/24 COW in Evansville this past March. I hope you enjoyed our "Three Ring Circus". I especially want to thank the Evansville Bend Squadron for all their hard work in making the weekend happen. We had a tremendous amount of support from everyone.



Congratulations to P/D/C Bill and his Bridge for a very successful 2006 Watch Year. We all appreciate his hard work and dedication.

To bring you up to date – at the Annual Meeting in Jacksonville this year, the decision was made to allow members to ask others to join without requiring the exam. However, it is still up to each individual Squadron to decide if they want to do this.

By now your Squadron Treasurers and Commanders have received information on the National dues restructuring. Again, it is the decision of each individual district and Squadron to decide if and when to follow suit.

I especially want to encourage everyone to use electronic mail as much as possible. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS UP TO DATE!** Our main push is to be able to send out these D/24 Bridge letters electronically wherever possible. This will enable faster communication as well as a great savings in postage. If at all possible, please send your committee reports, Commander's reports, etc. electronically. The District Bridge this year is going to file all reports electronically. At the end of the Watch Year, each officer will make a CD of these reports to pass on to the next individual. This will greatly reduce the amount of paperwork that has to be kept in the archives as well as save a few trees!

My goal this year is to continue to stress the importance of our three sided logo – Education, Civic Service, and Social. My focus this year will be to further our extension into all three areas through:

Membership Recruitment – think out-side-the-box. Put up posters and displays in places like Walmart, Lowes, boat dealers, repair shops, grocery stores, etc.

- Offer an all women's class.

- Work with local law enforcement officers to educate them on water safety.
- Make presentations to civic organizations.

Membership retention – MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME AND NEEDED

- Involve new members in committees and other activities in the Squadron.
- Assign a current member to act as a mentor for a new member.

Civic Service

- Increase the number of your Vessel Safety Check examiners and encourage them to check more boats. Hand out membership information after you have performed a Vessel Safety Check.
- Push Safe Boating Week with demonstrations, flyers, VSC's.
- Push the USPS University courses with 2 hour seminars to pique their interest.

Social or Fraternal – most of all, the Power Squadron members should have FUN.

- Have a dinner meeting with a guest speaker or some other activity every month
- Meet with other squadrons if possible.
- Have a summer picnic, a rendezvous and/or a holiday party.

Education

- Promote your Public Boating Course as often as possible.
- Encourage every member to take at least one class per year.
- Offer to teach seminars to Fire Departments and Water Rescue Squads

Most of all, get enthusiastic – it will rub off on others.

Make plans now to attend the D/24 Summer Rendezvous on 27-29 July, 2007. Joe Venhoff and his committees are working hard to make this another successful rendezvous. The Red Neck Regatta especially sounds like loads of fun. This is one of the best opportunities we have during the year for fun and fellowship. Encourage all your members to attend. ***SO LET'S GET OUT THERE AND GET 'ER DONE!***



The Redneck Regatta

SMUGGLER'S COVE

CRAIGS CREEK – WARSAW, KY

The **Louisville Power Squadron** invites you to the most anticipated activity of our upcoming rendezvous!! It's the competition that many squadrons relish each year.

This is a **“One Design” bathtub race**. Identical tubs by American Standard will be provided. Your craft will have all thru hulls sealed. On a prototype test run with a 190 lb. skipper this craft moves quite well with about 4 inches of freeboard.

Each captain must have a PFD and a canoe paddle. Being familiar with a J-stroke would be helpful. Kayak paddles will not be allowed. Squadrons have the option to accessorize their craft. A one-inch metal lip at the top of each tub can be used to clamp on a mast with your squadron burgee, your good luck rubber ducky, or any other critter can be magnetically attached or trailed on a painter.

A new option this year is that inflatable 1st mates may participate as long as they have proper attire or PFD.

Boat decorations are to be judged on most Redneck and Most Original classes. ***We expect all squadrons to participate.***

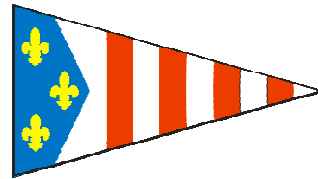
There will be a men's and women's racing division. Winners will be based on heat times.

SPECIAL NOTICE — CALL TO THE MEETING

In accordance with District 24 By-Laws Article 5; Section 5.4;5.4.2 and Section 5.5 this shall serve as the official notice that the **District 24 Summer Council Meeting** will be held at SMUGGLER'S COVE, CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW, KY; Sunday, 29 JULY 2007 at 1000.

D/Lt/C Donald R. Cloyd P, Secretary

**D-24 SUMMER COUNCIL
RENDEZVOUS INFORMATION
JULY 27 – 29, 2007**



Smuggler's Cove transient fee is \$1.25 a foot per day. D-24 will be together on uncovered dock 600. Smuggler's Cove will monitor channel 16.

FOR INFORMATION CALL JOE VENHOFF 502-245-5142 OR
JIBANDMAIN@aol.com

There is a large demand for lodging for the July 27th and 28th weekend with activities at the Speedway and at Belterra.

Fairway Inn: 800-864-4161 - \$79 Friday night, \$89 Saturday night for 2 queen beds. Adjacent to Belterra and is your best option.

Belterra: 888-235-8377 – Friday \$149 classic room or \$169 deluxe room / Saturday only classic rooms available for \$189.

Best Western / Ogle House: 812-427-2020 is close by in Vevay IN - \$94 a night for queen bed / \$94 a night for king bed facing the river / \$84 a night for king bed facing the street.

Ramada Inn: 859-567-7223 Speedway exit 57 at I-71 - \$139 for a night 2 queen beds.

Other options in Carrolton 13 miles away are:

Comfort Inn: 502-732-6661 - \$99.99 a night for any room.

Best Western: 502-732-8444 - \$65 a night for 2 dble beds or 1 king bed.

Days Inn: 502-732-9301 - \$59.99 a night for 2 full beds / \$64.99 a night for 1 king bed.

Hampton Inn: 502-732-0700 - \$89 a night for 2 queen beds or 1 king bed.

D-24 RENDEZVOUS ACTIVITIES

Friday, 27 July, 2007

- 1800-1900 Happy Hour and Intra Squadron Activities
- 1900-2000 Appetizers by Louisville -
Shrimp Boil, Corn on the Cob, New Potatoes
- Cooked by Louisville P. S.
- Desserts by Last Name A to G**

Saturday 28 July, 2007

- 0800 Coffee will be served on the "porch"
- 1000-1100 USPS Membership Seminar
- 1130-1200 Lunch - Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats,
Beans, Chips and Drinks
- Catered by Smuggler's Cove
- 1200-1400 Watch High Speed Poker Run Boats
- 1400-1700 Decorate and Race Bathtubs. Judged most redneck and
most original Mens and Womens Races
- 1730-1830 Happy Hour - **Appetizers by Last Name H to O**
- 1830-1930 Dinner - Smoked Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Green Salad
- Catered by Tina's of Carrollton
- Desserts by Last Name P to Z**
- 1930 - 2100 Awards and Musical Entertainment
- 2100-2200 Dock Walk - Squadron Mixer

Sunday 29 July, 2007

- D-24 Summer Council
- 1000-1200 Dress Whites
- 1200-1300 Clean Up All Squadrons

- Notes: - All times are Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
- We will not be able to handle special dietary needs. We can, however,
keep your food cool.
- Beverages Available: Canned Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks (Diet and
Regular) Bottled Water - Drink Tickets - 3 for \$1.00

Please note info on desserts and appetizers

Please note Louisville Squadron will provide bathtubs for Redneck Regatta.
Life jackets and canoe paddle must be provided by contestants.

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATIONS
D/24 RENDEZVOUS
SMUGGLER'S COVE, CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW, KY
27 — 29 JULY 2007

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Address: _____ City _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Number of Adults (13 and Older) _____

Number of Children _____

Registration Fee (Adults only) Adults: _____ X \$2.00 = \$ _____
Levied by Smuggler's Cove

Friday Shrimp Broil Adults: _____ X \$7.00 = \$ _____
Children: _____ X \$4.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Lunch: Adults: _____ X \$7.00 = \$ _____
Children: _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Chicken Dinner Adults: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____
Children: _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Total Number of Meals: _____ Total \$ _____

— PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: D/24 RENDEZVOUS —

Please send your reservation in NO LATER THAN 14 July 2007.

\$5.00 Late fee will be assessed.

Mail check to: D/Lt Pat Venhoff
14901 Bircham Rd.
Louisville, KY. 40245

Docking Information: \$1.25/foot/day, uncovered slip.
Send name of vessel, boat length, power/water requirements
to Joe Venhoff (e-mail or snail mail) - jibandmain@aol.com

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Contact Smuggler's Cove on Channel 16 or 888-326-7386

Camping Information: Camping is not available at Smuggler's Cove