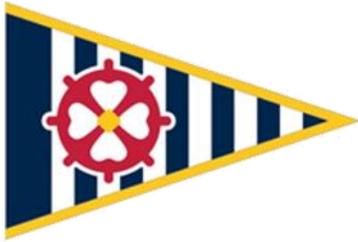


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Commander's Comments

Cdr Janet Bray, P

FIREWORKS

Fireworks! Fireworks can be a good thing and it can be a bad thing. We have had some of each lately. By the time you read this column we will have returned from our Downriver Adventure Cruise and also from the Lenoir City Rockin' The Docks Fireworks display for the celebration of Fourth of July. These are both great examples of the good side of fireworks. Unfortunately our area has suffered fireworks of a different kind as well. First, a swimmer was alone in the morning hours in Tellico Lake and was hit by a boat and did not recover. A boat with some NC fishermen was near the Fort Loudon Dam and Lock and was sucked into the wash from the dam overflow. Their boat capsized and the force of the water ripped their life jackets off them and one man died. Then just a week later a boat was towing three kids on a tube in Norris Lake and turned around to return to the tube when the kids panicked. One teen jumped into the water and was hit by the boat and the other 2 younger children were still in the tube, but the boat hit the tube. All 3 children were injured and hospitalized, but no one died. Over a four week span, much tragedy hit our area. There were lots of safety issues involved in all three of these accidents. The first incident involved a man swimming alone; just one lonely head bobbing in the water. This is so hard to see for a boater. What is the first rule we learned about swimming? Never swim alone! The second incident involved some boaters unfamiliar with our waters and getting too close to the lock and dam, especially when they were "dumping" water and generating electricity. Life jackets were on, but getting too close to those turbulent waters can spell disaster. Obey the signs and other

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warnings that are there for your safety. The third incident is yet to be completely understood, but towing kids or adults on skis or tubes or wakeboards is serious business. Follow the rules requiring a boat operator and a "spotter". Boat propellers are dangerous. All three sad stories emphasize the importance of safety courses. As members of USPS we need to keep stressing the importance of taking classes and practicing safe boating/swimming rules. Be an advocate for safety!

With good and bad fireworks behind us, we look forward to the rest of our summer. See you at Don's party and at the Winery Dinner in July. Come prepared to vote on KPS's new name. August activities are yet to be determined, but the Lock-thru on Aug. 18 has been canceled. Whatever you do and however you enjoy your summer.

BE SAFE OUT THERE!!!!



Janet

KPS Mission Statement: "As America's Boating Club, our vision is to enhance safety and enjoyment for the local boating community through formal and informal education, social enjoyment and sharing of

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ABAFT LOOKOUT:

HOT! HOT! HOT! We didn't have to wait until the calendar said "Summer" to get hot weather! Hopefully you have taken some time and headed to the lake to cool off. See Commander Janet's **Downriver** article below for all the fun! And see Jean Armes' following write-up for highlights of the **Rockin' the Docks** Fireworks raft-up! Also, some of our members Cruised down the Tennessee River to the head of the TENN-TOM and possibly beyond; hopefully we can get them to share their experiences at a dinner meeting soon.

JUNE 22-24 DOWNRIVER ADVENTURE CRUISE

A good time was had by all!!!! There were 9 boats and 20 Merry Boaters who gathered at Long Island Marina in Kingston, TN. There should have been 10 boats, but one had mechanical trouble and had to turn back to home. Ed and Jean Armes arrived a couple of days early to help the marina owners move boats around in preparation for our arrival and the Event Captains P/C Bob and CDR Janet Bray arrived one day early to help also and to get away from some bad weather. On Friday afternoon all the rest of the boats arrived and were quickly accommodated into slips, despite some wind and some rain.



Everyone enjoyed sandwiches from the Food Truck and all the delicious sides brought by our members for a real "dock party", complete with a rousing trivia contest.

Saturday morning brought some unsettled weather, but the sun appeared in time for our trip to the Whitestone Inn. Three of our member boats provided the lovely boat trip for everyone. Transportation arrived at the Whitestone Dock to take us all up for the luncheon and back again. The luncheon was delicious, the room was set up beautifully and the apple pie ala mode was terrific.



ABAFT LOOKOUT:

It was "nap time" upon our return to the marina and then another wonderful "pot luck" dinner on the dock. The Food Truck arrived with breakfast sandwiches on Sunday morning. After a brief shower, boats began to take leave of our slips for the trek home. There was a delay at the Fort Loudon Lock because of barge traffic, but all made it home safe and sound, outrunning some more storms. Marla Holloway, owner of the marina was fantastic. She did a great job accommodating all our boats. The facilities were clean and safe and the docks are quite new. This is surely a destination for the future for groups or individuals.



ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED



June 2nd, 2018 : On The Water Boat Show at the Tellico Marina.

John Richardson (AP) performed (2) two VSC's for Tom Sundstrom, P, KPS while John Farmer, SN,P/Lt/C, his wife Jeanette, P/Lt/C,P, my wife, Barbara Richardson, AP and Ed Armes, charmed/cajoled/enticed/solicited etc. all who came within ear shout to get (10) ten potential members to sign up for information pertaining to our ABC class. John Farmer was particularly persuasive as he regaled the passerby's with tales of his adventures.



(pictures attached that were taken in our KPS tent display at the Tellico Marina)



ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED

Rockin' the Docks & July 4th Fireworks

KPS had a good representation at the recent Rockin' the Docks & July 4th fireworks at the Lenoir City Park. Eight members, Two guests, & four boats had the best spots on the water. Mike Scher once again anchored his gorgeous houseboat SeaDuction at the center of our raft-up. He also grilled hamburgers & quarter pound hot dogs to go along with a wonderful assortment of side dishes (KPS members certainly know how to eat well).

The fireworks were probably the best seen in many years & the weather was perfect for enjoying them. Many thanks to all that came & to Mike for hosting all of us. KPS members unable to attend missed a wonderful outing.



"Think it's getting dark enough for Fireworks?"

"Winter is coming."



CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

July 21- Party at the Perrines. Swimming pool, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Croquet, and more! Come by land or water. Don and Joann are providing the venue and games, KPS will be serving a poolside dinner. BYOB. **Please RSVP by July 17** with your check for \$10. written to KPS and mailed to Bill Brumit, PO Box 32145, Knoxville, TN 37930. see flyer in this issue for more details and directions.

July 21- Poker Run! We are in the process of setting up a poker run with your last card given at the Perrines. We need volunteers to give out cards from 1pm-2:30 pm at Choto Marina, Concord Marina, Louisville Landing and Ft. Loudon Yacht Club. Winner gets FREE Dinner and a surprise (and bragging rights). Each person may play by car or boat by picking a card up at each location. All the info will be in our mid-month Blast! Please call Bill 865-567-3555 if you would volunteer to hand out cards at a location.

July 23- Dinner at the Winery- Come out to this annual fun event at the Tennessee Valley Winery in Loudon, TN. **ALSO!!!** This is an **important squadron meeting** to discuss a name change for our club. Come with your name idea. Please RSVP with your check for \$25. written to KPS and mailed to Ed or Jean Armes, 508 Engel Road, Loudon, TN 37774. see write up in this issue for more details.

FORWARD LOOKOUT:

Aug 24-26 Cruise to cool water.



Tellico Harbor Marina will be hosting us again. Plans are to have dinner at Ricks Dockside on Friday night, cruise up the Tellico Saturday then have a DND dinner meeting back at Tellico Marina Pavillion Saturday night. Slip space is limited! so make your reservations now! Tellico Marina 865-856-6808 or Sequoyah Marina 423-884-2770.

More info in your August NHT.



Party at the Perrines!

Saturday July 21st 3pm-?

Swimming Pool, Horseshoes, Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Croquet and more!! Poolside dinner will be served. BYOB.

Come by land or water! Directions attached.

Join the Poker Run on the way!!!!



Don and Joann are providing the venue and games, KPS will be serving the dinner. Please RSVP with your check for \$10. (for the dinner) written to KPS and mailed to Bill Brumit, PO Box 32145, Knoxville, TN 37930. Please let me know if you will be coming by water so we can plan dock arrangement. If you are coming by car, Please do not block any neighbor's driveway or mailbox.

Please RSVP by July 17th.

Party at the Perrines!

Street Address is: 3659 Jackson Point Drive, Louisville, TN 37777

Directions by land from West Knoxville:

Take the Pellissippi Parkway, (I-140) southeast towards Maryville, Alcoa and the airport. Cross the bridge over the Tennessee River and exit immediately onto Topside Road. TURN RIGHT at the light at the bottom of the exit ramp onto TOPSIDE ROAD, (Route 333 towards Louisville). Continue about 1.5 miles until you see several large signs for Jackson Bend and other subdivisions, TURN RIGHT onto WEST OLD TOPSIDE ROAD. Proceed about ½ mile to the first right; TURN RIGHT onto BOAT DOCK ROAD. Proceed straight on Boat Dock Road, and ignore the first road to the right, which is Rankin Ferry Loop and ignore the first road to the left after that, which is marked Boat Dock Road; Continue for about 1 ½ miles along the shoreline, which will be on your left, until you reach a big, white former equestrian center with a green roof; TURN LEFT onto JACKSON BEND DRIVE and the entrance to The Pointe at Jackson Bend. Proceed to the end of Jackson Bend Drive and our house is the last one at the cul de sac.

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Directions by water: TN RIVER MM 626

Approaching from the south (heading upstream), Mariner's Pointe condos will be to port and Louisville Park and Marina entrance to starboard as you approach Copperhead Light at mile marker 625.6 Our house and dock is to starboard (east side of the lake) **0.4 miles upstream from Copperhead Light**. The house is easily identified because it is mainly stone with two turrets; the dock is long with raised pilings and no roof. Clear Copperhead Light and then follow a northeasterly line from the end of the point to port, which is immediately upstream from the Mariner's Pointe condos, to our dock. Following this line carries a minimum of 11 to 16 feet of water, depending on the time of year. Formerly, there was a white pole in the water about 500' northwest of our dock; it marked a shallow bank extending from the shore of the house with the red tile roof to a point actually a short distance beyond the white pole. At low water, this area should be given a wide berth.

Approaching from the north (downstream), stay in the main channel until you cross the imaginary line from the point described above and the end of our dock, then follow a northeasterly course to our dock.

Depending on the number of boats, we may need to raft up to each other so be prepared. If you have a tender, you may need to anchor off. We will work it out after we get confirmed number of boats coming. Don says spending the night is ok although he is on the main channel so be prepared for occasional rocking from boat traffic.



KPS Winery dinner

Monday July 23 6-9 pm

The annual KPS Winery dinner meeting will be held on July 23, 2018 at the Tennessee Valley Winery on Hotchkiss Rd in Loudon, Tn.

Happy hour will start at 6:00 PM with wine tasting and dinner at 7:00 PM.

The menu will be:

- Tuna Mousse with crackers
- Millionaire chicken with savory rice
- Salad and bread rolls
- Lemon blueberry cake with ice cream
- Complimentary wine, water, & coffee

The cost for the meal is \$25.00 per person.

This is a prepaid event with all reservations due by **July 15, 2018**. Checks should be made payable to KPS and sent to:

Jean Armes,
508 Engel Rd, Loudon, Tennessee 37774.

For any questions call **Ed or Jean Armes** at 865-458-9624.



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT CORNER 18-7

Our next **ABC3 Boating class** will be Tuesdays and Thursdays **10, 12, 17 and 19 in July** at the Tellico Village, Chota Recreation Center at 145 Awohilli Drive, Loudon, TN 37774 from 6:00 to 8:30pm each night. We already have nine people signed up and six more showing interest in a class somewhere. Come join us to support your Squadron.

We are scheduled and confirmed for another class at the Louisville Town Hall building on **7, 9, 14 and 16 August** from 6:00 to 8:30 each evening. Your educational department is doing all we can to increase our membership, please help.

We have five members interested in USPS Boating Operator Certification (BOC). If you are interested go to <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13700-on-the-water-training-certification/2017-05-08-01-34-35/13700-boat-operator-certification/13700-inland-navigator-page> and enter your member login information. I, as SEO, have a way to print your, "Candidate Review" form to show what qualifications you already have and what you still need. For **Inland Navigator (IN)** you need:

Courses:

- NASBLA-approved safe boating course,
- Boat Handling (or Seamanship),
- Engine Maintenance (EM),
- Marine Electrical Systems (MES),

Seminars:

- How to Use a Chart (CHT),
- Basic Weather and Forecasting (BWF),
- Using GPS (GPS), VHF Radio or VHF/DSC Marine Radio (VHF),

Skills:

- Basic Powerboat Handling skill demonstration (BPH)
- Use of Fire Extinguishers (FE).

If you are interested in BOC please contact John Farmer at captfarmer@navcal.com so we can all go through this as a group.



FROM THE WATER 18-7 CONTINUED

From our National Educational Officer, V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN, Crowdsourcing & Recreational Boating.

“Here is a great opportunity to promote Boating Safety by collecting data through a US Coast Guard Grant to our America’s Boating Course students by the use of Crowdsourcing.

“Crowdsourcing & Recreational Boating is a high-tech way to gather and use boating-safety statistics with mobile devices and is being pioneered by the National Safe Boating Council and East Carolina University. Traditionally, gathering boating-safety statistics has focused on accident reports and resulting data is then used to identify accident patterns that lead to regulations or education for boaters related to activities and behaviors.

“**SOBOS (Self -Reported On-Water Boat Operator Survey)** is a new iOS and Android app intended to change this negative paradigm. Instead of cataloguing only “bad” behavior, SOBOS collects survey data from boaters who act safely. In other words, it provides information about normal, non-accident-based recreational boaters that the developers will compare to recreational boating accidents. Currently in beta test, SOBOS will test whether crowdsourcing is a valid recreational boating data collection technique.

“The mobile app has two components. First, SOBOS asks boaters to fill out a short survey that should take fewer than 10 minutes to get anonymous information about the boater and his boat shortly before leaving on a planned boating trip. Second, SOBOS asks the boat operator to permit the app to track a short span of his next on-water excursion. Like the survey, all on-water data points are anonymous so only date, time, latitude /longitude, speed, and course are tracked.

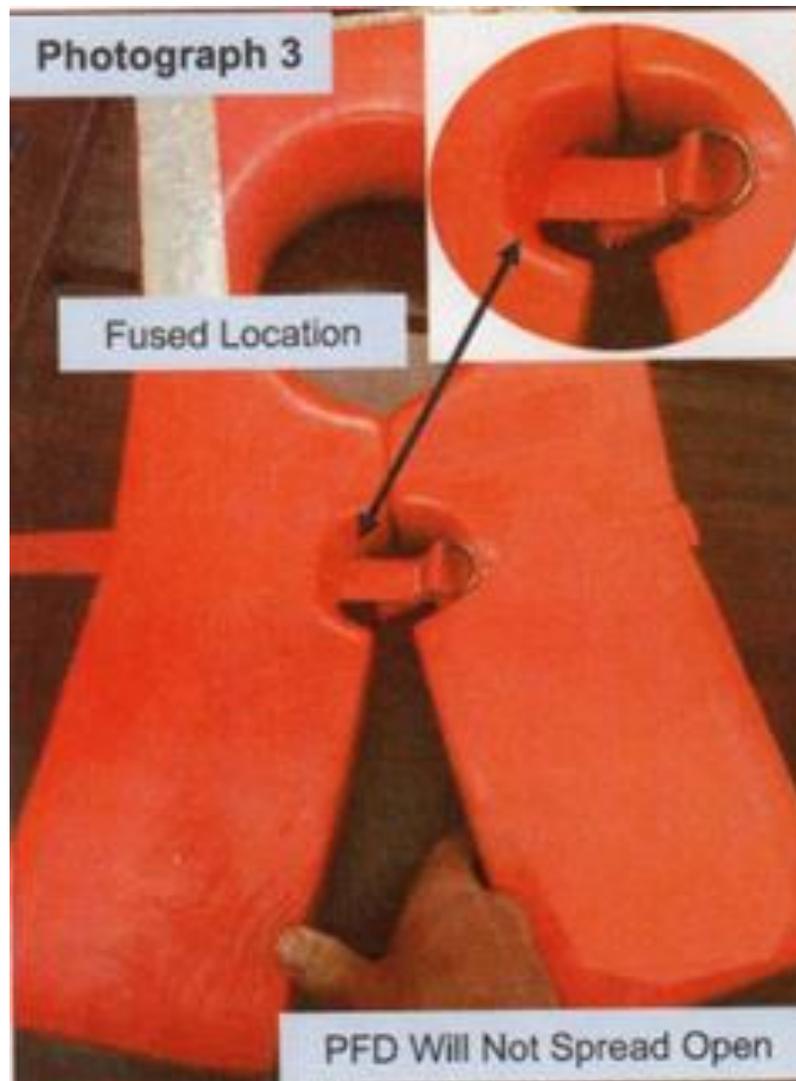
“Using the data shared by boaters, SOBOS developers plan to build a “situational awareness” recreational boater network that enables boat operators to “filter” information displayed on a chart screen to display on-ly operator-selected information as well as a “risk-rating” based on current conditions.

“Again, SOBOS is totally anonymous and no personally identifying information is collected. SOBOS is only interested in enhancing recreational boating safety and we hope that USPS members can help! To participate in this public service, visit SOBOS.org to download the app.”



TECHNICAL CORNER 18-7

The Coasties have reported a problem with over 100 of this design of Type I PFDs. They found the strap had fused to the flotation material so it could not be separated to put the PFD over your head. If you have any PFD that has a strap that passes through the flotation material please check to make sure they do not have this same type problem. Any failure to function properly could, of course, be very dangerous at the very time when you need it most. While you are checking your PFDs look for torn material or punctured flotation compartments. Pull on all the straps and make sure they are still secure and the surrounding material has not deteriorated.



NAUTICAL NOTICES 18-7

Subject: Explosive Load Out - Tennessee River - MM 465.2

Our office just received a permit application, for an **explosive load out** that will be taking place on the Tennessee River **from MM 465 to MM 466, starting on June 18 and ending July 18**. The explosives will be used in conjunction with the construction of an underground pipeline. The detonations will occur between 5pm and 8pm each day, excluding holidays and weekends. 30 minutes prior to the blasting and 30 minutes after the blasting. Reynolds Construction will give notification via sound signal prior to blasting and will give the same notification after blasting to sound all clear.

MST2 Nicholas Jones US Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Nashville 615-736-5421

Coast Guard rescues 9 from boat taking on water

NEW ORLEANS – The Coast Guard rescued nine people from a sinking boat approximately 115 nautical miles south of Destin, Florida, Saturday. Coast Guard Sector Mobile received a call at about 9 p.m. Friday that a 61-foot sport-fisher boat was taking on water approximately 115 nautical miles south of Destin.

An HC-144 Ocean Sentry fixed-wing aircrew delivered a dewatering pump and a radio to the vessel. Followed by an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter that also delivered a dewatering pump and radio to the vessel. Passengers of the flooding vessel were able to keep up by manually bailing the water and using the dewatering pumps that were delivered.

All the people aboard the boat were wearing lifejackets and had two life rafts prepared, along with a satellite phone, an emergency position indicating radio beacon, and various sound and signaling devices. The Coast Guard was able to assist the distressed mariners due to the EPIRB being activated and the satellite phone being used to contact someone on land, and locate them using the sound and signaling devices.

Coast Guard Cutter Kingfisher transferred the passengers of the Sport-fisher onto their vessel and towed the boat to within 40 nautical miles of Destin. SeaTow then took over the tow at that point.

A Change to Inland Navigation Rule 34 removed the word “danger”

A vessel that does not clearly understand the intentions or actions of another vessel, or is in doubt if sufficient action is being taken to avoid collision may use 5 or more blasts to indicate doubt in an overtaking, crossing or meeting situation **even when ‘danger’ is not present.”**



Knoxville Power Squadron



2018

EVENT CALENDAR



JANUARY

- 8 Bridge Meeting
- 22 Dinner Meeting

JULY

- 21 Perrine Pool Party
- 23 Winery Dinner

FEBRUARY

- 5 Bridge Meeting
- 18-25 USPS Annual Meeting
- 26 Change of Watch

AUGUST

- 6 Bridge Meeting
- 25 Dock and Dine
- 7/9/14/16 ABC class in Louisville

MARCH

- 5 Bridge Meeting
- 8-11 Downtown Boat Show
- 26 Dinner Meeting
- 20/22/27/29 ABC class in Knoxville

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Salmon Roast/Raft-up

APRIL

- 2 Bridge Meeting
- 6-8 Spring Conference in Gatlinburg
- 13-15 Cruise to Knoxville (Rossini Festival)
- 28 Dock and Dine

OCTOBER

- 1 Bridge Meeting
- District Fall Conference
- 22 Dinner Meeting
- 26-28 Color Cruise (alternate date-Nov 2-4)

MAY

- 5 Lock Orientation, Lock-thru & Picnic
- 7 Bridge Meeting
- 8/10/15/17 ABC class at Caney Creek
- 14 Downriver Cruise to head of Tenn-Tom
- 19 Start Natl Safe Boating Week; Dock and Dine
- 26 Rockin the Docks fireworks

NOVEMBER

- 5 Bridge Meeting
- 12 Dinner Meeting

JUNE

- 4 Bridge Meeting
- 22-24 Downriver cruise (Long Island Marina & Whitestone Inn)
- 30 Independence Day Fireworks

DECEMBER

- 10? Holiday Gala



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