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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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No Regular Meeting — Raft-Up Saturday, 19 July — Mammoth Furnace Bay

All members are invited to our annual Raft-Up on Saturday, 19 July at Mammoth-Furnace Bay on Lake Barkley at mile marker 39. (see map on page 4)

Craig and Nancy Hill's boat will be our "anchor" boat for this special rendezvous.



This is a "bring everything you need to eat and drink" raft-up. Starting time is 10:00am. Come early, stay late. All members are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship of Evansville Bend members.

Mammoth Furnace Bay on Lake Barkley is south of Eddy Creek on

the Land Between the Lakes side of Barkley. For directions on entering the bay, hail Craig Hills on his boat, Emily Kay II. Craig will give you the best way to approach and enter the bay. We will also have a "boat shuttle" available for those who drive down and are "boatless"!!



Commander's Corner



Squadron Members – I hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer...and spending lots of time on your boat! Speaking of boats, we hope you will join

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us for a fun time at Barkley Lake for our annual raft-up on Saturday, 19 July . On Tuesday evening, 12 August , we will be heading back to Pigeon Creek for our second annual canoeing trip. We have been “promised” there will be plenty of water in the creek this year. In addition, we are planning a picnic at Newburgh Lock & Dam shelter house on Wednesday, August 20. Rick Moore has done a great job by lining up a presentation by the Lockmaster. *Depending on the security level that evening, Rick has also arranged a tour of the dam!* All of these activities sound very exciting and I am looking forward to attending. I hope you plan to be there, too.

As always, please remember we have changed our membership requirement to accept experienced boaters without requiring them to take the Safe Boating class (Boat Smart, ABC, etc.). The new member must be recommended by a current member of Evansville Bend as an experienced, safe boater. We will strongly encourage these new members to take the Seamanship course within their first year of membership. If you know some fellow boaters that may have not previously been interested in joining due to the Safe Boating class requirement, please reach out to them.

I hope to see each of you at our events this summer!

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



Education Update



Things are starting to get busy for the Education Department this summer. I will be teaching an abbreviated ABC Boat Smart class to a group of scouts whose parents are boat owners (potential members). We will be doing a seamanship class for the sea scouts beginning in late July, (more potential members!)

The Raft-Up will be taking place on July 19th, at 1000 hrs in Mammoth Furnace Bay. We have had several more additions recently bringing the total of members coming to 15 It's still not too late to plan to join in the fun. Just give me a call to advise if you are able to participate!

Our son, and Evansville Bend member, Cameron, has been working part time for 2 years now at Prizer Point Marina, where we keep our boat. He mainly works the fuel dock and has commented to me on several occasions on how careless some boaters are when it comes to refueling procedures. He has to tell boat owners *at the gas dock* to put out lit cigarettes, shut off running generators, and incredibly has had to shut off a running boat motor, when the owner left the boat unattended "just to run in to the store for just a minute." You would think that these are common sense items but some folks don't seem to get the message. Bottom line is these folks are out there with all of us and we need to be aware of our surroundings. If you see something that is potentially unsafe while you are refueling at the dock, speak up, and don't become a statistic.

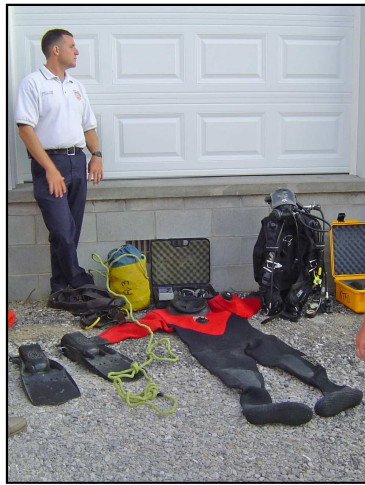
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KNIGHT TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS “HOT PROGRAM” IN JUNE.

Scott Forman and Josh Patterson were our speakers at the June meeting at Hornville Tavern.



Scott reminded us to always check your extinguisher at the beginning of the boating season to make sure



the pressure is still good.

They brought one of their emergency vehicles and presented a two-part program. We began the program outside in the parking lot with a display of diving gear worn by their department. Scott explained

how the gear works and told about some of their rescue diving experiences.

After we ate, Scott presented a power point presentation and discussed the various classes of fire extinguishers from A to D.

Many thanks to them for this very informative program

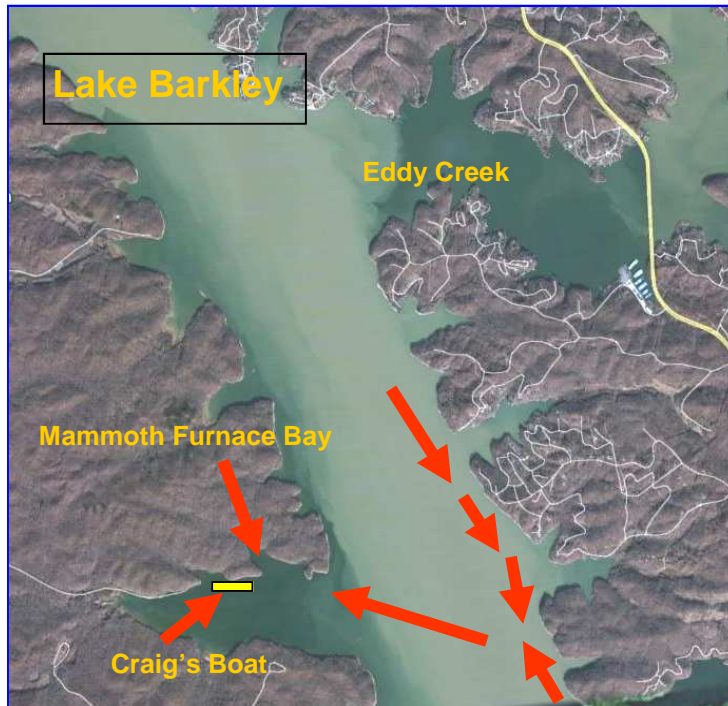
AUGUST CANOE TRIP IS SCHEDULED

Back by popular demand, our second annual canoe trip on Pigeon Creek.

This year our canoe trip will be Tuesday, August 12th. We will leave from Pigeon Creek at Heidelberg Ave. at 3:30 p.m. and arrive at the mouth (at Ohio St.) about 6:30 or 7:00pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations are required. This is a different route from last year and a little longer. This area of the creek has more water depth and we shouldn't have to “pick up and carry” our canoes as we did last year.

NMMA press release: EPA Releases Permit Proposal, Threatening Freedom of Nation's Recreational Boaters

WASHINGTON, DC, June 17, 2008 – Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Clean Water Act proposal in the Federal Register that will impose new requirements on recreational boaters to learn about and follow specific practices mandated by the federal government to operate their boats and manage their everyday, overboard water discharges. Mandated by a court order in 2006 that focused exclusively on commercial vessel ballast water, the proposal includes two draft permits that are an unprecedented, new regulation on American recreational boaters, **demonstrating the urgent need to pass the Clean**



applicable to commercial vessels. There are two proposed general EPA permits: One for boats under 79 feet, and another for recreational boats 80 feet and above. This second permit, which also encompasses commercial ships, is even more complicated and makes an arbitrary and unreasonable distinction among recreational boats based on footage in order to classify them as commercial boats.

“Now more than ever, it is critical that we unite—as an

Boating Act of 2008 (S. 2766 and H. R. 5949) as these new regulations will take effect on October 1, 2008.

EPA’s Clean Water Act proposal unnecessarily creates a cumbersome, complex and confusing permitting scheme for recreational boaters, throwing them into a regulatory regime designed for land-based industrial facilities like sewer treatment plants. As a result, America’s 18 million recreational boat owners will be required to observe a multitude of new rules and practices, yet they won’t be provided clear information as to how to comply with these new federal requirements by EPA, exposing them to a high degree of regulatory uncertainty, compliance issues and legal jeopardy involving citizen lawsuits and \$32,500 per violation per day penalties.

The EPA proposal also allows individual states to implement their own boating permits, creating the potential for mass confusion with a patchwork of differing state-by-state laws for boaters.

Equally problematic is that recreational boats above a certain length will be categorized as commercial ships and will be required to follow a different and more complex set of permit rules

industry and as boating enthusiasts—and compel Congress to pass the Clean Boating Act of 2008,” said Thom Dammrich, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). “Boaters everywhere must reach out to their state and local representatives and ask that they support this key piece of legislation.”

NMMA and BoatU.S., along with a broad coalition of partners, are leading the charge to prevent this unnecessary new regulation on America’s boaters.

The boating industry and recreational boaters who want to take action to prevent this new regulatory proposal from becoming law should visit BoatBlue.org and take just a few minutes to send a message to their Representatives and Senators, urging them to support recreational boating and pass the Clean Boating Act of 2008.

For more information about the Clean Boating Act of 2008, visit BoatBlue.org or contact Mathew Dunn at (202) 737-9760; mdunn@nmma.org.