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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Sea Scout, Julie Bollinger — May 2008 Speaker at Tumbleweed

Our Wednesday, May 21st meeting moves to a new restaurant, Tumbleweed on Evansville's Westside.



The speaker will be Julie Bollinger from Sea Scout Ship 312. Julie is an Able Sea Scout working

toward her Quartermaster Rank. She has sailed on several long cruises in Texas, taught small boat sailing in Kentucky, and attended a sailing school in North Carolina. She currently serves as Area 2 Sea Scout Boatswain. Julie

will share some of her experiences and discuss how the USPS and Sea Scouts can work together.

We will enjoy a Mexican "bill-O-fare". A buffet with platters of ribs, buffalo chicken wings, fajitas, and quesadillas, In addition our "sides" will be grilled vegetables, refried beans, and mashed potatoes. Social time starts at 6pm with dinner at 7pm. Cost is just \$10 per person.

Tumbleweed is located off outer Lloyd Expressway (Highway 62) on 4600 University Drive across the highway from Schnuck's. The Calling Committee will be calling you.

(Note: Reservations are a MUST. Remember, if you make reservations and do not attend, you will be billed for the meal because our squadron will be charged for your meal by the res-

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Commander's Corner

Greetings Squadron Members –



Safe Boating Week is coming up May 17 – 23. Special thanks to Sally Frazier, Richard Rombauer, and Ron Eberhart, who have been working together to

develop and distribute the posters to advertise Safe Boating Week and Evansville Bend. Some of the locations the posters have been placed are the Post Office, Schnucks, Lynn's Marine, Eastside Marine, Lloyds Marine and Inland Marina.

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.

Last month saw Evansville Bend head to Edgewater Grille for its monthly dinner program. What a beautiful view of the Ohio River! The May meeting will be held at Tumbleweed Southwest Grill. I hope to see each of you at

the May meeting.

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

Education Update



First off we want to congratulate Karen Rombauer on her successful completion of the Piloting course, and also want to thank Jay and Susie

Picking for teaching the course.

We are firming up plans for the summer raft-up on Barkley Lake tentatively planned for Saturday, July 19, 2008 in Mammoth Furnace Bay, more details to come at our May meeting.

Boating season is rapidly approaching, so let's make sure WE are the examples to follow out there on the waterways!

Steve Wilson, SEO



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IS JUST AROUND THE BEND

May 17—23 is National Safe Boating Week.



This year the safe boating organization is hoping to educate the boating community about life

jacket wear and the options that are available when it comes to comfortable and lightweight jackets. They are also working closely with partner organizations to create a larger grassroots network and create a more consistent campaign message. They are hoping these collaborative efforts will increase awareness about the importance of wearing life jackets while on the water.

They use the same message year after year to help reinforce it so it will become a more accepted and a recognizable part of boating safety. People will then associate it with the North American Safe Boating Campaign.

The logo has been updated this year to look “less bulky”.

Evansville Bend has printed many informational posters and distributed them in the area.



CONGRATULATIONS KAREN!

Karen Rombauer has passed the **Piloting** course. Way to go...Karen. Now...it's on to Advanced Piloting??

MICHAEL LAMAR FROM IDNR TALKS SAFETY

Our speaker for our April 16th was Michael Lamar an Indiana Department of Natural Resources

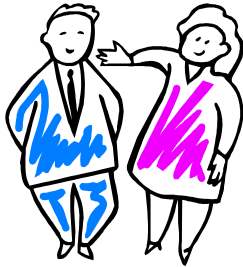
officer. Michael distributed the latest book of Indiana Boating Rules and Regulations and discussed many of the rules as we followed along in the book.

Michael also focused on the use of Personal Floatation devices. He brought several different types for demonstration purposes.

Michael went to Heritage Hills High school and Indiana State.



YOUR BOATING FRIEND COULD BE OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER



USPS has changed their membership requirements. In the past, a new member would have to pass the Boating Course

exam. In a move to attract boaters with many years of experience, we can now invite boaters who have been boating for many years to be a member without taking the exam.

Becoming a member of Evansville Bend is quite simple. Our Executive Committee (Bridge) will review the application and decide if they meet the requirements for membership.

What are the requirements?

- Since USPS is a volunteer organization, it is essential that our members be willing and able to contribute their time, energy, and skills to the objectives of the organization.
- One of the core beliefs of USPS membership is that an educated boater is a safe boater. It should then come as no surprise that there is an educational requirement. Typically, this has been satisfied by

completion of one of our public boating courses. However, recognizing that education can be obtained from various sources, a number of additional courses have been recognized as meeting this educational requirement. ***Most recently, the membership has elected to allow squadrons to waive the educational requirements.***

- Finally, you must be at least 18 years of age.

So, if you know an experienced boater, you might invite them to attend our next meeting. They just might be our next new member.

“BOATING IS FUN...WE’LL SHOW YOU HOW!”

This is the latest “catch phrase” USPS is encouraging squadrons to promote. The phrase has already been added to our website as well as the District 24 website. The idea is to help promote the fact that our squadrons not only promotes safe boating through education but we encourage fun boating activities within our squadron.

