



Pilot

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Evansville Bend Power Squadron

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September 15th Meeting at Black Buggy Restaurant— Small Boat Skills

The Wednesday, September 15th meeting will return to the Black Buggy.

Our program will be a special DVD on “ Small Boat Skills”. It will cover boating skills for fishing, paddling, runabouts, and PWC’s.

Whether you are an experienced boater, or a novice, this is a great DVD to see and learn boating techniques.

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

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 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.



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Commander's Corner



Thank-you Suzy and Jay for a “Great Rendezvous” at the Sandusky Yacht Club on Lake Erie. We all had a great time and appreciate all the planning and hard work that went into making it enjoyable for all.

Our August membership meeting was held at Archie and Clyde’s in Newburgh. We had a good turnout for our Cold Water Boot Camp Program. I think the program opened some eyes and got people thinking about wearing or having handy their PFD’S.

We were very happy to have six guests. Two were from our Safe Boating Class, attending the meeting. I believe they enjoyed themselves and the program.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming activities in your squadron.

- Sept 11,12th - Golconda
- Sept 17,18,19 - Bluegrass Squadron on Lake Cumberland.
- Oct.24 - The Annual Frazier Chili Cookout
- Dec 4 - The Holiday Party.

Please refer to the Pilot for these upcoming activities. I hope everyone is having a safe enjoyable boating summer. The weather sure has cooperated.

Cdr. Richard Rombauer, AP

Education Update



Seminars:

The Aug. 4 seminar at Gander Mountain (*Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks*) was a HUGE success, with 20 participants. We've been having such good turnout at our 2-hour seminars, so the Bridge officers are planning to continue them. The next one will most likely be in the early spring. **If you have a particular subject that you'd like to learn more about, just let me know and we'll prioritize that one.** The courses available are:

- Advanced Power Boat Handling
- Anchoring
- Basic Coastal Navigation
- How to Use a Chart
- Hurricanes and Boats
- Knots, Bends and Hitches
- Marine RADAR
- Mariner's Compass
- Onboard Weather Forecasting
- Paddle Smart
- Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
- Trailing your Boat

- Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio
- Partner in Command
- Mastering the Rules of the Road

ABC class:

The current class began on Aug 10 and is going strong with eight very enthusiastic students. The exam will be given on Tues., Sept 7 - so if you have that evening available and would like to help grade tests (or just meet our students) please come and join in. The class is being held at the EMA Building (708 Stanley Ave.).

Seamanship

The Seamanship class is scheduled for Tuesdays Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm in the EMA Building, 708 Stanley Ave. The course is intended as a follow-on for those who have taken the ABC class. The textbook is \$40.00, and can be shared by family members. Course material covers: knots and ropes, anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, nautical customs and etiquette.

I've been trying to personally contact members who are eligible for this Seamanship class. If I have accidentally missed you, and you'd like to take the course - please contact me ASAP at 812-985-9956.

SEO Karen Rombauer, AP

IT WAS A REALLY COOL MEETING AT ARCHIE AND CLYDE'S.

Our Wednesday, August 18th meeting was "cool" for several reasons. First, the meeting room was a little on the cool side. Some people had jackets on. I didn't see anyone fall asleep during the playing of the DVD.



It was also "cool" because the DVD was entitled Coldwater Boot Camp USA.

We all "shivered" as we watched several people try to swim in 45 degree waters. We could see the effects first hand on their bodies. They also demonstrated people wearing PFD's in the cold water and we could see the difference in their attempts to stay afloat. It was somewhat painful to watch as these people suffered in this cold water trying to swim and survive.

We had several guests attending: Jack and Sara Lake and, Bob and Linda Geis. In addition, Karen's parents, Chuck and Mary Zimmerman, were visiting with us from Athens, Georgia.

The pizza and salad were very good and the fellowship was great.



P/D/C Leroy Elwood receives his 25 year pin from Cdr. Rombauer.

**P/D/C LEROY ELWOOD
RECEIVES 25 YEAR MEMBER-
SHIP PIN**

Cdr. Richard Rombauer presented P/D/C Leroy O. Elwood with his 25 year pin at our Wednesday, August 18 meeting.

Leroy has been a mainstay in our squadron for these past 25 years. He served as commander in 1990–1991. He later joined the bridge of District 24 and went through all of the offices to become commander of District 24 in 1996—1997.

He has served on many committees, chairing many, and participated in most of our squadron activities throughout these last 25 years.

Congratulations Leroy. Your dedication to our squadron and District 24 is greatly appreciated.

It was his lucky night as he and Janice also won the half-pot.



Calendar of Events

- **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
- **October 24, Sunday** - Annual Chili Cook-out at the Frazier's—2pm until ??
- **November 17, Wednesday** - Annual Education Night Recognition at Western Ribeye.
- **December 4 - Saturday,** Holiday Party at Oak Meadow Country Club.

