

# Commander's Report Cdr. Paul Durstock, N

First, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be the Commander of District 24. It is an honor I hold dearly. So far it's been a lot of fun going to the Change of Watches and speaking with the new (and sometimes re-used) Squadron Commanders.

Second I want to inform you of a few things going on at National.



Did you know the Power Squadron is coming up on its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014? Along with that they are designing a new 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ensign. In conjunction with that National wants local squadrons to start encouraging members to fly the ensign on their boats. I want to add my endorsement to that cause. It's kind of neat to see the Ensign on the water and if non-members start seeing more of them they may start to ask about them. That gives us the opportunity to talk about the Power Squadron.

Also National is beginning to look into "branding". They would like us to use the Ship's Wheel insignia on everything we send out such as newsletters, flyers and rosters. Please keep your burgee and other emblems but add the Ship's Wheel. They're hoping that if people see the same insignia enough they will begin to associate it with the Power Squadron.

As most of you know there has been a lot of focus from the District Bridge in the past few years on the fraternal side of the Power Squadron triangle and I intend on continuing that. In other words "Let's have some fun". I brought this up at all of the Change of Watches and every Squadron Commander echoed that sentiment.

How can we have more fun? One way is to expand our horizons from our own squadrons to the other squadrons in the district. Most squadrons have one or two on the water events a year but if you multiply that by the eight squadrons in the district you just multiplied your chances to have a good time. In District 24 we have on the water events ranging from pontoons and runabouts on small lakes to sailing in the Bahamas and Virgin Islands with trips to Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, Kentucky Lake, Cave Run Lake and the Ohio River in between.

I realize many of you don't know people in the other squadrons and it's awkward to show up at an event where you may not know anyone. Susan and I have had the opportunity to visit lots of squadrons and have been to several national events. There are three things that all Power Squadron members seem to have in common. They like boats, they like to be on the water and they like to have fun.

You can rest assured that every squadron is glad to see guests but don't take my word for it. Come to the Summer Rendezvous (July 20 - 22). Someone from your squadron will be there. You will also have a chance to meet members from around the district and that makes it easier to attend the other events. If you're still not sure you'll know anyone bring a friend or a group of friends (they don't even have to be members). Don't feel like you have to stay the whole weekend but if you come down for one day make it Saturday and plan to spend the whole day. The Summer Rendezvous is fun. Friday night is dinner and socializing. Saturday starts off with a raft-up then there is a seminar for those who want to attend then Saturday evening is dinner and socializing. Sunday is a short meeting then a boat trip to Rising Sun Indiana. (see all of information on page 5.) Whether you have a boat to bring or not please come. There will be plenty of room on boats for you. Also for the first time this year we will be doing Vessel Safety Checks at various times during the weekend.

Look for specifics about the Summer Rendezvous elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing I want to say that this year's bridge will not ignore the Education and Civic Service side of our triangle but those areas have always been a strong suit in District 24 and I expect that to continue.

If you have any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the District Bridge.

I hope to see you on the water.



United States Power Squadrons D-24 2012 Summer Rendezvous and Council 20 - 22 July 2012

# 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 MARINA, CRAIG'S CREEK, WARSAW, KY; Sunday, 22 JULY 2012 at 900.

D/Lt/C Maureen Samuels, JN - Secretary

# D/24 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS LODGING INFORMATION

### Smuggler's Cove Marina - 859-567-7601

Boat slip rental - \$1.25p/ft uncovered and 1.50p/ft for covered Trailers and Trailer/Motor home spaces are available for rent. Call Tina at Smuggler's Cove for rates (These are located behind the restaurant with view of the river)

#### Fairway Inn - Florence, IN (adjacent to Belterra) - 812-427-4100

Free Continental Breakfast Friday -\$79 /Saturday-\$89; mention US Power Squadron for rate Approximately 6.5 miles from Smuggler's Cove Need to reserve room by Friday, July 13th.

#### Ramada @ the KY Speedway - Sparta, KY - 859-567-7223

Free Continental Breakfast Friday - \$69 / Saturday - \$69 Mention US Power Squadron for rate if we use 10 to 15 rooms Approximately 8 miles from Smuggler's Cove Need to make room reservations by Friday, July 6th. Specify smoking or non-smoking rooms — 72 hour cancellation policy



# OHIO RIVER CRUISE Sunday, July 22, 2012 through



Monday, July 23, 2012

The fun starts on Sunday afternoon after the D24 Summer Rendezvous concludes. We will be heading up river to Rising Sun Indiana, leaving plenty of time for shopping, sightseeing or just relaxing on the river. We will spend Sunday night either on our boats at the Rising Sun Municipal Dock or ashore at the Courtyard Inn where we can enjoy some good food and entertainment. We will also have a chance to go to a Casino so brush up on your math skills (see it's educational). The fun concludes early on Monday afternoon so everyone can return to their home ports.

Our Rising Sun stop will be associated with The Courtyard Inn, so you can ride along even if you don't have a boat, or your boat does not have sleeping accommodations. Make Reservations by calling (812) 438-4035.

Cost will be \$40 which includes your share of fuel, dockage and snacks. Additional cost will be your shore accommodations, meals and some beverages to keep your captain happy!

**Sunday:** River trip, Swimming, Shopping, Sightseeing River front happy-hour Reception at Courtyard Inn; Dinner to follow (optional)

**Monday**: Swimming, Shopping, Sightseeing; Lunch at a local restaurant River trip home

Please contact any of the following organizers to register and get additional information:

- Tom Binzer (Louisville) 502-876-2012; tjbinzer@insightbb.com
- Paul Durstock (Cincinnati) 513-314-4732; pdurstock@insightbb.com
- Tony Hawking (Lexington) 614-657-5001; hawkingoh8510@hotmail.com

*Note 1*: \$40 to all USPS members and family (guests are \$500 each, so they may want to join your squadron)

*Note 2*: You do **not** have to attend the D-24 Rendezvous' to participate in the Ohio River Cruise.

**BOAT CAPTAINS** – You will be reimbursed for docking and fuel. Please contact Tony Hawking to get full details on your reimbursements.



### United States Power Squadrons D-24 2012 Summer Rendezvous and Council

Bluegrass Sail & Power Squadron Cincinnati Sail & Power Squadron Dayton Sail & Power Squadron Evansville Bend Sail & Power Squadron Hoosier Sail & Power Squadron Louisville Sail & Power Squadron Wabash Valley Power Squadron

# Schedule of Events <u>"Rolling On The River"</u> <u>Friday – 20 July 2012</u>

- 1800 Social Hour
- **1900** Dinner Hosted by Bluegrass, Cincinnati and Hoosier

**2030** – Twilight Cruise on Craig's Creek (*Must RSVP for this activity to determine number of boats required*)

## Saturday - 21 July 2012

1000 – Ohio River Cruise and Raft-Up Pick up box lunches under tent (drinks not included) and begin boarding boats for Ohio River Cruise and Raft-Up. (Must RSVP for this activity on registration form to determine number of boats required) Lunch hosted by Anderson and Dayton

**1400** - All boats have returned from Cruise and Raft-Up

1500 - Seminar (approx. 2 hours): Paddle Smart — \$25
1800 - Social Hour
1900 - Dinner - Hosted by Evansville Bend, Louisville and Wabash Valley
2030 – Activity TBD

## Sunday - 22 July 2012

 0900 - D24 Summer Council Uniform: USPS Casual (logoed polo shirts)
 1100 - Clean-up Afternoon—Ohio River Cruise to Rising Sun Indiana
 All meals will be catered by the Sunset Grill. Hosting consists of serving if necessary and clean-up.

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Will you be willing to volunteer your pontoon or runabout for the cruise? Yes or No							
SATURDAY BOX LUNCH - 21 July							
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REGISTRATION FEE: # Adults							
RENDEZVOUS TOTAL \$							
Pop, beer, wine, and water will be available for purchase.							
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Send your reservations in					Clarksville, IN 47129		
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