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Commander's Message



I hope everyone has enjoyed the unusually cooler summer that we have experienced. I know Penney and I have not missed those one-hundred plus degree days that can make it hard to stay cool on a smaller boat. The Power Squadron managed two trips so far this year with a trip to Clifton earlier in the summer followed by a trip to Florence and Joe Wheeler. Due to a scheduling discrepancy we had boats participating in the W.C. Handy festival throughout the whole week. . Our normal trip usually occurs during the last week of festivities and ends up at Joe Wheeler State Park. This year Wade and Laura Medlin joined Penney and I on the boat for a trip during the first weekend of festivities. We had a fantastic time with the concerts in and around Florence. Beginning on Friday night the music began with a concert in the main park

downtown among all of the restaurants. This was followed by a huge raft-up on Shoal Creek on Saturday with live music performed on a bankside stage. Also, If you haven't heard, the Florence Marina has a new restaurant that proved to be exceptional and that easily worth a weekend trip just for the food and entertainment. We have a few things in the planning stage for the upcoming season. Sadly we received no volunteers from the email that I sent out so we had to cancel some of the proposed projects. For those of you that volunteered for the WOW Women on the Water seminar it is still in the works, however, the plan is to develop the seminar this year and have it ready for implementation next Spring.

The Bridge just finished up our first meeting for the fall and have a few more activities planned that we will elaborate on later. Another important event is the District 17 Fall Conference in Chattanooga that I encourage anyone that is able to attend. It will give you a chance to learn more about the Power Squadron and meet other boaters while exploring a beautiful city.

The Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron Presents The United States Power Squadrons Boat Operator Certification Training Program!

The Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron will host a Boat Operator Certification training event for District 17 Squadrons on Lake Lanier, just North of Atlanta, from Friday October 4th to Sunday October 6th 2013.



What is Boat Operator Certification training?

Put all of your theoretical learning into practice with this hands-on, on-the-water boating safety and handling training opportunity. It includes hands-on, on-the-water, in the captain's chair instruction in boat handling, piloting, plotting, anchoring and more. The BOC program has four levels of certification of which we will offer instruction on the first two in Atlanta: Inland Navigator and Coastal Navigator. While there are no absolute pre-requisites to the On-the Water training portion of instruction, it will be required that BOC-IN and CN candidates complete both Advanced, Elective and Seminar content before being awarded their BOC certificates. Please see the USPS National Site for more information on the BOC program at <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc> Advanced and Elective courses should be taken with the home squadron where possible. Seminars that are required for the BOC IN and CN programs will be offered ONLINE (via the Internet) on the weekends leading up to the On-the-Water event held over the weekend of October 4-6, 2013.

The cost of the event is \$60 for IN, \$60 for CN and \$68 for the Powerboat Handling Book, plus a share of administrative expenses and your food and lodging expenses.

Interested D-17 USPS Members should contact the ASPS Squadron Education Officer via email at SEO@usps-atlanta.org by no later than August 31st, 2013. After this date, exceptions may be made on a case by case basis, but it is important to have a solid number as early as possible.

Persons already certified but seeking to volunteer their help or their vessel for use in the program should also contact the SEO but as soon as possible at the email address above.

New NWS Data Display

The National Weather Service has developed a new web data display. This new display is easier to use and makes available an enormous amount of data for users. This display can serve as an excellent training tool for instructors of our Weather course or a source of marine weather for the cruiser. The site is experimental and the NWS is soliciting comments. It is intended to go active in the fall. To access, use this link: <http://preview.weather.gov/edd/>.

Buchanan Boating Course

Lanny Oakes reported that his boating course at Buchanan was attended by thirty students. Great job Lanny! He also indicated that he would do an instructor course for the squadron, if enough people were interested.

Boats from Huntingdon, Tennessee

I enjoyed meeting Larry McPhail and his daughter Elizabeth at the 2013 Indoor-Outdoor Show in Paris, TN. Larry is the owner of Duroboat and has recently moved his boat manufacturing from Seattle Washington area to Huntingdon, TN. I got a chance to look at the Duroboat up close. I am sure it can live up to it's name "The World's Finest Aluminum Fishing Boat". They make 12, 14, 15 and 16 foot fishing boats. If you would like a factory tour, call Larry at 731-986-2524.

Elizabeth told me about the 2009 great loop trip she and her sister Katie made in a 16 foot Duroboat. She enjoys talking about her trip and has been the guest speaker at many boating groups.

Duroboat was first designed and built in Australia. The durojoint construction sets this aluminum boat apart from the weld and rivet boats. The boat was brought to the US in 1983. A Seattle Washington family and investors started the Duroboat Manufacturing Company. They built over 10,000 Duroboats in the Seattle area.

In 2001 the old company sold the Duroboat brand and technology to a new corporation DuroMarine. DuroMarine is a closely held corporation that was specifically formed to bring the traditional quality, performance and value that has always been a part of Duroboat to an expanded community of boaters and friends. In December 2009 as a result of a very weak economy and low demand for boats Duroboat closed its doors in Snohomish and packed up everything for a move to Tennessee. Duroboat decided to make its stand in the volunteer state which is in the middle of a lot more people. The company opened its doors in the Town of Huntingdon Tennessee in January of 2010.



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Upcoming Events

September 10th

Regular meeting at The Butcher Shop
107 S. Germantown Parkway, Cordova, TN
cocktails at 6:30pm
dinner at 7:00pm.

October 18 – 20

District 17 Fall Conference. Sheraton Reed House Hotel, 827 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN.

District 17 Fall Conference

WHERE: Sheraton Reed House Hotel, 827 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

The Hotel has created a special web site for our convenience when booking rooms on-line. Click the following link and follow the prompts <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1305218033&key=4CA36>. The Hotel has made rooms available at the same rate for both Thursday, October 17 and Sunday, October 20 for those who desire to spend a little extra time in Chattanooga.

Or, call the hotel at (423) 266-4121 and mention "USPS District-17 Fall Conference".

All room reservations must be made no later than Oct. 5, 2012 to guarantee this rate.

PRICE: \$99.00 per room for a Junior King Suite and \$105 for Deluxe double Queen beds. All rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes. Valet Parking @ \$10/day with in and out privileges. On street parking is available at no charge on weekends. Room rates include:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Pet Friendly

THEME & ENTERTAINMENT: Friday Night's Theme will be "The Civil War in Chattanooga" in honor of the 150 Year Anniversary of the Battle of Chattanooga. There will be a presentation by a Civil War presenter after the evening meal. It will prove to be extremely interesting.

About Our Organization...

The Memphis Sail and Power Squadron is a non-profit organization dedicated to safe boating education and promoting high standards of navigation and seamanship.

The squadron is a unit of [District 17](#) of the United States Power Squadrons ([USPS](#))[®]. Districts tie a geographical group of Squadrons together ([see map](#)) and provide administrative oversight. USPS is the national organization that overviews and provides services to the Districts and Squadrons.

This squadron covers the Memphis TN area including Eastern Arkansas, Northern Mississippi, and Western Tennessee and has over 60 members, divided between power

boaters and sailors. Several times a year we conduct boating safety classes for the general public. Throughout the year, we teach advanced and elective courses for our members. A member can progress from basic boating knowledge to advanced navigation through the comprehensive courses offered. Members can also take courses in marine electronics, sail, engine maintenance, cruise planning, weather, and many other specialty interests.

For more information contact our Membership Chair Lt Laura Medlin via email at wlam@bellsouth.net

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.usps.org/localusps/memphis/