

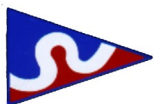


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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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Jeff Lagrew - Bluegrass Squadron - Speaker for May Meeting at Black Buggy

We are fortunate to have as our special speaker for the Wednesday, 19 May meeting, Jeff Legrew. Jeff is an experienced sailor: USCG Licensed Captain - 50 ton Masters American Sailing Association - Instructor Evaluator, Coastal Nav Inst'r., Celestial Nav. Inst'r., Advanced Coastal Cruising Inst'r and a host of other qualifications with ASA.

He has been sailing since 1968, instructing since 1974, is a Commodore for the Sea Scouts, and is constantly on the water somewhere.

Jeff is a vice-president of Atlantic Appraisal Co., Ass't Attorney General of Kentucky, and an attorney in private practice.

Jeff is the Commander of the Bluegrass USPS Squadron. He organized the Chesapeake Bay trip in July, 2009 and also the British Virgin Island sail trip in March,

2010. He will talk about future trip opportunities being planned by the Bluegrass Squadron. His wife, Louise, is also joining us at the May meeting.

We will meet at the Black Buggy Restaurant. in one of the private rooms in the rear of the restaurant located just past the buffets.

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 \$14.00 per person or Soup and Salad Bar for \$9.00 per

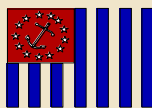
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person.. No need to decide your choice prior to the meeting night!!
Soup Selections: Chili, Vegetable, Potato, Ham and Bean. Dinner Selections: Fried and Baked Chicken, BBQ Pork, Meatloaf, Smoked Sausage and Kraut, Liver and Onions, Breaded Pork Chops, Tender Sirloin Tips, Peel and Eat Shrimp.

Commander's Corner



We had great fun at the April membership meeting at the Roca Bar in Newburgh. This was an extra special meeting because we had Cheri and Derk Boss who are transferring from the Las Ve-

gas Sail & Power Squadron in District 13 to our squadron---Paula Bower from the Louisville Squadron who happened to be in Evansville on business and decided to join our meeting---great decision---we loved having her--- and a very lovely couple guests of Suzy and Jay Picking--- Brent and Tresa Miller. I hope everyone enjoyed the British Virgin Island presentation that Karen gave as much as we enjoyed presenting it.

I took some time at the meeting to bring up a communication tool called Sail Angle. It is very similar to Face Book. All you need is to sign on to usps.org—click on Sail Angle—enter you membership # and zip code---and you're in. Load your profile and you are on your way to being tuned into National—District—Squadrons with all the activities that are available to you as a member. It expands

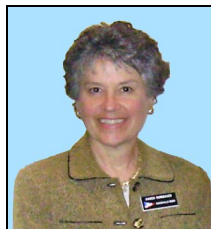
your possibilities and opportunities. Please consider and take the time to register and remember you are welcome at any squadron district or National function.

Please plan on attending our May Membership Meeting at the Black Buggy. Our guest speaker is the Commander Jeff Lagrew of the Blue Grass Squadron. His presentation will be extremely interesting and informative. Black Buggy—May 19th, m 6:00PM social.

May 22nd thru May 28th is Safe Boating Week. Please inspect you PFD's for wear and make sure they are in good shape. You never know when you might need it.

Cdr. Richard Rombauer, P

Education Update



New DVD Available

We recently received several copies of the new

Small Boat Skills DVD from USPS headquarters. The video was produced by the Educational Department in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety through a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. *Small Boat Skills* acts as a primer to help new and intermediate boaters get the most out of different on-the-water activities. The DVD includes sections on fishing, family fun, paddling and personal water-

craft riding, and each section is presented by an expert, such as bass angling icon Roland Martin. They say that this DVD is ideal for classroom use, and we may consider viewing it one of our monthly dinner meetings in the near future. Watch for further news on this.

Seminars

On **Wednesday, May 12** we will teach ***Boat Handling Under Power*** at the Gander Mountain Lodge, starting at 6:30 PM. This is a 2-hour seminar, and we invite all Evansville Bend members PLUS any friends you may want to bring along. It will be a no-fee event – open to the general public.

We received our copy of the seminar materials for ***Boating on Lakes, Rivers and Locks*** and plan to offer it on **Wednesday, August 4**, also at Gander Mountain. This will be open to the general public, but possibly at a fee. There will be no fee for USPS members.

Instructor Re-certification classes

On May 5 we are holding a re-certification class for instructors already certified to teach. In our squadron we have 12 members who have, at some time in the present or past, been certified – and 6 of them are planning to attend this class. Participation will re-qualify each instructor for another 4 years.

Even though certification is only required for instructors teaching ABC classes to the general public, it is “strongly suggested” that ALL instructors be certified – even if they only teach the advanced level classes to members. I assume this is due to the fact that we also now teach seminars to the public, and have been author-

ized by USPS headquarters to also now teach advanced classes to non-members.

As education is the foundation of USPS, it is essential that we have as many certified instructors as possible. If you have never taught one of our classes, but are interested in doing so, please let me know and I’ll schedule a class for new instructors.

Seamanship class

OK, I know I’ve been talking about this for a while now. Well, guess what?????? It’s really going to happen!!!! We have 16 Evansville members who are eligible to take this class – plus several recent ABC students who have expressed interest. We’d like to begin classes in May or June – it’s an 8-week course. This course covers basic deck seamanship, knots and ropes, anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette. At the May 5 Instructor Re-Certification class we will finalize the details, so watch for announcements soon.

SEO Karen Rombauer, P

SAILIN’ WITH THE ROMBAUERS

Commander Richard Rombauer and SEO Karen Rombauer provided a very informative presentation at our April meeting of their sailing trip around the



British Virgin Islands. They both sported their light blue t-shirt with a map of the Virgin Islands on the front. This was very helpful during the cruise as they could plot their course on each other's "t's". Their trip was from March 6—14 and included stops at 6 islands. They started at Tortoal and made stops at Virgin Gorda, Anegada, Guana Island, Jost Van Dyke and Norman Island.



The boat was a 50' beneteau with a crew of 9 people.

The captain was Jeff Lagrew with the Bluegrass squadron. Jeff organized the cruise and offered it to USPS members at a reduced rate. He has sailed this area over 50 times.



There's our boat....right there.... can you see it??

They had a great time even with the pre-flight time at the Atlanta airport as they arrived at 3:30am after driving from Mt. Vernon for their early morning flight.

BOATING SEASON IS A COMIN'

Our Boating Activities Committee headed by P/D/C Leroy O. Elwood, AP has been busy putting together activities for our

squadron this year.

- **June 3, 2010 (Thursday)** with a rain date of June 22 - Canoe trip on Hovey Lake (west of Mt. Vernon) followed by dinner at Hawg-n-Sauce Bar & Grill on Leonard Road east of Mt Vernon. Will need the number of members attending so we have enough canoes. \$15 per person @ 4PM.
- **4th of July (Sunday) Celebration at Graper's River Retreat**
- **July 9-10, 2010 – Lake Cumberland at Grider Hill Marina.** Friday night hospitality with BYO appetizers and snacks. Saturday raft up. Saturday night dinner at the Grider Hill Restaurant. This is a busy time so if you need a hotel room for the weekend call Grider Hill Marina & Resort at 1-866-387-5501 or 1-606-387-5501. Best Western Albany Garden Inn 7 miles away. 1-606-387-7238. www.griderhillmarina.com
- **August 13-15, 2010 – Lake Erie at Sandusky, OH.** Bring your boat or stay at a hotel. In the process of getting phone numbers of a area hotels.
- **September 11, 2010 – Golconda Marina.** Leave from Evansville, Mt Vernon boat or by car. Cook out on the dock Saturday night & bring side dish. Lodging for the Saturday night, Lock & Dam 51 Houses 618-683-6702, River Road Lodging 618-683-3409 or San Damiano Retreat 618-285-3507. Will need to know the number of boats participating so we can make slip reservations. www.golcondamarina.com



Welcome aboard to Derk and Cheri Boss — new transfer members from Las Vegas.